

Subject: MARR Support for Wildfire Recovery and Large Appliance Cleanup

Dear Colleagues,

First, on behalf of the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR), I'd like to acknowledge the difficult circumstances many BC communities are facing this wildfire season. As evacuation orders begin to lift and residents return home, we know local governments will be managing an enormous cleanup effort.

MARR is here to help. Contact us at any time at info@marrbc.ca

Large appliances that have been exposed to wildfire, smoke, floodwater, or prolonged power outages often require specialized handling before they can be safely recycled. This includes removing spoiled food, recovering refrigerants, preparing appliances for transport, and ensuring they enter the proper recycling stream.

To support local governments during recovery, MARR is offering assistance in two ways:

- Financial assistance may be available to help offset eligible costs associated with post-disaster large appliance recovery.
- Operational support is available through our recovery partner, Seldom Silent Environmental Ltd. Seldom Silent specializes in post-disaster appliance recovery and can assist with:
 - Establishing and operating temporary appliance drop-off sites.
 - Removal and containment of spoiled food from refrigerators and freezers.
 - Certified recovery of refrigerants and other ozone-depleting substances.
 - On-site depollution, crushing, and preparation of appliances for transport.
 - Haul-away to approved recycling and disposal facilities.
 - Door-to-door appliance collection for residents who are unable to transport units themselves.
 - Additional site staffing where receiving facilities experience surge volumes.

Seldom Silent has supported previous wildfire recovery operations in BC, including the Bush Creek East and Nakusp wildfire responses, and can mobilize crews anywhere in British Columbia within approximately 48 hours of authorization.

If your community anticipates requiring assistance with appliance recovery following re-entry, or if you'd like to discuss the financial support available through MARR, please don't hesitate to contact us. Early coordination allows us to work with your Emergency Operations Centre and Public Works teams to develop an efficient recovery plan.

You may also find the following resources helpful as your community moves into the recovery phase:

CWMA Resources

- BC Disaster Response Resources: <https://cwma.ca/knowledge-base-2/bc-disaster-response-resources/> CWMA
- BC Disaster Debris Management Resources: <https://cwma.ca/knowledge-base-2/bc-municipal-disaster-debris-management-resources/> CWMA
- CWMA Industry Resource Library: <https://cwma.ca/knowledge-base/> CWMA

Province of British Columbia

- Disaster Recovery for Communities:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/recovery> Government of British Columbia
- How BC Works with Local Governments During Wildfires:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/partners/local-governments> Government of British Columbia
- Emergency Info BC Resources:
<https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/resources-residents-visitors/> Emergency Info BC

Please feel free to share this information with colleagues in your Emergency Operations Centre, Public Works, Solid Waste, Engineering, and Recovery teams.

Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this wildfire season. We hope these resources and services help make the recovery process a little easier for your community.

Sincerely,

The MARR Team.

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