

Plastics, Plastics, and more Plastics



The world we live in is inundated with plastics. From the cars we drive, to products we use and especially the packaging we see. It's really a wonderful material it keeps our food fresh and our electronics safe. The problem now is how to properly recycle all these different types of plastic packaging.

Nowhere is this more confusing than with a packaging the industry calls "soft plastics". These can be grocery bags, or chip bags, or even bubble wrap, but the one thing they have in common is that they crush or collapse with very little effort. These represent one of the fastest growing packaging types but include so many types of plastics that results in recycling being a constant challenge.

RecycleBC Depots across the province offer 7 different categories for recycling. Here in the TNRD you will find them at Eco-Depots, Transfer Stations, and even some bottle depots throughout the Regional District. Many of the categories

are easily understood and we have been recycling them for years, such as, Paper and Cardboard, Containers (Plastic, Metal, and Paper), and Glass Bottles and Jars. Some categories are new for many people such as White Foam Packaging, and Coloured Foam Packaging. These items are easier to grasp when you understand it is packaging such as Styrofoam. However, the two soft plastic categories are constantly confused with each other.



Plastic Bags and Overwrap are made out of a single type of plastic and are stretchy. It can include; grocery bags, or overwrap from toilet paper or cases of water.

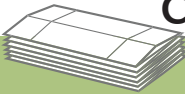
Other Flexible Plastic Packaging is a huge category of soft plastics that tend to be crinkly, foil lined, or zipper topped. They are all multiple types of plastic sandwiched together. This can be anything from candy bar wrappers, to frozen vegetable bags, to bubble wrap.

Proper sorting is crucial to the recycling process. On site there are staff to help distinguish the categories. If you want to find out more contact the TNRD directly at 1-877-377-8673 or recycleright@tnrd.ca. You can also contact the Recycling Council of BC which has a great search tool for almost any item; 1-800-667-4321 or online at www.rcbc.ca/recyclepedia

NOT ALL RECYCLABLES ARE CREATED EQUAL

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District
offers **7 Recycling Categories**,
in order to help keep waste
Out of Landfills.

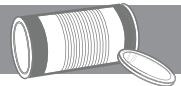
CURBSIDE OR DEPOT



1. Paper and Cardboard



2. Containers (Plastic, Metal, and Paper)



DEPOT ONLY



3. Plastic Bags and Overwrap



4. White Foam Packaging



5. Coloured Foam Packaging

6. Glass Bottles and Jars



7. Other Flexible Plastic Packaging



Whether curbside collection or depot drop-off proper sorting ensures high quality material for end markets.

Reach out to the TNRD or the Recycle Council of BC for more information; rcbc.ca/recyclepedia or call **1-800-667-4321**



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