

Items for Recycling – The Do’s and Don’ts



Depot only items

Certain items can only be returned to the depot for recycling. Things like plastic bags and overwrap, flexible plastic packaging, foam packaging (like Styrofoam) and glass should be returned to depots to be recycled.

Plastic bags, flexible plastic, glass and Styrofoam are not included in curbside recycling collection because they cause big problems in the recycling system. They get mixed with other recyclables making it very difficult to meet the standards of both local and international recycling markets,

potentially affecting the recyclability of all the material.

Only put clean items in your recycling

Half-full food containers should never go in your recycling cart. Empty containers and give them a quick rinse to ensure food or other product doesn't get all over the other materials in your recycling cart.

Never put these items in your recycling

Things like food, wood, clothing, textiles, electronics, books, metal products (like pots, pans, hangers, etc.), and durable plastics (like toys) shouldn't be included in your recycling cart, ever.

If you're not sure if something should be included in your recycling cart, please refer to our free and easy to use Recycle Coach App, or refer to our Waste plug in at rdco.com/recycle.

For items that aren't packaging or paper, check www.rdco.com/recycle for an alternate recycling location.

Here In BC, we are some of North America's best recyclers.

While that is something to be proud of, there is always room for improvement!

By rethinking how we recycle and ensuring we put only the correct items in our recycling carts, we all do our part to help improve our overall recycling rates and send less material unnecessarily for disposal to landfill.

There are plenty of things we can all do to ensure as much material as possible is recycled.

When recycling, here are some simple tips to keep in mind!

Only certain things go into your recycling cart

You can recycle **packaging and paper** only. This includes containers that had liquids or solids in them when sold, such as plastic packaging, metal containers, cartons and paper cups. It also includes paper items such as newsprint, magazines, paper packaging and cardboard.

Recycling Guide

A Message from the Regional Waste Reduction Office

How to Sort your Recycling

What Goes in Your Recycling Cart – Put these items loose in your cart, do not bag them

To the curb by 7am

NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED



Paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogues



Cardboard and boxboard boxes



Shredded paper (put in clear plastic bag)*
*only time a bag is permitted in recycling



Paper bags - single and multiple layer



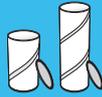
Paper and plastic drink cups and lids



Hard plastic containers



Gable-top and Tetra Pak cartons



Spiral-wound cans for chips, juice etc.



Frozen dessert boxes



Foil wrap, containers and plates



Metal cans and lids (with labels)



Empty aerosol cans (no paints, chemicals)



Plastic clamshells and trays

Recycle at Depot Only – Do NOT put these items in your recycling cart, take them to a Depot for recycling only



Plastic bags and overwrap



Styrofoam containers, trays, packaging



Non-refundable glass jars and bottles



Other Flexible Packing: Chip bags and snack wrappers, cellophane, zipper bags and pouches, mesh bags and more. For a full list visit RecycleBC.ca/FlexiblePackaging

What Stays Out of Your Recycling Cart – Leave these items out



NO Garbage



NO Hazardous Waste
Take to a Recycling Depot



NO electronics, appliances
Take to a Recycling Depot



NO soft or hard cover books
Donate to charity



NO hard plastic toys
Donate to charity



NO Tupperware containers
Donate to charity

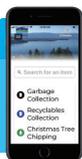


NO clothes, textiles
Donate to charity

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