

MARR Retail Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR) and what is their role?

The Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable (MARR) is a not-for-profit stewardship agency created to implement and operate a stewardship plan for end-of-life major household appliances in the province of British Columbia (BC) on behalf of the major appliance "producers" who are obligated under the BC Recycling Regulation. The MARR plan is focused on enhancing the performance and transparency of the existing market-based system of collecting and recycling major household appliances in BC.

In particular, the MARR stewardship plan includes commitments to:

- Implement a recycling and processing standard and a processor certification and audit program to address the proper decommissioning of substances of concern in end-of-life major appliances
- Work with collectors and recyclers to research and promote best practices to ensure on-going system performance and improvement
- Conduct operational system studies on the operation and performance of the market-driven recycling system
- Establish collection/diversion tracking and reporting systems to assess system performance over time

What products are included in the MARR program?

The MARR program includes major household appliances powered either by 120 volt or 240 volt input power that have been designed for use in residential homes, including those that use natural gas or propane for heating purposes.

Major product types include:

- Refrigerators, wine coolers and beverage centers
- Freezers
- Portable, room and window air conditioners
- Portable Dehumidifiers
- Clothes washers and dryers
- Ranges, built-in ovens and surface cooking units
- Built-in and over the range microwave ovens
- Dishwashers
- Food waste disposers and trash compactors
- Electric water dispensers

How are MARR's initiatives funded? What are the fees applied to the sale of new appliances?

The MARR initiatives are funded by Administrative Program Fees (APFs) applied to the sale and supply of new major household appliances in British Columbia, effective August 1, 2013. APFs may be included in a product's price or displayed as a separate charge. The APFs cover all costs associated with MARR's initiatives, including public education efforts and the implementation of a processing standard and certification system to ensure end-of-life appliances are responsibly recycled.

The APF is not a government tax and the APF itself is not remitted to government. The APF is subject to sales tax as it is considered to be a part of the price of regulated products.

APF rates are \$1.25/unit for refrigerant-containing appliances (fridges etc.) and \$1.10/unit for non-refrigerant containing appliances (clothes washers, ovens etc.).

How do I recycle major appliances in BC?

A number of collection options are typically available to individuals with major appliances to recycle in BC. For example, many retailers will provide recycling services to their customers for their old major appliance when the new product is delivered. Many local governments (municipalities etc.) provide collection services for major appliances, which may include pick-up or drop-off options. There are also a number of private collection sites that will accept major appliances as scrap metal for drop-off.

To find out where or how to recycle your major appliances in your community, please call the Recycling Council of BC Hotline:

- Toll free in BC: **1.800.667.4321**
- Lower Mainland: **604.RECYCLE (732.9253)**
- Email: **hotline@rcbc.bc.ca**

How do I get more information?

For more information, please visit www.marrbc.ca or call the Recycling Hotline at **1.800.667.4321** (**604.732.9253** in the Lower Mainland). To contact MARR directly, please email info@marrbc.ca