

RECYCLING GIVES MATERIALS A SECOND LIFE

By working together with residents and partners, our program is recycling materials as responsibly and locally as possible.

PLASTICS

Plastics are processed in Metro Vancouver, creating pellets for new products like containers, pipes and planter pots.



METALS

Metals are sold to end markets across North America and recycled into new packaging and sheet metal.



GLASS

Most collected glass stays in BC and is processed into new bottles and jars, sandblast material and construction aggregate.



PAPER

Much of the paper collected is sold to mills across North America and recycled into new products like cardboard boxes, paperboard packaging and tissue.



Learn more at RecycleBC.ca/recycling-process



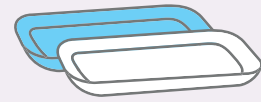
DROP-OFF ONLY

TAKE TO RECYCLING DEPOT

Not accepted in your Paper, Containers, Glass, or Flexible Plastics carts



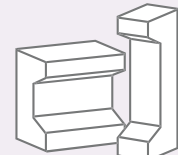
FOAM PACKAGING



Foam meat trays (remove absorbent pad)



Foam containers and cups



Foam cushion packaging used to protect electronics, etc.

* Blue or pink foam insulation, packing chips and peanuts

* Squishy or flexible foam and foam noodles

Want to recycle something not included here?

Search Recycle BC's Waste Wizard or download a full material list at 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 for more information.

Unused Medication

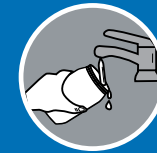
Empty medication containers (e.g. pills, capsules, liquid) are accepted by Recycle BC. Unused or expired medication and anything containing sharps can be safely disposed by returning them to community pharmacies. For more information or to find the nearest pharmacy, please visit www.healthsteward.ca.

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 (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

Follow these guidelines to keep recyclable materials out of the landfill!

- 1 **Don't toss shredded paper.** Contain it inside a paper bag or box before putting it in your paper recycling cart.
- 2 **Keep it clean.** Empty and rinse all containers to prevent contamination of recyclable materials and avoid attracting pests and wildlife when you put them out for collection.
- 3 **Flatten and cut.** If your cardboard is too large for your paper recycling cart, flatten and cut it down into smaller pieces so it fits.
- 4 **Bag flexible plastics.** Contain flexible plastics inside a larger pouch, plastic bag, or overwrap, then put them in the cart.
- 5 **Connect with us.** Download our app, email us at info@recyclebc.ca, or connect with us on social media @RecycleBC.



? RECYCLING COLLECTION QUESTIONS?

Waste Control Services is Recycle BC's multi-family collection partner in West Vancouver. They can answer questions about collection zones, missed pick-ups, holiday schedules, or recycling carts.

Waste Control Services | 778-589-3223 | recyclebc@wastecontrolservices.com

For information on garbage or green waste collection services, please contact the District of West Vancouver (604-925-7176).

NEARBY DEPOTS

London Drugs - Park Royal
875 Park Royal North
West Vancouver
604-448-4844

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

Download the app!



View your collection schedule, sign up for recycling reminders, see depot locations, and search materials using the Waste Wizard.

RecycleBC.ca/App

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 over 1,300 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and paper to BC residents, shifting costs away from homeowners.

Find your nearest depot location at:

