



**Return-It**  
**DEPOT**

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

# DEPOSITS, REFUNDS AND RECOVERY RATES

Detailed statistics on the weight and number of containers recovered.

Summary of overall units recycled, and the per capita statistics.



## 6.1 RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS

We prevented over 1 billion containers from going to landfills in 2018, ensuring that they were recycled into useful new materials and products. That's a big win for British Columbia's environment.

**1 Billion** Containers Collected | **77.4%** Recovery Rate | **\$72,181,564** Deposits Refunded

Container Type	Containers Sold		Containers Recovered		% Recovery Rate	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>474,732,423</b>	<b>450,794,458</b>	<b>382,480,812</b>	<b>362,645,595</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>
Plastic ≤ 1L	461,921,701	471,268,072	332,821,372	327,640,804	72.1%	69.5%
Plastic > 1L	63,350,585	62,579,952	53,531,363	52,648,960	84.5%	84.1%
<b>Plastic Total</b>	<b>525,272,286</b>	<b>533,848,024</b>	<b>386,352,735</b>	<b>380,289,764</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>71.2%</b>
Glass	227,783,448	237,436,479	206,528,437	207,709,038	90.7%	87.5%
Drink Box	97,501,144	99,689,278	55,438,624	56,445,160	56.9%	56.6%
Gable Top	10,520,053	11,582,300	7,339,722	8,029,254	69.8%	69.3%
Bi-Metal	4,402,779	5,201,822	3,650,435	4,213,666	82.9%	81.0%
Bag-In-Box	4,089,087	3,928,995	2,006,502	1,890,317	49.1%	48.1%
Pouches	6,551,183	6,668,081	1,669,204	2,083,245	25.5%	31.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,350,852,403</b>	<b>1,349,149,437</b>	<b>1,045,466,471</b>	<b>1,023,306,039</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>

Note: Calculations may show slight variances due to rounding.



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### RECOVERY BY WEIGHT

In 2018, Encorp Pacific recovered over 95.96 thousand metric tonnes of containers.

**87.0%** 2018 Recovery  
Rate by Weight

**84.1%** 2017 Recovery  
Rate by Weight

TYPE	ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF CONTAINERS SOLD (mt)	ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF CONTAINERS RECOVERED (mt)	RECOVERY BY WEIGHT %
Aluminum	6,456.4	5,201.7	80.6%
Plastic	14,148.7	10,718.7	75.8%
Glass	85,734.0	77,519.9	90.4%
Polycoat (Drink Box & Gable Top)	2,664.2	1,797.3	67.5%
Bi-Metal	308.6	249.8	80.9%
Bag-In-Box	956.4	469.3	49.1%
Pouches	36.6	9.3	25.4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>110,304.9</b>	<b>95,966.0</b>	<b>87.0%</b>

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## 6.2 REGIONAL PER CAPITA RETURNS

### Provincial Totals:

Units Returned	1,045,466,471
Weight Collected (Tonnes)	95,966
Per Capita Units Returned	209.4
Per Capita Weight Collected (Kilograms)	19.2

### Regional Breakdown:

Region Name		Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Polycoat	Other	Total	Jan.-Dec.2018 Per Capita	Jan.-Dec.2017 Per Capita	Change to Per Capita Container Returns / Units (000)
Bulkley / Nechako	Units(000)	4,229	4,054	1,075	606	43	10,007	249.8	218.9	30.9 inc.
	Tonnes	57.5	106.0	388.1	14.5	4.6	570.7	14.2 kg	12.9 kg	
Cariboo	Units(000)	7,424	7,361	2,296	921	114	18,116	277.4	268.1	9.3 inc.
	Tonnes	101.0	196.8	828.7	23.3	10.6	1,160.4	17.8 kg	17.7 kg	
Central Coast	Units(000)	304	209	85	38	3	639	182.1	183.7	(1.6) dec.
	Tonnes	4.1	6.6	31.0	1.0	0.2	42.9	12.3 kg	10.8 kg	
Fraser - Fort George	Units(000)	12,331	11,995	3,543	1,869	160	29,898	297.9	327.4	(29.5) dec.
	Tonnes	167.7	314.4	1,288.0	44.7	14.2	1,829.0	18.2 kg	21.2 kg	
Kitimat - Stikine	Units(000)	4,528	4,272	993	637	72	10,502	262.7	274.8	(12.1) dec.
	Tonnes	61.6	114.9	375.9	16.0	5.3	573.7	14.3 kg	15.7 kg	
Skeena - Queen Charlotte	Units(000)	2,616	2,281	698	312	37	5,944	316.0	346.9	(30.9) dec.
	Tonnes	35.6	61.3	257.6	8.2	2.7	365.4	19.4 kg	22.0 kg	
Northern Rockies	Units(000)	440	751	95	51	3	1,340	242.4	235.3	7.1 inc.
	Tonnes	6.0	18.4	36.2	1.2	0.4	62.2	11.3 kg	11.6 kg	
Peace River	Units(000)	6,319	8,097	1,820	921	92	17,249	261.8	283.5	(21.7) dec.
	Tonnes	85.9	207.4	656.4	23.4	5.0	978.1	14.8 kg	16.8 kg	
Capital Regional District	Units(000)	32,487	27,793	20,241	4,694	592	85,807	207.6	214.4	(6.8) dec.
	Tonnes	441.8	811.8	7,713.2	146.9	73.5	9,187.2	22.2 kg	23.5 kg	
Cowichan Valley	Units(000)	10,207	8,183	4,091	1,207	172	23,860	264.0	267.7	(3.7) dec.
	Tonnes	138.8	230.1	1,568.1	34.7	21.2	1,992.9	22.1 kg	22.9 kg	
Alberni / Clayoquot	Units(000)	4,266	3,741	1,729	463	63	10,262	308.7	338.2	(29.5) dec.
	Tonnes	58.0	103.8	638.4	13.9	6.1	820.2	24.7 kg	27.3 kg	
Comox	Units(000)	7,409	6,499	3,733	951	141	18,733	261.9	283.8	(21.9) dec.
	Tonnes	100.8	182.5	1,429.0	28.8	19.6	1,760.7	24.6 kg	26.5 kg	
Mount Waddington	Units(000)	1,779	1,408	426	183	17	3,813	328.9	323.1	5.8 inc.
	Tonnes	24.2	39.3	159.4	4.8	2.3	230.0	19.8 kg	19.8 kg	

