



MATERIAL & DESCRIPTION

Newspaper and flyers Daily and community newspapers and advertising flyers	Plastic bags used to cover newspaper/flyers (take to Recycle BC recycling depot), rubber bands
Magazines and catalogues All types	
Telephone books Phone books, directories	Hardcover or paperback books (donate or sell)
Writing home/office paper and correspondence Notepads; loose leaf paper, white or coloured computer copier and printer paper; printed paper, plain and window envelopes; shredded paper Place shredded paper securely inside a paper bag or box (to prevent litter)	





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Corrugated cardboard boxes Shipping boxes, grocery and liquor store boxes, pizza boxes, Banker's Boxes, and moving boxes Empty boxes and flatten large corrugated boxes and cut down to no larger than 30" wide (78 cm) X 30" tall (78 cm), staples and tape OK.	Items that are not packaging- like products, long-term storage containers such as heavy-duty plastic boxes or totes.
Cardboard/boxboard Boxes for cereal, shoes, tissues, pizza, frozen entrees, desserts, detergent, etc. Carrier trays for bulk bottled water, soft drinks, cans, food, etc., cores for paper towel and toilet tissue Flatten and place boxboard directly into the collection container, not inside another box. Remove liner bags and food residue.	Paper towels or napkins (include with green waste, if applicable), tissues
Moulded boxboard packaging Egg cartons, take-out beverage trays, empty paper-based garden pots, etc.	Dirt in garden pots
Paper bags (Kraft paper) Any colour, including brown grocery sacks, white prescription bags, brown envelopes	Wax paper and parchment paper
Multi-layer paper bags Multi-layered paper bags for flour, sugar, etc.	Bags with a foil layer, bags with a plastic layer





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	Purchased gift bags, boxes Paper bags and boxes that are purchased for gift giving	Items that are not packaging-like products, bags and boxes that use plastic and/or paper material, bags and boxes with glitter and rope handles
V	Paper party decorations Paper party decorations can include pennant flags, streamers, decorative hanging pieces, etc. These items must not contain any plastic material including glitter.	Items made with layers of plastic and paper, including glitter, party items that are not décor (e.g., costume wear, party eyeglasses), party décor that contaminates the paper stream (e.g., balloons, glitter, tinsel, noisemakers, etc.)
	Non-durable paper food containers Kraft (brown) or white paper take-out containers Must be clean for recycling.	Wax paper and parchment paper, plastic or metal food storage containers
	Disposable hangers Paper – lightweight compressed paper (included with clothing)	Durable hangers (e.g., wire, sturdy plastic, metal, or wood)



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COFFEE	Paper cups For hot and cold beverages Empty and rinse cups. Remove lids and place loose with container recycling. Recycle paper sleeves separately.	Items that are not single use, or compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-degradable plastics
ICREAM	Gable-top cartons For cream, substitute eggs, sugar, molasses, etc. Empty and rinse cartons.	Paper towels or napkins (include with green waste, if applicable), tissues
SOUP	Aseptic boxes or cartons For cream, soup, broth, sauces, etc.	Stand-up pouches
	Frozen dessert boxes For ice cream, frozen yogurt, etc. Empty and rinse cartons.	
	Paper plates Coated paper plates All plates must be rinsed clean for recycling.	Uncoated paper plates, or plates that are soiled with food leftovers, plates labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable



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	Empty spray containers For air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray, etc. Empty containers before putting your blue box.	Spray paint cans, aerosol cans with any contents remaining, propane cylinders
CHIPS	Spiral wound cans and metal lids For frozen juice concentrate, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula, etc.	Paper towels or napkins (include with green waste, if applicable), tissues, etc.
	Steel cans and lids For food including pet food, tins for cookies, tea, chocolates, etc., include metal lid Empty and rinse cans. Labels are OK.	Steel paint cans, coat hangers, pots, pans and baking trays, propane cylinders, metal toys, appliances, metal hardware or other scrap metal, wiring or metal cords, extension cords
	Aluminum cans and lids For food including seafood, pet food, etc. Empty and rinse cans. Labels are OK.	Propane tanks or propane canisters
	Metal storage containers Thin-gauge metal tins	Durable storage containers (e.g., metal food storage containers)



