2026 FALL & 2027 WINTER COLLECTION SITE NEWS

Alberta recycling MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

YOUR RECYCLING IMPACT

For more than 34 years, Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) has worked with Albertans, municipalities, Indigenous communities, industry and government to pursue our vision of Inspiring a Future Without Waste®. Together, we continue to make a difference in communities across the province.

From **April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026**, Albertans made a big impact:

- **Electronics Recycling Program: 14,753 tonnes of electronics recycled.**
- **Paint Recycling Program: 2.63 million litres of paint, 525,358 kilograms of paint containers, and 812,024 spray paint cans recovered.**
- **Tire Recycling Program: 92,998 tonnes of tires collected.**
- **Used Oil Materials Recycling Program: 95.1 million litres of used oil, 4.43 million kilograms of filters, and 2.37 million kilograms of containers collected.**

Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system also continued to expand. Registration grew to 1,019 producers of single-use products, packaging and paper products (PPP), and 180 producers of hazardous and special products (HSP). **System coverage grew to 97% of Alberta's population**, including 20 First Nations and Métis Settlement communities.

Thank you to everyone who continues to make recycling a success story in Alberta.

Learn more: Read ARMA's Annual Report on our website under **Publications** or scan the QR code.

COLLECTION OF STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM MATERIALS

ARMA maintains a list of registered processors that can pick up stewardship program materials from collection sites.

Registered processors are vetted by ARMA and must comply with detailed program requirements for the proper management and recycling of materials. This is particularly important for data-sensitive electronics such as laptops, computers, and hard drives.

ARMA does not assign registered processors to specific areas or regions. Collection sites are responsible for selecting a registered processor that services their location and arranging pickup from their facility.

Learn more: Find the list of registered processors on our website under **Registry**.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING REMINDER

Loose household single-use and rechargeable batteries are accepted through Alberta's Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) program under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework. This includes loose household single-use and rechargeable batteries, except for batteries weighing 5 kg or more and lead-acid batteries.

The Electronics Recycling Program only accepts single-use and rechargeable batteries that are **embedded** in or **received with** eligible electronic devices.

Learn more:
Read more about HSP on our website under **EPR In Alberta**.

PROGRAM **LAUNCHES AND EXPANSIONS**

October 1, 2026, marked an important milestone for recycling in Alberta, with several new program launches and expansions.

Solar Panel Recycling

Canada's first formal solar panel recycling program launched as part of the Electronics Recycling Program (Renewables).

By establishing a formal recycling program for solar panels, Alberta is helping prepare for the future of renewable energy and laying the foundation for increased recycling capacity in the province.

EPR Phase II

Phase II of Alberta's EPR system for single-use products, packaging and paper products (PPP) launched October 1.

Phase II builds on years of collaboration among government, municipalities, Indigenous communities, producers, producer responsibility organizations (PROs), processors, service providers, ARMA, and Albertans to bring a more standardized approach to PPP recycling across the province and expand collection to eligible multi-family buildings.

Used Oil Materials Program Expansion

The Used Oil Materials Recycling Program expanded to include additional materials and containers, giving Albertans more options for recycling everyday automotive products. Newly accepted materials include:

- Antifreeze
- Antifreeze containers
- Windshield washer fluid containers
- Diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) containers

These additions build on the existing program and make it easier for Albertans to recycle more materials.

KEEP YOUR ELECTRONICS **SECURE**

With the increasing value of end-of-life electronics and their components, ARMA reminds municipalities and collection sites to take steps to keep collected electronics secure.

The following measures can help reduce theft, vandalism, and scavenging:

- Ensure the collection area is clearly visible to site attendants.
- Locate electronics collection areas in well-lit locations.
- Secure materials in a locked seacan or building after operating hours.

Consult with your registered electronics processor to explore additional measures that may help protect materials collected at your site.

COLLECTION SITE **TRAINING MODULES**

ARMA offers free learning modules to support collection sites in managing electronics, paint, tires, and used oil materials.

