



A #BETTERBC STARTS WITH ALL OF US.

Team BC keeps about 200,000 tonnes of packaging and paper out of landfills and the environment every year. But it isn't time for a victory lap yet, because we still have a lot of work to do together.

To win the fight against waste, we need to make sure that we are recycling more and recycling right. Let's show em' what we can do!

PLASTIC PACKAGING

Did you know? 94% of BC residents think we should reduce and recycle plastic packaging, but only 43% of plastics are actually set out for collection or taken to a depot. Let's turn our good intentions into action!

You can make a difference by joining in – put hard plastic packaging in your blue box and take flexible plastics (like plastic bags, zipper-lock pouches and crinkly wrappers and bags) to a depot or London Drugs store.

More and more BC residents are taking their flexible plastics and foam packaging to depots instead of letting them end up in landfills, our communities or nature.

You can join in and make a difference by bringing these items to a depot or London Drugs store near you. If everyone in BC brought their flexible plastics to the depot we would collect and recycle 389 full-sized swimming pools full of flexible plastics, keeping it out of the landfill. Think of the impact we can have.

METAL AND FOIL

Did you know that metal and foil packaging can be recycled? Even the aluminum foil from your casserole or turkey dinner can be recycled.

Give it a rinse to get off most of the food residue and recycle it in your blue box!

Did you know that Recycle BC is recycling 94% of all materials that are received? But this only works if we set materials out for collection or return them to the depot. Think of the impact we can all have together.

Use the Recycle BC app to learn what you can recycle and where.

RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Place paper, containers and glass recycling at curb by



7:00 am

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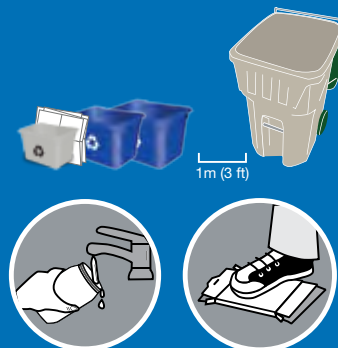
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ENSURE MORE MATERIALS ARE RECYCLED AND KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL BY REMEMBERING THESE PRO-TIPS:

- 1 Line it up.** Put your cardboard between your boxes, not on top. Leave about 1m (3 feet) of space between recycling boxes/bags and your garbage/organic carts.
- 2 Keep it clean.** Empty and rinse containers to prevent contamination, recycle more materials, and avoid attracting wildlife when you put them out for collection.
- 3 Flatten and cut.** If your cardboard is too big for the blue box or yellow bag, flatten and cut it into smaller pieces, no larger than 76 cm x 76 cm (30 in x 30 in). Stack them loosely between your boxes and yellow bag. Don't forget to keep flexible plastics out of your recycling!
- 4 Avoid litter.** Don't overfill your recycling boxes. If you can't fit everything comfortably, contact Recycle BC's collection partner for an additional box or use a similar open box (like a laundry basket or storage box) to sort your material properly.
- 5 We're here to help.** Download our app, email us at info@recyclebc.ca or reach out on social media @RecycleBC.



OOPS! Did you receive an Oops tag on collection day?

Our collection partners may leave these behind if your material is unable to be collected. The tag will indicate the issue.

Emterra Environmental is Recycle BC's curbside collection partner in the Regional District of North Okanagan. They can answer questions about collection zones, missed pick-ups, holiday schedules, or recycling boxes.

Contact: Emterra Environmental
Phone: 250-545-4245
Email: askmebc2@emterra.ca

NEARBY DEPOTS

Armstrong Bottle Depot
3730 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Armstrong
250-546-2466

Interior Freight And Bottle Depot
4205 24 Avenue, Vernon
250-545-5706

Venture Training Centre
4240 Alexis Park Drive, Vernon
250-542-2374

London Drugs – Vernon Square Mall
#700, 4400 – 32nd Street, Vernon
250-549-1551

*London Drugs accept flexible plastics, foam packaging only. Due to space limitations, a maximum of one grocery bag of each material is suggested per visit.

ABOUT RECYCLE BC

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling throughout BC, servicing over 2 million households. Recycle BC ensures your household materials are picked up, sorted, and responsibly managed and recycled. Our program is funded by 1,200 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and paper to BC residents, shifting costs away from homeowners.

For more information visit:

[RecycleBC.ca](https://www.recyclebc.ca)

[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/recyclebc) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/recyclebc) [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com/recyclebc) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/recyclebc) @RecycleBC



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Making a difference together.

2025-2026 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

North Okanagan



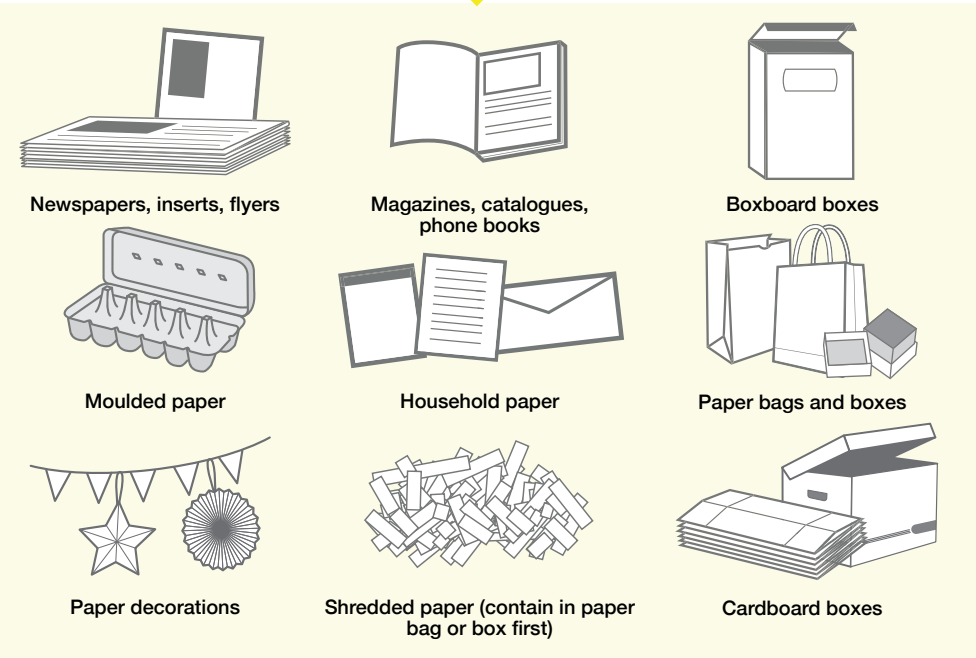
[RecycleBC.ca/North-Okanagan](https://www.recyclebc.ca/North-Okanagan)