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Regional Breakdown:

Region Name		Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Polycoat	Other	Total	Jan.-Dec.2018	Jan.-Dec.2017	Change to Per
								Per Capita	Per Capita	Capita Container
								Returns / Units	(000)	
Nanaimo	Units(000)	14,780	13,066	7,597	1,866	283	37,592	224.9	229.1	(4.2) dec.
	Tonnes	201.0	365.3	2,908.8	56.1	40.5	3,571.7	21.4 kg	22.3 kg	
Strathcona	Units(000)	3,619	2,911	1,467	430	65	8,492	176.5	173.1	3.4 inc.
	Tonnes	49.2	82.5	566.1	12.9	8.7	719.4	14.9 kg	15.0 kg	
Greater Vancouver	Units(000)	157,537	171,150	102,060	31,510	3,615	465,872	175.5	174.5	1.0 inc.
	Tonnes	2,142.5	4,805.6	38,115.2	913.2	299.2	46,275.7	17.4 kg	16.9 kg	
Fraser Valley	Units(000)	30,753	29,832	10,926	5,046	529	77,086	241.6	249.5	(7.9) dec.
	Tonnes	418.2	817.0	3,976.3	132.2	46.9	5,390.6	16.9 kg	17.9 kg	
Powell River	Units(000)	2,053	1,613	926	235	42	4,869	228.0	231.3	(3.3) dec.
	Tonnes	27.9	46.9	353.1	7.4	6.3	441.6	20.7 kg	21.5 kg	
Squamish - Lillooet	Units(000)	4,042	4,236	4,549	549	72	13,448	296.2	298.4	(2.2) dec.
	Tonnes	55.0	117.2	1,671.6	16.8	6.4	1,867.0	41.1 kg	40.6 kg	
Sunshine Coast	Units(000)	2,567	1,893	2,062	349	55	6,926	216.6	244.3	(27.7) dec.
	Tonnes	34.9	55.7	793.4	11.4	9.0	904.4	28.3 kg	31.3 kg	
Central Okanagan	Units(000)	18,167	20,740	10,731	2,625	310	52,573	251.7	262.1	(10.4) dec.
	Tonnes	247.1	556.7	4,173.4	76.7	37.9	5,091.8	24.4 kg	25.7 kg	
North Okanagan	Units(000)	9,489	9,923	4,300	1,327	140	25,179	280.6	297.6	(17.0) dec.
	Tonnes	129.0	272.8	1,661.5	39.4	17.8	2,120.5	23.6 kg	25.3 kg	
Okanagan - Similkameen	Units(000)	9,242	9,666	5,359	1,105	164	25,536	288.4	291.7	(3.3) dec.
	Tonnes	125.7	264.0	2,120.5	33.4	24.1	2,567.7	29.0 kg	29.2 kg	
Columbia Shuswap	Units(000)	5,660	5,696	3,111	757	93	15,317	276.1	295.9	(19.8) dec.
	Tonnes	77.0	153.8	1,132.2	21.7	12.1	1,396.8	25.2 kg	26.7 kg	
Thompson - Nicola	Units(000)	15,607	16,003	6,178	2,252	232	40,272	283.0	283.8	(0.8) dec.
	Tonnes	212.3	429.1	2,262.6	60.0	26.7	2,990.7	21.0 kg	21.8 kg	
Central Kootenay	Units(000)	5,299	4,031	2,689	673	95	12,787	204.0	210.5	(6.5) dec.
	Tonnes	72.1	115.2	989.6	19.7	11.7	1,208.3	19.3 kg	20.5 kg	
East Kootenay	Units(000)	6,399	6,395	2,702	788	75	16,359	255.6	278.8	(23.2) dec.
	Tonnes	87.0	173.0	1,030.0	23.3	9.1	1,322.4	20.7 kg	23.3 kg	
Kootenay Boundary	Units(000)	2,928	2,554	1,046	413	47	6,988	210.8	229.9	(19.1) dec.
	Tonnes	39.8	70.6	395.7	11.8	6.2	524.1	15.8 kg	17.9 kg	
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Units(000)</b>	<b>382,481</b>	<b>386,353</b>	<b>206,528</b>	<b>62,778</b>	<b>7,326</b>	<b>1,045,466</b>	<b>209.4</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>(3.0) dec.</b>
<b>Total kg</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>5,201.7</b>	<b>10,718.7</b>	<b>77,520.0</b>	<b>1,797.4</b>	<b>728.3</b>	<b>95,966.1</b>	<b>19.2 kg</b>	<b>19.5 kg</b>	

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