Learn more: Visit the **Learn** section of our website and select the **Recycling Toolkit**.

PAINT COLLECTION **TIPS**

A few simple practices can help collection sites safely and efficiently manage paint materials:

- Ensure collection-site signage is posted and visible to the public.
- Have a table available for residents to place paint on when dropping them off.
- Maximize paint can storage, including empty cans, to capture as much eligible material as possible.
- Place paint cans in processor-supplied bins to provide secondary containment and support accurate calculation of collection funding.
- Collect spray paint and paint aerosols separately from non-aerosol paint materials and HSP aerosol cans.
- Keep lids on bins to prevent moisture from entering. **Do not drill holes** in the bottom of bins to drain accumulated water, as the bins are designed to provide secondary containment in the event of a spill.
- In high-wind locations, secure lids by placing something heavy on top, such as a large rock or tire, to prevent them from coming loose.

Learn more: Visit the Paint Recycling Program **Training Module** on our website.

GRANTS TO HELP YOU ASSIST ALBERTANS WITH RECYCLING

ARMA offers a variety of grants to help collection sites and communities improve recycling opportunities for Albertans.

Used Oil Materials Support Grant

Designed to improve how used oil, oil filters, and empty oil containers are managed at landfills, transfer stations, and recycling depots.

The benefits include:

1. Ensuring that used oil materials collected at sites are stored safely and securely.
2. Improving access to used oil materials recycling for Albertans.

Beyond-The-Bin Recycling Roundup Grant

Provides funding to help municipalities, Indigenous communities, regional waste authorities and commissions, and registered collection sites hold a Recycling Roundup to collect old electronics, paint, tires and used oil materials.

Electronics Recycling Roundup Grant

Provides community groups, schools, and non-profit organizations with an opportunity to raise funds based on the volume of electronics they collect, while increasing recycling awareness and making it easier for Albertans to recycle their old electronics.

Tire Recycling Demonstration Grant

Provides funding to Alberta municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations to incorporate recycled tire products into community projects.

Learn more: Visit our website for information about these funding opportunities and application intake periods, or email **grants@albertarecycling.ca**.

BUILDING WITH TIRES

Recycled tire products can be used in a variety of community and infrastructure projects.

Tire-Derived Aggregate (TDA) is an engineered material made from recycled tires that can be used in a variety of civil engineering applications.

TDA can offer benefits such as drainage, lightweight fill and durability, making it an option for projects involving road repairs, poor subgrade conditions, frost heave, slope instability, and drainage.

Municipalities interested in exploring TDA for an upcoming project can learn more through ARMA's Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program.

Learn more: Visit our website or contact **info@albertarecycling.ca** or 1.888.999.8762.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **2026 COLLECTION SITE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS!**

Each year, ARMA recognizes three registered collection sites with the Collection Site Award of Excellence.

The award recognizes communities that demonstrate exceptional dedication to providing recycling options for electronics, paint, tires, and used oil materials while meeting registered collection site requirements.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

AQUATERA ECO CENTRE

COCHRANE ECO CENTRE

FOX CREEK TRANSFER STATION

KEEP YOUR DEPOT DETAILS **UP TO DATE**

Registered collection sites are listed in ARMA's online Depot Finder, helping Albertans find convenient locations to drop off their recyclables. Keeping your collection-site information current helps ensure Albertans can find the right location and understand what materials are accepted.

Please contact **collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca** with any updates to your site information.

MAILING ADDRESS **UPDATE**

ARMA will be discontinuing our PO Box effective March 1, 2027. Please update your records to use the following address for all mail sent to ARMA:

Alberta Recycling Management Authority
10020 108 St NW
Edmonton, AB
T5J 1K6

RECYCLING RESOURCES FOR ALBERTANS

ARMA's vision is Inspiring a Future Without Waste®. We want to help Albertans find ways to recycle, reuse and divert a wide range of materials from landfills, including those not covered by ARMA programs.

Learn more: Visit the **Recycling Resources for Albertans** page on our website.

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