



# PAPER

## YELLOW BAG

Clean and dry paper only  
Cut excess cardboard to 76 cm x 76 cm (30 in x 30 in) and stack neatly between yellow bag and blue box



# MIXED CONTAINERS

## BLUE BOX

Put all rigid plastic, metal, carton containers, and paper cups, into Mixed Containers box  
Empty and rinse containers



# GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

## GREY BOX

Empty and rinse glass bottles and jars  
Put all lids in blue box  
NO metal allowed in the grey box



# FOAM PACKAGING

## DEPOT DROP-OFF ONLY

Not accepted in your curbside collection bag or boxes



# WHAT HAPPENS TO MY RECYCLING?



Recycling keeps valuable materials in use and out of landfills.  
Here's a simple look at what happens after you bring your recycling to the curb.

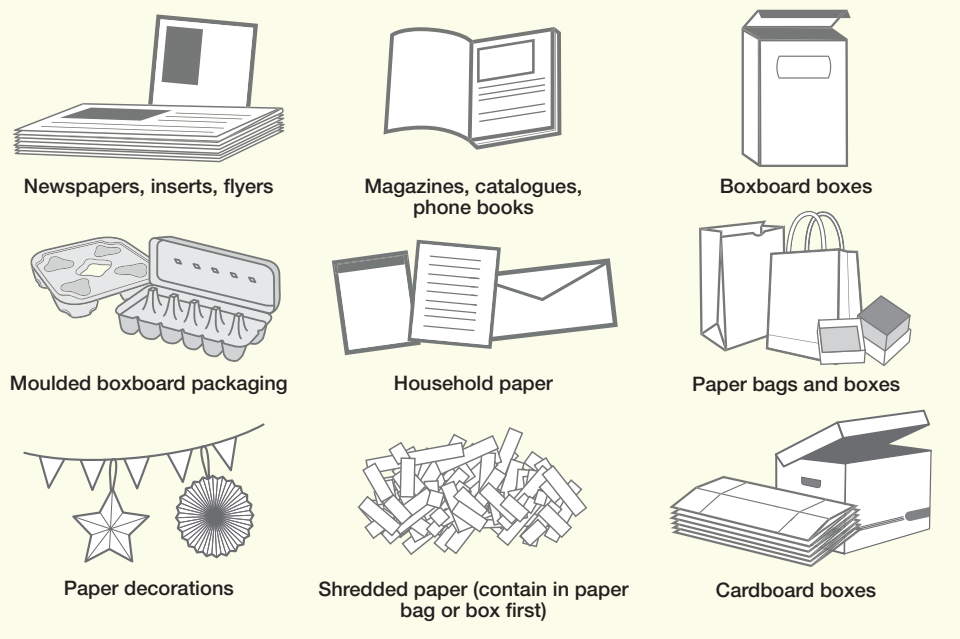


Specialized trucks collect materials from homes and depots.  
The collected materials are dropped off at sorting facilities.  
At our facilities, recyclables are further sorted by material - separating paper, metal, cardboard and plastic resin types to ensure proper recycling.



Sorted recyclables are compressed into bundles, with 80% (2024) sent to North American end markets to be processed into raw materials.  
For example, plastics are shredded into flakes and made into pellets.

Manufacturers receive the processed materials and turn them into new products or packaging.



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



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

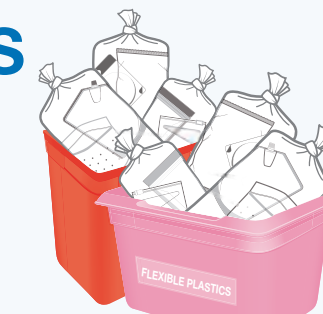


# FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

## PINK OR RED BOX

Collected Every SECOND Week

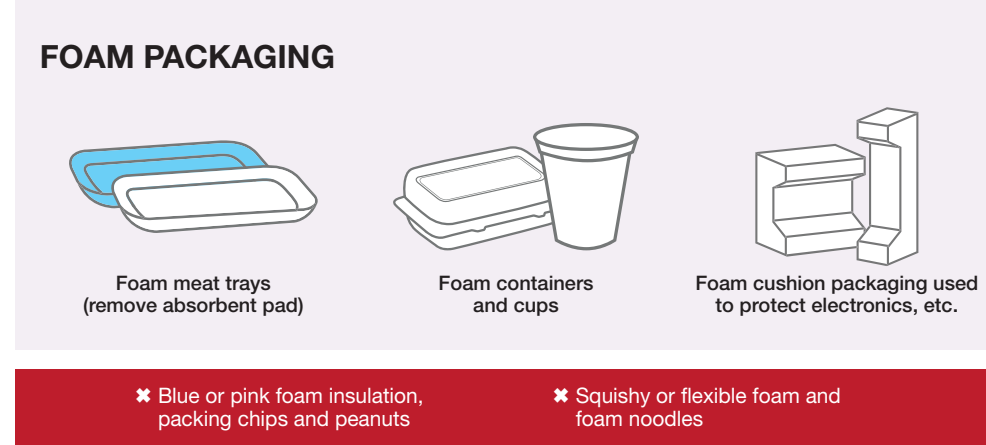
Put flexible plastics in a clear bag (e.g. bread or produce bag), pouch or overwrap before placing them in the box.



For a detailed list of accepted flexible plastics visit [recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca)

## NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Garbage bags
- ✗ Cellophane wrap for floral arrangements, etc.
- ✗ Plastic squeeze tubes, plastic-lined paper
- ✗ Paper-lined plastic, plastic strapping, hard plastic containers
- ✗ 6-pack rings, biodegradable plastic, vinyl



## Want to recycle something not included here?

Search Recycle BC's Waste Wizard or download a full material list at [RecycleBC.ca](http://RecycleBC.ca).  
If the item you'd like to recycle is not accepted by Recycle BC, please contact the Recycling Council of BC at [RCBC.ca](http://RCBC.ca) for more information.

## Unused Medication

Empty medication containers (e.g. pills, capsules, liquid) are accepted by Recycle BC. Unused or expired medication and anything containing sharps can be safely disposed of by returning them to community pharmacies. For more information or to find the nearest pharmacy, please visit [www.healthsteward.ca](http://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 (e.g. propane and helium tanks/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

## NOT ACCEPTED



- ✗ Non-paper gift wrap, foil wrap, cards or paper with glitter
- ✗ Paper envelopes with plastic lining, bubble-wrap lining, or plastic padding
- ✗ Oversized cardboard and cardboard that has not been flattened
- ✗ Bags and boxes with foil liners
- ✗ Rubber bands, ribbons and bows
- ✗ Paper towels, napkins and tissues
- ✗ Foil or plastic lined paper bags

## NOT ACCEPTED



- ✗ Foam packaging
- ✗ Chip bags and candy wrappers
- ✗ Stand-up pouches
- ✗ Packaging labeled biodegradable or compostable
- ✗ Wiring, metal cords, and hardware
- ✗ Clothing, textiles and shoes
- ✗ Food and yard waste