

CONFUSED ABOUT HOW TO RECYCLE PLASTICS?

Residents have been asking what to do with various types of plastics, and we know some of the items can be confusing! This plastic recyclables reference sheet provides some quick & simple guidance on how to properly recycle plastics.

Residents on the City's Curbside Collection Program are part of a provincial recycling program, which separates recyclable plastics into three categories:

- 1 Hard plastic packaging and containers, accepted in curbside recycling.
- 2 Soft, stretchy plastic bags and overwrap, accepted at depots for recycling.
- 3 Other flexible plastic packaging, accepted at depots for recycling.

Why are we sorting?

Keeping the plastic bags and overwrap free of other types of plastics allows them to be recycled to the highest possible use (they can be processed into pellets that meet North American specifications for new products and packaging). It also avoids having the plastic bags/overwrap impact the recyclables sorting process by getting caught up in the equipment. Other flexible plastic packaging is lower quality and cannot be recycled with other plastics.



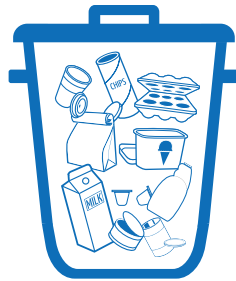
1 ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING



- ✓ Plastic take-out cups



- ✓ Un-numbered rigid plastic packaging (paper backing removed)



- ✓ Plastic bottles, jugs and caps



- ✓ Plastic jars and lids



- ✓ Plastic garden pots and trays



- ✓ Plastic pails for household products (less than 25 L)



- ✓ Plastic tubs and lids



- ✓ Plastic clamshells, trays and tops

TAKE TO THE DEPOT

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- ✓ Plastic bags for groceries, dry cleaning, bread, newspapers, flyers, etc.
- ✓ Soft and stretchy bags for produce, dry bulk foods, garden products, wood pellets, etc.
- ✓ Outer bags and wrap for diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues, soft drink can flats, etc.
- ✓ Overwrap on mattresses, furniture, electronic equipment, etc.

Locations: Chilliwack and Sardis Bottle Depots, Bailey and Emterra Depots, and London Drugs.



Bottle Depots also accept refundable beverage containers and many other items for recycling.

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- ✓ Kitchen stretch wrap and zipper-lock bags
- ✓ Multi-layer, laminated plastic packaging, e.g. for bacon, deli meats, cheese slices, pet food, etc.
- ✓ Stand up plastic pouches (often have zipper-lock tops), eg. for soup, trail mix, etc.
- ✓ Crinkly, non-stretchy cellophane wrappers and bags, e.g. for cereal, salad, tea, candy, chips, floral arrangements, etc.
- ✓ Plastic shipping envelopes and bubble packaging

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GOES INTO THE GARBAGE



- ✓ Plastic garbage bags and bags labelled biodegradable or compostable

- ✓ Lumber or construction wrap
- ✓ Non-packaging plastics, eg. broken hangers, non-electric toys, etc.