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	Aluminum foil disposables Aluminum pie plates, baking dishes and trays, etc. Materials must be clean for recycling.	Durable storage containers such as glass or metal food storage containers
	Aluminum foil Foil wrap used for food storage Foil wrap must be rinsed clean for recycling.	Wax paper or parchment paper
	Plastic jugs with screw tops For cooking oil, laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning solutions, cleaning products, body care products, windshield washer fluid, etc. Empty and rinse jugs. Labels OK.	
	Plastic clamshells For baked goods, fruit, produce, eggs, etc. Containers are clear with hinged or click-closed tops. Empty and rinse containers for recycling. Labels OK.	Compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics

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 Plastic jars and lids For peanut butter, jam, nuts, condiments, vitamins and supplements, personal care products and cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, etc. Plastic jars have wide mouths with screw top lids. Empty and rinse jars for recycling. Labels OK. 	Stand-up pouches
 Plastic bottles and caps For food, dish soap, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners and other personal care products, pills and vitamins, laundry products, household cleaners, automotive cleaners (e.g., glass cleaner, windshield washer fluid, etc.) Plastic bottles can have screw caps, spray pumps or pull-up tops. Empty and rinse bottles for recycling. Labels OK. 	Stand-up pouches, containers for motor oil, vehicle lubricant, or antifreeze products
Plastic trays and tops For deli chicken, single-serve meals, prepared foods, baked goods, housewares and hardware (e.g., screws, picture hangers, etc.) Containers are clear or have black bottom trays with clear domes. Empty and rinse trays for recycling.	White, black or colour foam trays (take to Recycle BC depot), soft plastic packaging for perishable foods (e.g., meat, poultry, fish or cheese, etc.), plastic/foil packaging for items like chewing gum and pills

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	Plastic tubs and lids For margarine, spreads, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream, etc. Empty and rinse tubs. For single-use coffee and tea pods: Empty and rinse pods. Remove lids and not include lids with recycling. Grounds can be composted.	Packaging labelled compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics or foil lids from coffee and tea pods, coffee grounds (include with green waste, if applicable)
	Plastic cold drink cups with lids Beverage cups Empty and rinse cups for recycling. Separate straws.	Foam cups (take to Recycle BC depot), plastic packaging labelled compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable, napkins (include with green waste, if applicable)
	Plant pots and saucers Plastic only	Ceramics or items that are not packaging-like products, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo- compostable
	Plastic pailsFor laundry detergent, ice cream, pet food, etc.Recycle BC accepts pails that are less than 25 litres. Larger pails should be disposed of through a commercial hauler.	Plastic paint cans, plastic pails larger than 25L, pails for lubricants and oils
	Microwavable bowls and cups For soups and entrees Remove lids and place loose in recycling container.	Bowls with metal rims, napkins (include with green waste, if applicable)



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	Non-durable plastic food containers Plastic lunch containers	Durable storage containers such as glass or metal food storage containers, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable
	Disposable hangers Plastic – lightweight (included with clothing)	Durable hangers (e.g., wire, sturdy plastic, metal, or wood), plastic labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo- degradable
	Plastic straws Plastic drinking straws	Paper or metal straws
	Plastic stir sticks Plastic stir sticks used for coffee	Wooden stir sticks
_	Plastic cutlery Plastic spoons, forks, and knives commonly provided with take-out meals Plastic cutlery must be rinsed clean for recycling.	Wooden cutlery, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable



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	Plastic gift boxes Plastic boxes purchased for gift giving	Items that are not packaging- like products, bags and boxes with glitter and rope handles, or items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo- compostable
	Plastic tape dispensers Plastic casing used to hold household tape	Items that are not packaging- like products, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable plastic
FLOSS	Plastic dental floss container Plastic case used to hold dental floss	Items that are not packaging- like products, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable plastic, used dental floss





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DO NOT INCLUDE



Non-Deposit Glass Bottles and Jars

Clear or coloured. Check with your recycling collector for instructions.

Empty and rinse bottles and jars. Labels OK. Include lids with container recycling. Drinking glasses, dishes, cookware, whole or broken window glass or mirrors, ceramic mugs or other ceramic products, light bulbs and light fixtures

May be collected separately from curbside or multi-family buildings.

Check with your collector.

