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Source Separation of Recyclables Now in Effect

For Immediate Release (June 6/18): The TNRD recycling program is changing. Residents will now be asked to separate their recycling into six separate categories when they visit an Eco-Depot or transfer station.

With the launch of the new program comes recycling education sessions at the Clearwater Eco-Depot and the Vavenby Transfer Station, both of which are being used as pilot sites.

> The six recycling categories are: 1. Paper and Cardboard 2. Containers (Plastic, Metal, and Paper)

- A RECENT EDUCATION SESSION
- 3. Plastic Bags and Overwrap
- 4. White Foam Packaging
- 5. Coloured Foam Packaging
- 6. Glass Bottles and Jars

The change to the recycling program is in response to the TNRD entering into an agreement with the provincial product stewardship program Recycle BC, which is responsible for the recycling of residential packaging and printed paper throughout British Columbia. The Recycle BC program shifts the costs associated with recycling these products away from taxpayers and places it back onto producers.

All TNRD solid waste disposal facilities will be transitioned over the summer months, with all facilities being compliant with Recycle BC standards by early September.

Among the benefits of joining Recycle BC are stable and secure end markets for recycling program materials, as well as savings of approximately \$500,000 a year, mostly in the hauling and processing costs of recycling.

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