



NEWS RELEASE

TNRD Accepting Fridges and Freezers Free of Charge from Pear Lake Wildfire Evacuees

Kamloops, BC – August 15, 2026 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is informing residents that, effective immediately, fridges and freezers will be accepted free of charge at the Clinton Eco-Depot from properties that have been evacuated due to the Pear Lake wildfire.

Fridges and freezers do not need to be cleaned out, but please ensure that these appliances are properly sealed before being brought to the Clinton Eco-Depot for disposal.

If you cannot transport your fridge or freezer yourself, the TNRD is arranging curbside collection in the coming days:

- Village of Clinton properties: Collection of fridges and freezers will occur on **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**. Please ensure that these appliances are set out by 7 am on the morning of collection.
- TNRD properties: If your property is outside of the Village of Clinton (e.g. Chasm, Big Bar Lake, Meadow Lake, Highway 97, Clinton-Pavilion Road), please call the TNRD at 250-377-7188 if you cannot transport your fridge or freezer yourself. Collection of fridges and freezers for rural properties will occur on **Thursday, August 20, 2026**, and may occur the following day if needed as well.

As of late afternoon on Friday, August 14, 2026, the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR), has confirmed to the TNRD that cost will be covered for this collection program. MARR is the non-profit stewardship agency that oversees recycling of appliances, and the TNRD greatly appreciates the funding providing by this agency to make this program possible for residents who are returning home from the Pear Lake wildfire.

If you do not need to dispose of your fridge or freezer, ensure that you double bag spoiled food and dispose of it as regular garbage, and use personal protective equipment such as N-95 masks and rubber gloves while cleaning. Guidance on cleaning fridges and freezers can be found in the [TNRD Returning After a Wildfire Guide](#).

For more information on current emergency notices, the interactive emergency map, and supports for impacted property owners please visit eoc.tnrd.ca. For updates about fire status and response for ongoing wildfires within the Thompson-Nicola region, please visit the BC Wildfire Service interactive map by [clicking here](#).

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