

BC Day

This August 6th is B.C. Day in the province of British Columbia. The holiday was introduced by the Legislative Assembly in 1974, with the aim of creating a statutory holiday to recognize the pioneers of the province. Today it is celebrated with camping, festivals, BBQs and time spent relaxing with family and friends.

Make sure you take the time to get out and enjoy our beautiful province.

Happy B.C. Day from all the staff at the DCV.

Protocol and Giftware

Summer has arrived and with it comes the warm weather. Why not get out and enjoy the many stunning beaches and landscapes in your area? Spending time with family and friends doesn't have to be a big production, just grab a beach blanket, some snacks and go.

Check out our giftware section for some great ideas before you head outdoors.



BC Parks Picnic Blanket

Perfect for a picnic. This blanket unrolls to cushy fabric on one side and sensible waterproofing on the other side. Roll it back up, and carry away with the easy to tote handle.

Product #: [9999841744](#)

On sale now for just \$17.55 while they last.



Wine Glasses, B.C. Logo

Elegant pair of wine glasses with laser etched British Columbia logo.

Product #: [9999841002](#) Price: \$39.00 /set



Cheese Tray, Wine Bottle

This conversation piece will add interest to any picnic. Using the fused glass process, this cheese tray was created in a two-step firing process in a kiln. The glass layers were melted together and then the piece was shaped by gently slumping it into a mould, which results in the lovely sheen and delicate appearance characteristic of fused glass.

Product #: [9999700252](#) Price: \$21.99

Back to School

From Pool to School

September is right around the corner and with mixed feelings we prepare for the upcoming school year. This means a shift from summer vacations into an autumn routine. Whether your kids are going back to school or starting at a post-secondary institution the DCV can help you get prepared for heading back to school. We offer everything from washable glue sticks, binders and palm staplers, to a huge variety of colourful pens for the whole office or school.

All DCV products can be delivered right to your desk to beat the hassle of crowded stores, long lines and busy parking lots. Shipping is free for ministry and broader public sector customers or employee personal purchases, over \$25.

2013 Dated Products

It's hard to believe summer is nearly over, and school will soon be back in session. Now is the time to start thinking about next year because 2013 dated products are now in at the DCV. Please refer to the e-flyer or browse the Dated Products in the DCV Online Store. These products change stock numbers each year so you will want to go by the new product numbers and not copy it off your order from last year. Dated products are not some-thing that we can re-order so order early for the best selection.

Make sure you include everyone - circulate the online flyer. [Click here to view online flyer](#)

Ordering is easy! Simply click on Office Supplies & Stationary to get started. In case you can't find what you need at the DCV, Grand&Toy offers discounts to B.C. Government employees for ministry and personal purchases. Email us at: DCVCustomerSer@gov.bc.ca or call 250-952-4460 for more information on the employee purchase program.

New Products

The following products are new to the DCV and we are very excited to share them with you. We are proud to offer these unique new ways to help you stay organized and be efficient, in and out of the workplace.



Storage Clipboard - Desk Mate 2

This portable desktop made from propylene construction offers durability as well as convenience. The bottom end opening allows easy access to a large internal storage space for all your mobile office needs. Inside it has a 1.5 inch storage capacity, separate tray for smaller office supplies and can fit forms up to 8.5 inch x 12 inches. Outside it features a premium clip with .5 inch holding capacity and a built in handle which locks shut to protect materials.

Product #: [7520081050](#) Price: \$14.95



Storage Clipboard - Ringmate

This portable desktop is made from durable polypropylene construction making it strong, as well as convenient to work on the go. It has an internal 3 ring binder with a one inch capacity, as well as a reversible clip to hold materials securely inside. The convenient locking hinge spine allows it to function as an easel stand, so it's easy to work with. It also features a snap closure to keep material safe from any weather.

Product #: [7520081051](#) Price: \$19.75



Recycled Plastic Clipboard

These clipboards are not only a good way to get organized, they are ideal for any office. They are made from 96% recycled materials with at least 50% post-consumer waste and have antimicrobial product protection. The high capacity clip holds up to an inch of paper securely, so you will never have your papers flying away. One of the best aspects of these great little units is that they are assembled by adults with disabilities.

[Black](#) | [Blue](#) | [Red](#) Price: \$7.50 each

Green Tip:

Do you want to reduce your garbage by up to 40%...Try composting, or better yet...Worms

Just because you don't have yard space doesn't mean you can't join the composting team.

You need to try vermicomposting! It's ideal for small spaces and can be done indoors, or on the balcony which makes it perfect for apartment dwellers. It means you discard organic matter generated in your kitchen — like banana peels — by feeding it to worms. But not just any worms; you're going to need some red wigglers. The result is a very fertile mixture of decomposed food scraps and worm waste. Vermiculture is a great way to reduce the organic matter otherwise destined for the landfill. It's excellent fertilizer but best of all they make great pets no need to walk them.

"BAMBOO"ZLING FACTS



Recently the Distribution Centre started offering bamboo chair mats. I was so impressed with the product that I became curious about bamboo and my fact findings lead me to the interesting information below.

Bamboo Chair Mat (shown left) Product #: [7520041030](#)

Price: \$98.50 EA

Bamboo absorbs carbon dioxide and releases over 30% more oxygen into the atmosphere compared to an equivalent mass of trees. Bamboo also grows amazingly fast. Some species of bamboo grow over three feet a day. No other plant on earth can do this.

Bamboo can reach full maturity in one to five years (dependent on the species). Hardwood trees can take 30 to 40 years. It is the one woody plant that can keep up with the rate of human consumption and deforestation. Bamboo is a renewable resource. When bamboo is harvested, new shoots will continue to grow from its amazing root system with no additional planting or cultivation. Bamboo requires no chemicals, pesticides or fertilizer to grow and thrive. It's very own fallen leaves provide the necessary nutrients to be healthy. Every part of the plant can be utilized in one way or another.

Bamboo can be used to build a bridge, can be woven into fabric to be worn on your back and the shoots can even be eaten as your lunch.

Here are some fun facts....

- The tensile strength of plated bamboo cables is as strong as or stronger than a steel cable of the same size.
- In South America bamboo is referred to as vegetable steel.
- India has one of the largest reserves of bamboo with over 25 million acres of bamboo groves.
- Bamboo fibres - The insulating characteristics of bamboo fiber make it great for sustaining body temperature. It cools people down when it's hot and it keeps people warm when it's cold because it absorbs moisture.
- Alexander Graham Bell's first telegraph needle was made of bamboo.
- Thomas Edison used bamboo as rebar for his swimming pool.
- Bamboo is a huge business worldwide and provides shelter, utensils, furniture and food for some 2.2 billion people.

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