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2026 Fee Schedule

Average 2026 fee rates increased by 17.6% with reserve drawdown partially offsetting the total fee budget increase. 2026 fee rates introduce two new materials – Kraft Paper and PET Thermoforms. These materials were previously aggregated with Corrugated Cardboard and PET Bottles respectively and now have their unique fee rates based on their inputs to the fee model. Both these materials have the most significant fee rates variances. Telephone Books and Steel Paint cans have been rolled up with Magazine & Catalogues and Other Steel Packaging respectively.

Other than the two materials mentioned earlier, the highest increases are seen in Expanded Polystyrene followed by both categories of flexible plastics, namely Plastic Film and Plastic Laminates. Expanded Polystyrene increased by 36.5% primarily driven by the increase in the program budget and a decrease in supply tonnes. Plastic Film and Plastic Laminates have significant variances on account of Step 4 investments. Categories with below average rate changes include Aluminum Food and Other Containers and PET Bottles.

Recycle BC Fee Schedule (Cents/Kg)						
Category	Material	2026 Fee Rates (cents/kg)	2025 Fee Rates (cents/kg)	Variance		
Printed Paper	Newsprint	76.00	69.00	10.1%		
	Magazines, Catalogues & Telephone books²	29.00	28.00	3.6%		
	Other Printed Paper	80.00	72.00	11.1%		
Paper Packaging	Corrugated Cardboard	60.00	53.00	13.2%		
	Kraft Paper ¹	77.00	53.00	45.3%		
	Boxboard	37.00	31.00	19.4%		
	Gable Top Cartons	80.00	69.00	15.9%		
	Paper Laminates	77.00	62.00	24.2%		
	Aseptic Containers	91.00	83.00	9.6%		

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Category	Material	2026 Fee Rates (cents/kg)	2025 Fee Rates (cents/kg)	Variance		
Plastics	PET Bottles	97.00	98.00	-1.0%		
	PET Thermoforms ¹	134.00	98.00	36.7%		
	HDPE Bottles	47.00	40.00	17.5%		
	Plastic Film	184.00	146.00	26.0%		
	Plastic Laminates	184.00	146.00	26.0%		
	Expanded Polystyrene	407.00	310.00	31.3%		
	Rigid Polystyrene	151.00	125.00	20.8%		
	Other Plastics	101.00	86.00	17.4%		
Steel	Other Steel Packaging including Paint cans ²	68.00	62.00	9.7%		
	Steel Aerosols	48.00	42.00	14.3%		
Aluminum	Aluminum Food & Other Containers	48.00	59.00	-18.6%		
	Other Aluminum Packaging	70.00	67.00	4.5%		
Glass	Clear Glass	58.00	48.00	20.8%		
	Coloured Glass	58.00	48.00	20.8%		

¹ Kraft Paper and PET thermoform have been disaggregated from Corrugated Cardboard and PET Bottles respectively.

² Telephone books and Steel Paint Cans have been rolled up in Magazines and Catalogues and Other Steel Packaging respectively.