

# Plastic Bags and Overwrap



## ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

- ▶ Plastic bags for groceries, dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers
- ▶ Bags for produce, pre-washed salad, dry bulk foods and frozen vegetables
- ▶ Overwrap on mattresses, furniture and electronic equipment from households
- ▶ Outer bags and wrap for diaper and feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues and soft drink can flats
- ▶ Bags for water softener salt, wood pellets and garden products used in households

## REMEMBER:

- ▶ Empty bags of paper receipts and food residue
- ▶ Stuff into one bag and tie firmly
- ▶ Cut off or remove metal grommets, rope drawstrings and non-plastics items from plastic bags

## DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Crinkly cellophane wrap, e.g. for tea, floral arrangements, etc.
- ✗ Kitchen stretch wrap or plastic wrap for meat, poultry, fish, cheese, etc.
- ✗ Zipper-lock bags; chip or snack bags
- ✗ Plastic shipping envelopes; bubble packaging
- ✗ Plastic bags labelled biodegradable or compostable
- ✗ Multi-layer, laminated plastic packaging, e.g. for bacon, deli meats, cheese slices, etc.
- ✗ Lumber or construction wrap
- ✗ Garbage bags (any colour)

# Plastic Foam Packaging



## ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

- ▶ Plastic foam containers, trays for food
- ▶ Cushion packaging used to protect electronics, small appliances, used in households

## REMEMBER:

- ▶ Remove labels, tape, paper and cardboard
- ▶ Remove food residue and liquid-absorbing pads
- ▶ **Please separate coloured and white plastic foam**

## DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Packing chips, peanuts or foam noodles
- ✗ Blue or pink foam board insulation

# Glass Bottles and Jars



## ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

- ▶ Clear and coloured non-deposit glass bottles and jars

## REMEMBER:

- ▶ Empty and rinse; labels OK
- ▶ Recycle lids; place loose with other containers
- ▶ Return deposit containers for refund

## DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Drinking glasses, dishes, cookware, whole or broken window glass or mirrors, ceramic products

## DEPOT RECYCLING GUIDE

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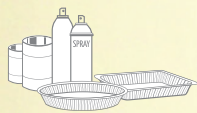
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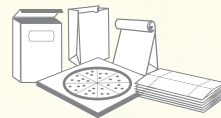
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Aluminum Containers



Paper Packaging containing liquids when sold



Paper Packaging containing dry goods when sold



Plastic Containers



Steel Packaging



Printed Paper

## Container Recycling

FOLLOW SORTING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE DEPOT

### ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

- ▶ Paper hot and cold beverage cups, milk cartons, aseptic boxes and cartons, e.g., soups, sauces; frozen dessert boxes, e.g., ice cream
- ▶ Metal cans and lids
- ▶ Aerosol cans and caps
- ▶ Microwavable bowls and cups
- ▶ Spiral wound paper cans and lids, e.g., frozen juice concentrate
- ▶ Aluminum foil wrap, aluminum take-out containers
- ▶ Plastic bottles, jugs and jars with caps and lids
- ▶ Plastic clamshells, e.g., for baked goods, fruit, eggs; trays and tops; tubs and lids
- ▶ Plastic cold drink cups and lids
- ▶ Plastic garden plant pots and seedling trays
- ▶ Plastic pails, less than 25L, e.g., for laundry detergent, pet food, etc.

### REMEMBER:

- ▶ Empty and rinse containers; labels OK
- ▶ Remove caps, pumps and lids, place loose with containers
- ▶ Put metal lids inside cans and squeeze slightly
- ▶ Return deposit containers for refund

### DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Glass, plastic bags and overwrap or foam containers
- ✗ Straws, non-paper insulating wraps
- ✗ Foil-lined take-out containers and lids
- ✗ Microwavable bowls with metal rims
- ✗ Propane tanks or cylinders
- ✗ Steel or plastic paint cans
- ✗ Bottles for motor oil, vehicle lubricants, pesticides or antifreeze products
- ✗ Pails for lubricants and oils
- ✗ Aerosol cans with any contents remaining
- ✗ Coat hangers, pots, pans or baking trays
- ✗ Appliances; hardware or other scrap metal; wiring, metal cords or extension cords
- ✗ Chip or foil bags; foil wrap with paper, e.g., butter, cigarettes; stand-up pouches
- ✗ Liquid absorbing pads; kitchen stretch wrap or plastic wrap for meat, poultry, fish, cheese, etc.
- ✗ Blister packs, e.g., plastic/foil protective packaging for chewing gum and pills or plastic/paper packaging for batteries, toothbrushes, etc.
- ✗ Packaging labelled as biodegradable or compostable
- ✗ Ceramic pots, lawn edging, tarps, plastic furniture, garden hoses, string or rope
- ✗ Metal or plastic toys
- ✗ Pails larger than 25L

## Paper Recycling

FOLLOW SORTING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE DEPOT

### ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

- ▶ Newspapers, inserts, flyers, catalogues, magazines, telephone books  
REMEMBER: Remove plastic wraps
- ▶ Household paper, paper gift wrap, greeting cards
- ▶ Boxboard boxes  
REMEMBER: Remove liners and flatten
- ▶ Moulded boxboard, e.g., egg cartons, beverage carry-out trays
- ▶ Paper bags with single and multiple paper or plastic layers, e.g., for pet food, flour, etc.  
REMEMBER: No foil layer
- ▶ Shredded paper  
REMEMBER: Tie shredded paper firmly in a clear plastic bag (no opaque, coloured or black bags)
- ▶ Corrugated cardboard  
REMEMBER: Remove plastic wrap from cardboard flats and flatten
- ▶ Paper towel and toilet tissue cores

### DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers
- ✗ Rubber bands
- ✗ Hardcover or paperback books
- ✗ Paper towels, napkins or tissues
- ✗ Non-paper gift wrap, e.g. foil, ribbons or bows
- ✗ Musical greeting cards with batteries
- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Boxes with wax coatings, e.g., grocery shipping boxes
- ✗ Bags with a foil layer, boxes with a foil liner

## ABOUT MULTI-MATERIAL BC

On May 19, 2014, businesses that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents became responsible for collecting and managing these materials so they can be recycled. Multi-Material BC (MMBC), a non-profit organization working on behalf of these businesses, is responsible for residential recycling programs in many areas across BC. MMBC is delivering the program either directly or by working with local governments, First Nations, private companies and not-for-profit organizations. Learn more about MMBC at [www.multimaterialbc.ca](http://www.multimaterialbc.ca)

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For a full list of MMBC depots visit [www.RecyclingInBC.ca](http://www.RecyclingInBC.ca)

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