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Eco-Centre Kebaowek signed a new partnership with SORAC for the recovery of commercial and institutional refrigeration and freezing appliances

Kebaowek, (March 19, 2026) – The Kebaowek Eco-Centre is taking the lead by signing an agreement with the Société de récupération des appareils commerciaux (SORAC) for the recovery of commercial and institutional refrigeration and freezing appliances located within its territory.

This partnership represents a concrete step forward for the region in environmental management, offering a specialized service for the recovery of end-of-life refrigeration and freezing appliances.

SORAC is the management organization recognized by RECYC-QUÉBEC, mandated to implement an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for commercial and institutional refrigeration and freezing appliances that have reached the end of their useful life.

This is the first program in Quebec and Canada dedicated to the recovery of regulated products exclusively of a commercial and institutional nature. Since September 30, 2022, it has been prohibited to recover or recycle a regulated product under the Regulation (RRVPE), or to have it recovered or recycled, except under an official EPR program.

The products covered by the program include, among others:

- Refrigerators and freezers
- Blast chillers
- Refrigerated wine cellars
- Wine coolers
- Refrigerated display cases and islands
- Ice machines
- Refrigerated food or beverage vending machines
- Refrigerated dispensing machines
- Refrigerated laboratory or medical equipment

These appliances, located on the territory of the Kebaowek First Nation Eco-Centre, may now be dropped off directly at the Kebaowek Eco-Centre.

They will then be collected free of charge by SORAC, which will handle all recovery operations.

Businesses and institutions wishing to dispose of a large quantity of appliances are invited to contact SORAC.

Recycling the appliances:



Collecting and recycling these end-of-life products will allow up to 97% of the components to be recovered, significantly reducing the use of raw materials.

Each appliance recycled safely prevents the release of one tonne of greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere - the equivalent of 4,400 km driven in a compact SUV or sedan.

SORAC invites the public to visit its website and watch the informational video to learn more about the environmental impacts of these appliances when they end up in landfills.

“Protecting the environment is a shared responsibility. By developing tailored and accessible collection solutions, we empower citizens and organizations to take action. It is no longer just about good intentions — we must give people the means to act effectively. We commend the leadership demonstrated by the Kebaowek First Nation Eco-Centre. We are confident and committed to leading the way in diverting these appliances from landfills and contributing to a positive environmental outcome by minimizing GHG emissions.” - Nathalie Desjardins, Executive Director, SORAC.

“The Kebaowek Eco-Centre focuses on promoting responsible waste management within our community and the surrounding region. Partnering with SORAC allows us to safely and responsibly recover commercial and institutional refrigeration equipment when it reaches the end of its useful life. This program provides businesses and organizations with a simple and accessible way to reduce environmental impacts and lower greenhouse gas emissions. We take pride in participating in this initiative and encouraging a transition to more sustainable waste management practices.”

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