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BREAD	Plastic bags and overwrap Plastic bags for groceries, dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers; bags for produce, dry bulk foods, and most frozen vegetables; outer bags and wrap for diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues, soft drink can flats; bags for water softener salt, wood pellets and garden products; overwrap on mattresses, furniture and electronic equipment Bags must be empty when returning to a depot.	Crinkly cellophane wrap for tea, floral arrangements, etc., packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, lumber or construction wrap
	Stand-up and zipper lock pouches Zipper lock pouches for frozen foods like berries, seafood, prepared foods; zipper lock bags for fresh foods like grapes, deli meats; stand-up pouches for baby food, hand soap refills; stand- up and zipper lock pouches for dried fruits, granola, sugar, oatmeal, grated cheese, etc.	Plastic-lined paper, 6-pack rings, paper-lined plastic, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, vinyl
CHIPS PASTA SHACK BAR	Crinkly wrappers and bags Bags for potato chips, candy, dried pasta, cereal, etc.; wrappers for cheese slices, snack bars, instant noodles, etc.	Plastic-lined paper, 6-pack rings, paper-lined plastic, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, vinyl
	Flexible packaging with plastic seal Packaging for fresh pasta, pre- packaged deli meats, pre-packaged cheese, etc.	Plastic-lined paper, 6-pack rings, paper-lined plastic, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, vinyl

Some items are recyclable outside of Recycle BC's program. To find out where you can recycle something other than packaging or paper products, visit the Recycling Council of BC website www.rcbc.ca.

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RICE	Woven and net plastic bags Net bags for avocados, onions, oranges, lemons, limes, etc.; woven plastic bags for rice, etc.	Plastic-lined paper, 6-pack rings, paper-lined plastic, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, vinyl, plastic squeeze tubes
AIR AIR AIR	Non-food protective packaging Padded protective plastic like plastic shipping envelopes, plastic air packets, bubble wrap	Plastic-lined paper, 6-pack rings, paper-lined plastic, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, vinyl, plastic squeeze tubes
	Recycling bags Transparent, single-use plastic bags for recycling	Items that are not packaging-like products, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable
	Reusable plastic-only carry-out bags Reusable plastic bags provided with purchase, or purchased as product	Items that are not packaging-like products, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, or carry-out bags with PVC/vinyl
	Squishy cushion packaging blocks and sheets Commonly used in electronics packaging	Items that are not packaging-like products, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, or with PVC/ vinyl, hard foam packaging (recycle with foam packaging, see purple category page)

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	Food storage, sandwich and freezer bags, vacuum seal bags Bags used for food storage, or bags purchased to store items with a vacuum seal	Items designed for disposal (i.e., garbage/compost/leaf bags), or aluminum foil lined food storage bags, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable
	Plastic shrink wrap Plastic shrink wrap found on meat in grocery stores, or electronics, or used to seal products Must be clean for recycling.	Items designed for (i.e., garbage/compost/leaf bags), or aluminum foil lined food storage bags, packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable
	Purchased gift bags, boxes Bags and boxes that are purchased for gift giving	Items that are not packaging- like products, bags and boxes that use plastic material, as well as paper; bags and boxes with glitter and rope handles, or packaging labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable
	Reusable plastic curbside recycling bags Thick, opaque reusable plastic bags used for curbside recycling in BC	Items labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable
	LDPE/HDPE plastic sheets Drop sheets for painting, covering items	Items that are not packaging- like products, items labelled biodegradable, compostable, or oxo-degradable, or made with PVC/vinyl
	Bubble wrap Plastic-only bubble wrap	Items that are not packaging- like products, or items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable, or made with PVC/vinyl, bubble wrap-lined paper envelopes

DROP-OFF ONLY: FOAM PACKAGING



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	Foam food containers and trays	
	Meat trays, foam egg cartons, foam clamshells, foam cups and bowls, etc.	Liquid-absorbing pads, napkins (include with green waste, if applicable)
	Remove food residue and liquid absorbing pads. Sort white and coloured foam into appropriate collection container at the depot.	
	Foam Cushion Packaging	
	Foam cushion packaging used to protect electronics, small appliances, etc. Remove food residue and liquid absorbing pads. Sort white and coloured foam into appropriate collection container at the depot.	Labels, tape, paper and cardboard (recycle separately), foam peanuts, packing chips or noodles, blue or pink foam board insulation, foam furniture (e.g., sofa cushions)