



## British Columbia Battery Recycling Fact Sheet



- British Columbia continues to be a leading province for battery recycling, diverting more than 3.5 million kilograms of used batteries through Call2Recycle since the provincial program began in 2010.
- Call2Recycle collected 621,673 kg of batteries in British Columbia in 2017.
- On February 1, 2017, Call2Recycle began collecting Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) on all primary batteries.
- Batteries collected through the Call2Recycle program are consolidated and sorted by Retrieval Technologies in Trail, BC, with less than 1% going to a secondary facility, Terrapure Environmental, located in Hamilton, ON.
- With over 1,500 collection sites across the province, 97% of BC residents live within 15 km of a public Call2Recycle drop-off location.
- Thanks to the many awareness initiatives, consumers made over 33,000 searches on the Call2Recycle collection site web locator to find a drop-off box near them in BC.
- In 2017, Call2Recycle partnered with Earth Rangers for a third year on the Battery Blitz In-School Mission to teach students about responsible management of used batteries and encourage collections in Call2Recycle boxes at their school. With 19 schools participating in the province, the Battery Blitz continues to engage more students each year.
- Call2Recycle also continued its sponsorship of Science World's BC Green Games for the 2017-2018 school year. Students are invited to develop a campaign that will help increase awareness about the importance of battery recycling, while encouraging people to recycle their batteries. Two campaigns will be selected to win a prize for their school.
- Call2Recycle recognized 22 British-Columbia-based organizations with its 2017 Leader in Sustainability Awards for each collecting more than 5,000 kg of used batteries this year. They will all be honored for their strong battery recycling performance and continuous efforts to promote recycling activity.

