

Changes to Blue Bag Recycling Program

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- All #1-7 rigid plastic containers and plastic film:
 - Yoghurt and margarine containers
 - Shampoo, bleach and soap bottles
 - Buckets
 - Grocery bags
 - Shrink wrap
- Expect to collect 2,000 tonnes in 2007



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- Glass will be collected only at depots
 - Four recycling depots
 - Glenmore Landfill
 - 144 Cambro Road
 - 1988 Kirschner
 - Westside Landfill
 - Four bottle depots
 - Lake Country Return It Centre
 - 680 Dease Road
 - 1988 Kirschner
 - Boucherie Bottle Depot
- Presently collect 250 tonnes per year
- Expect to collect 150 tonnes per year



Why More Plastics?

- Surveys show strong support for increased plastics recycling
 - RDCO (2003)
 - City of Kelowna (2005)
 - Solid Waste Management Plan (2006)
- 100s of letters, emails, phone calls
- Neighbouring RDs and Cities collect and recycle plastics
- Market for mixed plastics better



Why Glass at Depots?

- Tiny glass shards embed into paper fibre
- Many paper mills won't buy paper from single-stream recycling programs
 - Wears the equipment
 - De-values paper
- Paper sale value is lower



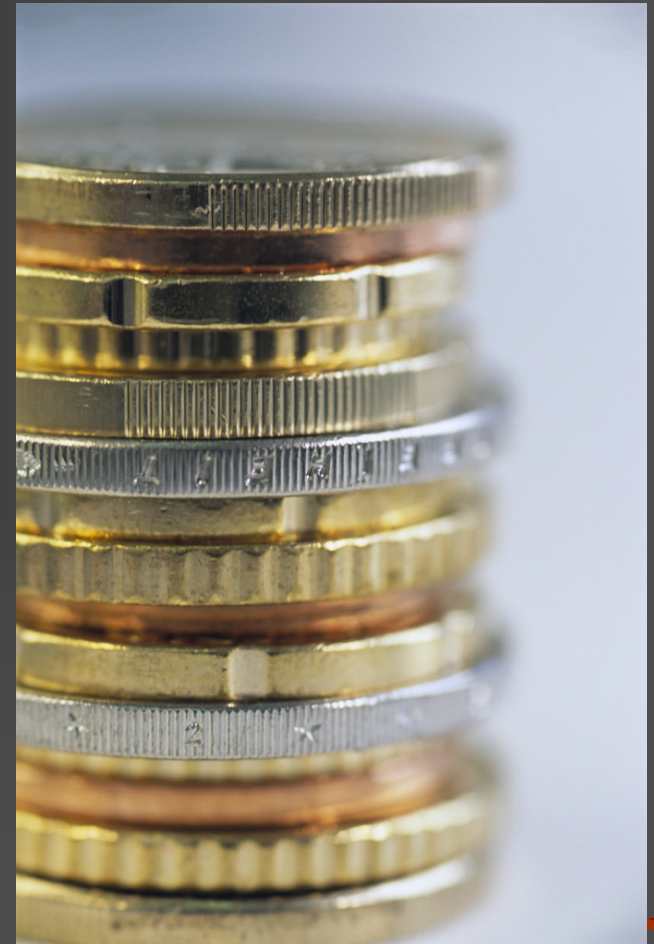
Why Glass at Depots?

- Two-stream collection is more expensive
 - 30% more expensive
 - Would require new collection contract
 - RDOS \$1.19/hhld/collection
- Depot collection will save processing fees
 - \$15,000/year



Costs

- Increased cost
 - Approximately \$1.55 per household per year



Questions