PAPER

PUT INTO YELLOW BAG
OR ONE BLUE BOX

Cut excess cardboard to
76 cm x 76 cm (30 in x 30 in)
and stack beside box

Clean and dry paper only



- ✓ Greeting cards
- ✓ Paper gift wrap
- ✓ Paper gift bags
- ✓ Paper carry-out beverage trays
- ✓ Cores from paper towel and toilet tissue
- ✓ Compressed paper hangers
- ✓ Paper-only shipping envelopes

NOT ACCEPTED



CONTAINERS

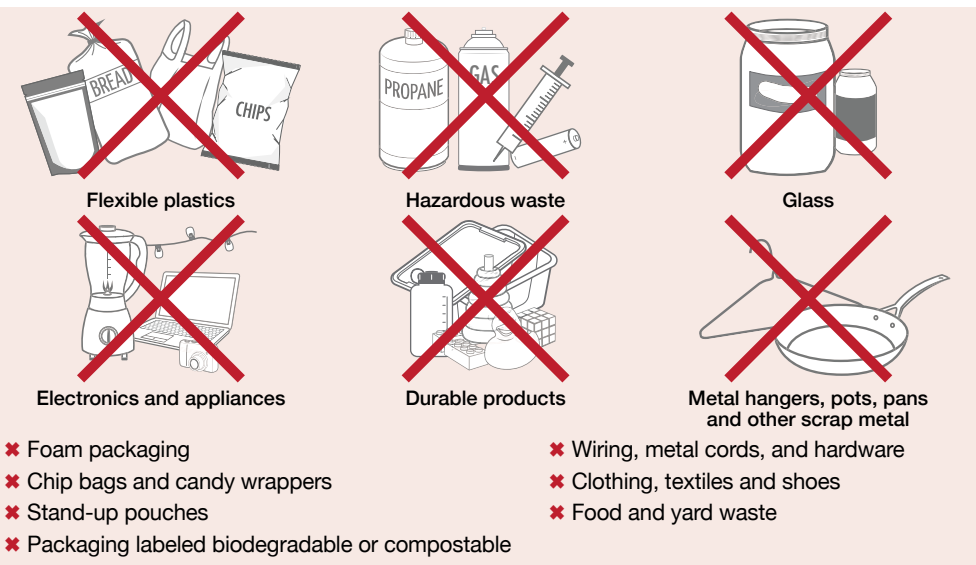
PUT INTO BLUE BOX

Empty and rinse containers



- ✓ Plastic packaging for toys, toothbrushes, etc. Separate plastic from paper backing
- ✓ Spiral wound cans and lids for frozen juice concentrate, chips, etc.
- ✓ Plastic pails less than 25L for laundry detergent, cat litter, etc.
- ✓ Plastic tubs for yogurt, margarine, etc.

NOT ACCEPTED



GLASS

PUT INTO GREY BOX

Empty and rinse glass bottles and jars



NOT ACCEPTED

Want to recycle something not included here?

Search Recycle BC's Waste Wizard or download a full material list at RecycleBC.ca.

To recycle items that are not packaging, packaging-like products, single-use items, or paper, contact the Recycling Council of BC (RCBC) at RCBC.ca.

Unused Medication

Empty medication containers can be recycled with Recycle BC, but unused or expired medications can be safely disposed by returning them to community pharmacies. For more information or to find the nearest pharmacy, please visit www.healthsteward.ca.

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Medical sharps
- ✗ Bleach or aerosol containers with any contents remaining
- ✗ Containers with the words COMBUSTIBLE, FLAMMABLE or VERY FLAMMABLE on them (except cosmetic and beauty product containers)
- ✗ Compressed gas cylinders, for example used propane cylinders
- ✗ Containers for paint, motor oil, vehicle lubricants, or antifreeze
- ✗ Containers for pesticides labelled POISON, and precautionary octagon or diamond symbols with skull and cross bones

DROP-OFF ONLY

TAKE TO RECYCLING DEPOT

Not accepted in your yellow bag,
blue box, or grey box



NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Cellophane wrap for floral arrangements, etc.
- ✗ Garbage bags
- ✗ Plastic squeeze tubes
- ✗ Plastic-lined paper
- ✗ Paper-lined plastic
- ✗ Plastic strapping
- ✗ 6-pack rings
- ✗ Biodegradable plastic
- ✗ Vinyl
- ✗ Blue or pink foam insulation, packing chips and peanuts
- ✗ Squishy or flexible foam, and foam noodles



WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycle BC serves 196 communities across BC, and every single one has the power to make a difference—including yours!

Because when we sort properly, rinse our containers, or head to the depot, we're making a huge play for Team BC.

And that kind of effort is contagious.



Learn more
at RecycleBC.ca

FLIP FOR
INSTANT
INFO