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TIME-SENSITIVE: 2nd notification regarding your potential obligations under the BC Recycling Regulation and how to join OPEIC - the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada's Product Stewardship Program

A notification was sent to your company several months ago regarding the OPEIC Product Stewardship Program. We have not yet received a response from you.

As this is a time-sensitive matter, please contact us at your earliest convenience to inform us of your plans to register for the OPEIC program or to confirm that each of your suppliers and/or customers will be taking on this responsibility on your behalf. If you determine that you *are not obligated* under the BC Recycling regulation for these products please advise us of the basis for this decision.

The [BC Recycling Regulation](#) (B.C. Reg. 449/2004) requires "producers" (often first importers to the province including distributors and retailers) of designated electrical outdoor power equipment (see below) to have an approved product stewardship program in place by **July 1, 2012**. The program must include a province-wide collection system where consumers can drop off end-of-life products without charge, as well as a system for recycling collected products. For more information on who is a "producer" under the Recycling Regulation, visit the [Participant Page](#) and [FAQ](#) on the OPEIC website (www.opeic.ca).

It is the preference of OPEIC that all retailers and distributors register directly for the program, many of whom may be obligated under the BC Recycling Regulation as a "Producer" of these products. **Producers that have not joined the OPEIC program by July 1, 2012 will be out of compliance with the BC Recycling Regulation and may be subject to fines.** Becoming an OPEIC participant will enable your business to comply with these regulations. The program will be funded by Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) applied to the sale of new program products as of July 1, 2012. These EHFs are collected and remitted to OPEIC by its members for the operation of the stewardship program. You may pass the EHF on to your customers at your discretion (either incorporated into the price, or shown separately) to reimburse yourself for the extra cost. For more information on EHFs visit www.opeic.ca.

OPEIC membership is available to all obligated producers. Program participants are not required to take back old products and there is no fee to join the OPEIC program. You can register for the program at www.opeic.ca. Note that fuel-powered outdoor power equipment is currently not included in the OPEIC program.

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada (OPEIC) is a not-for-profit Product Stewardship Agency that was incorporated by manufacturers/brand owners to operate the outdoor power equipment recycling program, in accordance with the BC Recycling Regulation. The products covered by the program have been divided into four categories of electrical outdoor power equipment (corded and battery operated):

- Hand-Held Outdoor Power Equipment (ex. chain saws, sprayers, post hole digger, blowers, etc.)
- Walk Behind Outdoor Power Equipment (ex. lawn aerator, snow thrower, lawn mower, etc.)
- Free-Standing Outdoor Power Equipment (ex. pressure washer, wood chipper, mulcher, etc.)
- Lawn Tractor

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If you are not the person responsible for environmental compliance issues, please forward this notification on to the correct contact within your company.

Thank you,

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