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STATE OF MONTANA

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#### ALBERTA

- Calgary
- Edmonton
- Red Deer
- Sherwood Park

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Vancouver (Sims Metal Recycling)
- Coquitlam (Vancouver Americas Recycling)
- Delta
- Langley
- Richmond

#### MEXICO

- Monterrey
- Chihuahua

#### NEW BRUNSWICK

- Fredericton
- Moncton

#### NEW YORK

- New York City (USA Recycling)
- Brooklyn
- Staten Island
- Long Island

#### OHIO

- Cleveland
- Akron
- Cincinnati

#### OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma City
- Tulsa

#### PENNSYLVANIA

- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Harrisburg
- Erie

#### QUEBEC

- Montreal
- Laval

#### RHODE ISLAND

- Providence

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

- Charleston
- Columbia

#### TEXAS

- Dallas
- Houston
- Austin

#### UTAH

- Salt Lake City

#### VIRGINIA

- Richmond
- Norfolk

#### WISCONSIN

- Milwaukee
- Madison

#### WEST VIRGINIA

- Charleston
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If you know of shredding plants operating in Canada, please contact Recycling Today Associate Editor Meg Baranowitz at megbaranowitz@gmail.com or at 216-393-0298.