



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako PRESS RELEASE

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### **Houston Recycling Service Transition Complete**

**Burns Lake, B.C.** – The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako’s Recycling Depot, which opened at the Houston and Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) Transfer Station on Aitken Road on August 15, 2023, is accepting all materials in Recycle BC’s Residential Packaging and Paper Product Recycling Program. The Recycling Depot has the same hours of operation as the Transfer Station, which are Monday – Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm. All RDBN sites are closed on statutory holidays.

Accepted items include household residential recycling materials such as newsprint, cardboard, metal containers, plastic containers, spiral wound cans and paper packaging that held liquid when sold, such as coffee cups and soup cartons. It also includes non-deposit glass bottles and jars, plastic bags and plastic foam packaging, and other single use plastic materials. Find a full list of accepted materials at <https://recyclebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Recycle-BC-Material-List-2023-English.pdf>

Residential packaging and paper products are no longer accepted at the Houston Bottle Depot, which offers recycling services for deposit containers through the Return-It program. A full list of items accepted at the Houston Bottle Depot can be found at <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/houston-bottle-depot/>.

The Residential Packaging and Paper Product Recycling Program is strictly for residentially generated items and has never accepted commercially generated cardboard or other packaging, which is in accordance with the Recycling Regulations with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change as part of extended producer responsibilities. Commercially generated cardboard is not accepted at any RDBN-operated Recycling Depot, as outlined in our operating contracts with Recycle BC.

Options for commercial cardboard recycling include third-party bin rentals which can then be hauled away for recycling. Collaboration between several small businesses can help decrease the cost per partner.

Some Frequently Asked Questions about Recycle BC’s program and other topics are attached to this press release to provide additional information.

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