



NOTICE OF REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL HANDLING FEES FOR ELECTRIC OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT

Effective October 1, 2016, Environmental Handling Fees (EHF) for all products included in the BC Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada (OPEIC) Stewardship Program will be reduced. A table of revised EHF's for OPEIC program products is posted below for your review.

Following an in-depth review of both product sales patterns and program expenses, OPEIC concluded that a fee reduction was warranted. This is the first EHF adjustment since the start of the program in 2012.

Revised EHF's for electric outdoor power equipment in British Columbia come into effect on **October 1, 2016**.

The current EHF's for all program products should continue to be applied on sales made up to and including September 30, 2016. We ask that you do not retroactively apply the revised fees.

British Columbia OPEIC Revised Environmental Handling Fees – Effective October 1, 2016

OPEIC Category	Current EHF up to September 30, 2016	New EHF as of October 1, 2016
Hand-held OPE	\$2.50	\$2.00
Walk-behind OPE	\$10.00	\$8.00
Free-standing OPE	\$7.70	\$4.50
Lawn Tractors	\$40.00	\$16.00

Should you have any questions about this EHF reduction, please contact Christina Jaworski, OPEIC Senior Program Coordinator (christina@productcare.org).