RecycleBC.ca/Depots @RecycleBC



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Paper made from recycled material
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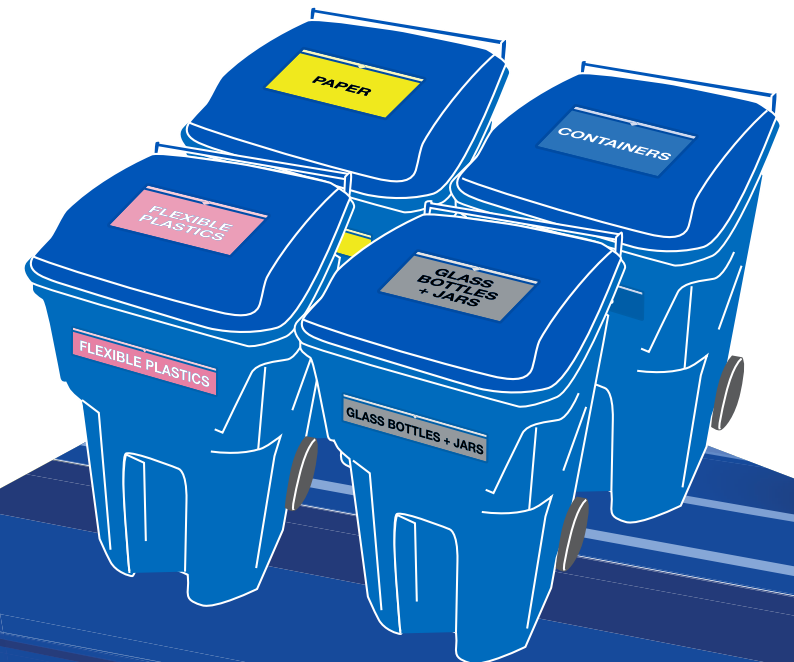


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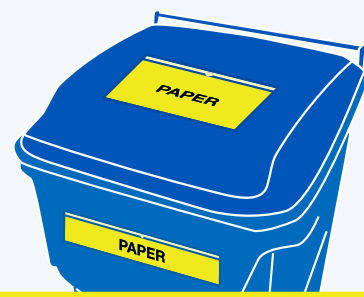
West Vancouver Multi-Family Buildings



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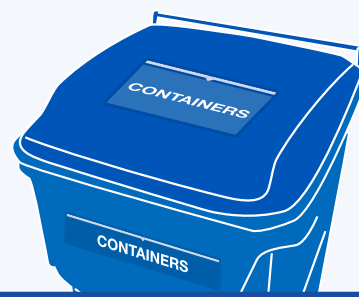
PAPER

Clean and dry paper only
Cut excess cardboard into smaller pieces to fit inside cart



CONTAINERS

Empty and rinse containers



GLASS

Glass bottles and jars only
Empty and rinse before placing in cart



WHAT HAPPENS TO MY RECYCLING?



Recycling keeps valuable materials in use and out of landfills.

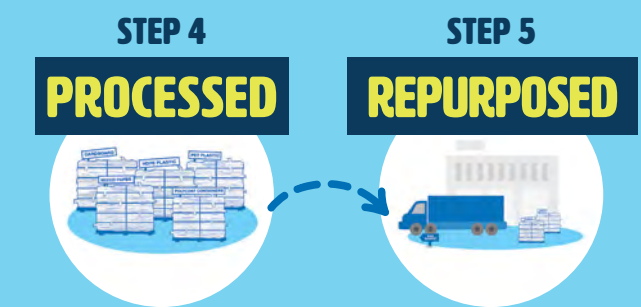
Here's a simple look at what happens after you bring your recycling to the curb.



Specialized trucks collect materials from homes and depots.

The collected materials are dropped off at sorting facilities.

