

## ADVERTISING PROOF

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### Why is recycling so hard? Wouldn't people recycle more if it was easy?

Recycling is complicated. In a perfect world, products and packaging would be designed with the end of life in mind and recycling would be easy. But there are many different products made of many different materials, and having one place be able to accept all the different products is difficult. Some of the bottle depots take a lot of different items, and these would be the closest to a "one-stop shop" for recycling.

In BC, recycling is regulated through the Recycling Regulation using an approach called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), where producers are responsible for making sure their products are recycled. This is good because producers and consumers are responsible for the cost of recycling rather than taxpayers and local governments.

There are over 25 EPR programs in BC, which is why some depots take batteries; others take paint; and others will take tires, used oil, or beverage containers. These depots are privately operated, and the City doesn't have control over what they accept because it is up to the business to decide what programs they want to operate.

The City is a partner with Recycle BC. Recycle BC is responsible for collecting, sorting, and selling recycled commodities to end markets, which is why reducing contamination is such a priority—they have to be able to sell the stuff once they collect it. Learn more at [RecycleBC.ca](http://RecycleBC.ca).

#### The most commonly mis-sorted items in the City's recycling program are:

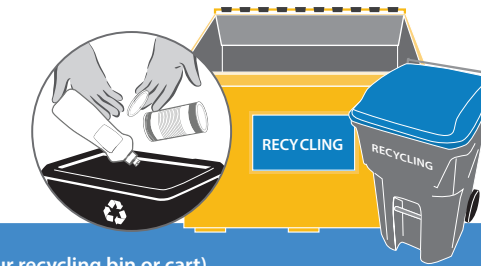
- Books - these are only accepted at City recycle depots as they aren't part of the Recycle BC program.
- Bagged or Nested Material - placing recyclables inside a bag or box means none of the items are recycled. Put items loose in recycling.
- Textiles - includes clothing, bags, linens, shoes, and blankets. Donate these items to a thrift store or textile donation bin.
- Plastic Products - includes toys, water bottles, and plastic household goods. If they are in good condition, donate them. Otherwise, toss them in the garbage.
- Scrap Metal - includes cookie sheets, pots, pans, and metal household items. If they are in good condition, donate them. Otherwise take them to a scrap metal yard.

We recommend using the free Waste Wise Kamloops app to conveniently look up where to recycle hundreds of items. The app also has a sorting game to help test your skills with some of the common items we see in the waste stream.

[Kamloops.ca/Recycling](http://Kamloops.ca/Recycling)

## Recycling Guide

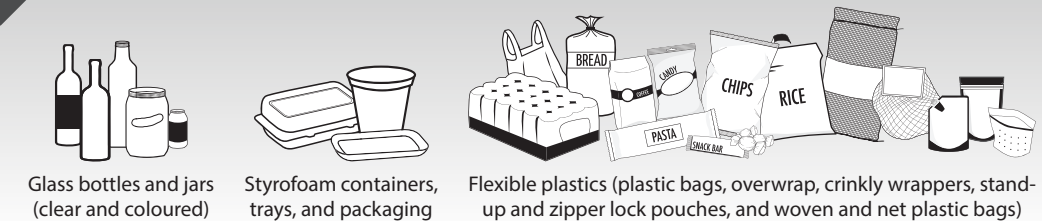
(Use the Waste Wise app to find out how to properly dispose of unaccepted items.)



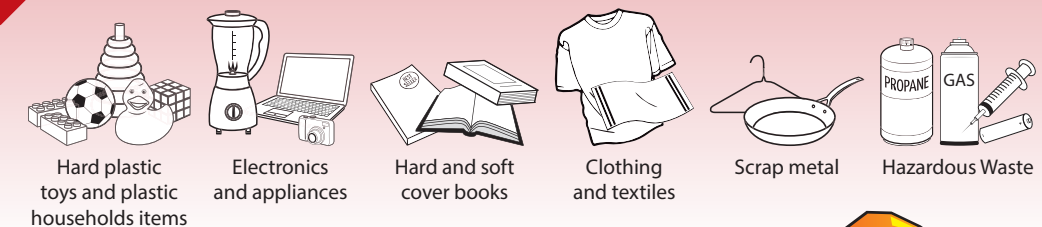
### ACCEPTED ITEMS (Place these items loose in your recycling bin or cart)



### DEPOT DROP-OFF ONLY (Do not place in bin or cart)



### NOT ACCEPTED (Do not place in bin or cart)



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