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INFORMATION UPDATE

Due to the unprecedented flooding event, Recycle BC is making a temporary change to collection of some Recycle BC materials. Starting Monday, November 22 they are:

- Suspending collection of non-deposit **glass bottles and jars** and **foam packaging** (white and coloured) from Recycle BC **depots**.
- Suspending collection of all **glass bottles and jars** from **curbside and multi-family** homes

Please do not take these materials to a depot or set out for curbside or multi-family collection. If possible, hold on to your glass and foam packaging and set out or drop off later, once collection of these materials resumes.

With transportation corridors compromised due to road closures, and Recycle BC's primary glass end market currently under water, they cannot move glass from receiving facilities to their glass end markets. In addition, the flooding has affected the availability of trucks for hauling materials, further compounding these challenges.

At this time, Recycle BC will continue to collect and receive paper, cardboard, containers and soft plastics – materials that can be baled and stored at receiving facilities in a more compact manner. Managing materials responsibly continues to be a priority. They continue to will work with all partners to ensure they handle all materials as effectively as possible during this emergency.

The situation is evolving rapidly, so Recycle BC does not yet know how long this change will be required. They will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your patience and please stay safe.