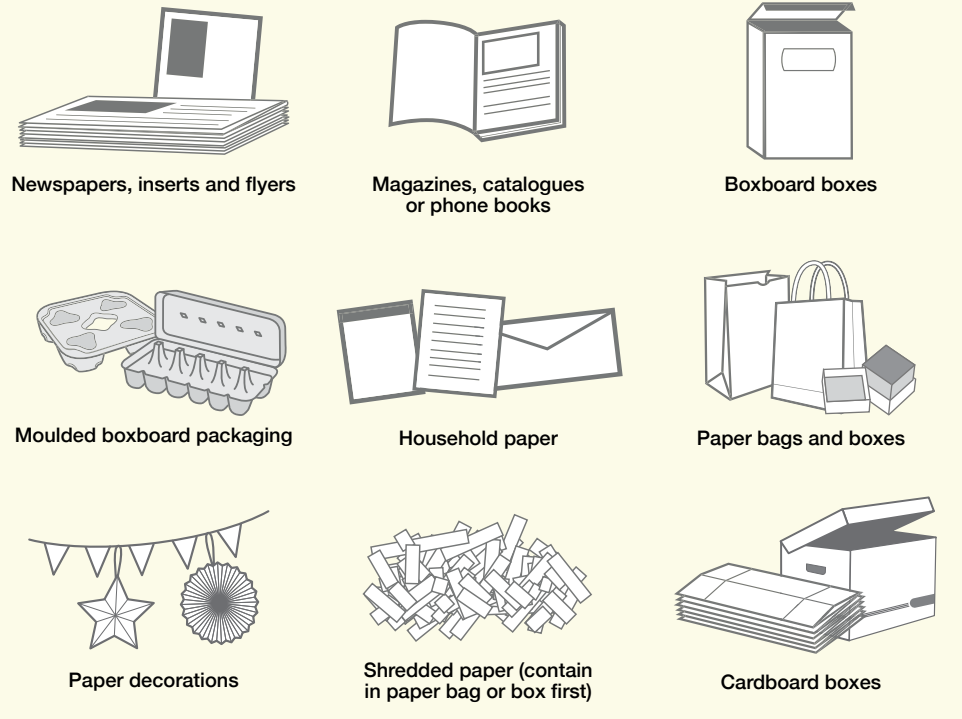
At our facilities, recyclables are further sorted by material — separating paper, metal, cardboard and plastic resin types to ensure proper recycling.



Sorted recyclables are compressed into bundles, with 80% (2024) sent to North American end markets to be processed into raw materials.

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

For example, plastics are shredded into flakes and made into pellets.



- ✓ 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.



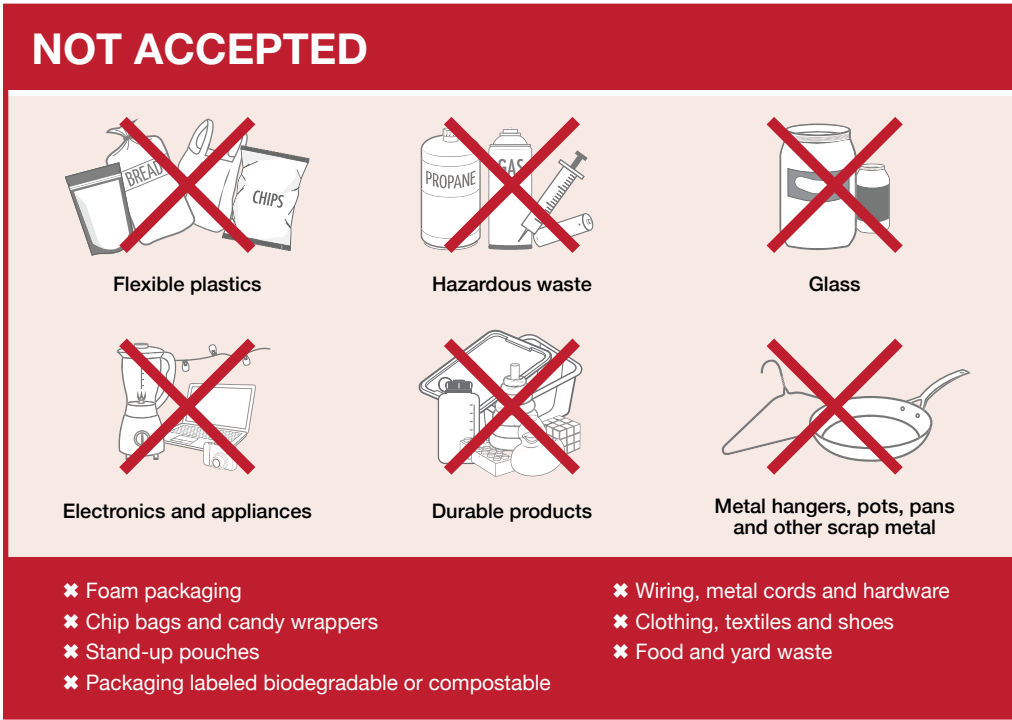
NOT ACCEPTED

For a detailed list of accepted flexible plastics visit recyclebc.ca

- ✗ 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



- ✗ 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



- ✗ 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