

Not sure where an item belongs?



Scan here for our What Goes Where waste wizard



Contamination occurs when items are placed in the wrong cart. This can result in missed collections and added costs that may increase utility fees. Sort carefully, and if you're unsure where an item belongs, check this Recycling Guide or use the What Goes Where waste wizard. Be Cart Smart. Recycle Right!



Help reduce contamination and keep collection service running smoothly and affordable for everyone.

These materials are **ACCEPTED** in your curbside recycling cart

PAPER CONTAINERS



- Paper cups
- Cream, molasses, sugar, etc. (gable-top cartons)
- Aseptic boxes or cartons (tetra paks)
- Frozen dessert boxes
- Paper plates

PAPER



- Newspapers & flyers
- Magazines & catalogues
- Telephone books & directories
- Writing paper & correspondence
- Notepads, looseleaf paper, white or coloured computer copier & printer paper, plain & window envelopes
- Shredded paper in paper bag or box

CARDBOARD & BOXBOARD



- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cardboard/boxboard (cereal box)
- Moulded boxboard packaging (egg cartons)
- Paper bags (kraft paper)
- Multi-layer paper bags
- Purchased gift bags, boxes
- Paper party decorations
- Non-durable paper food containers
- Disposable paper hangers

PLASTIC CUPS, BOWLS & POTS



- Disposable plastic cold drink cups with lids
- Plastic plant pots & saucers
- Plastic pails for laundry detergent, ice cream, pet food, etc, less than 25 litres
- Microwavable bowls & cups

ALUMINUM FOIL



- Disposable aluminum foil trays
- Aluminum foil wrap
- Aluminum foil bags

PLASTIC CONTAINERS



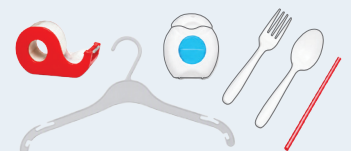
- Wide mouth plastic jars & screw top lids
- Plastic bottles & jugs with screw caps
- Clear containers or black bottom trays with clear domes
- Plastic tubs & lids (margarine, yogurt)
- Clear plastic clamshells
- For single-use coffee and tea pods: lids & filter (garbage), grounds (**organics**), emptied & rinsed pods (**recycling**)

METAL CONTAINERS



- Spiral wound cans & metal lids
- Steel food cans & lids
- Aluminum food cans & lids
- Metal storage containers - thin gauge
- Empty cosmetic, beauty & health product aerosol containers (e.g. shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray, sunscreen, etc.) & empty, non-flammable, aerosol containers for food, air fresheners, cleaning products, etc.

OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS



- Plastic, lightweight, department store disposable hangers
- Plastic straws, stir sticks & cutlery
- Plastic gift boxes
- Plastic tape dispensers
- Plastic dental floss container
- Non-durable plastic containers

All recycling materials should be free of debris and rinsed clean

These materials are **NOT ACCEPTED** in your curbside recycling cart

\$ RECYCLE RIGHT! Offending households may be fined \$500 per occurrence of non-compliance



FLEXIBLE PLASTICS ARE NOT ACCEPTED in curbside recycling carts. Empty or rinse & take to a RECYCLING DEPOT.

PLASTIC BAGS & OVERWRAP



- Grocery, produce & bread bags
- Wrap on water & soft drinks
- Overwrap on paper towel, toilet paper, etc.

FLEXIBLE PACKAGING WITH PLASTIC SEAL



- Fresh pasta, deli meat & cheese

SINGLE-USE, SHRINK WRAP & PACKAGING-LIKE PRODUCT



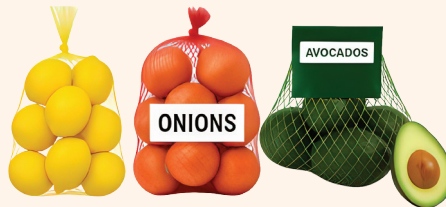
- Clean drop sheets, single-use & reusable bags, reusable plastic shopping bags, squishy cushion packaging, bubble wrap, plastic wrap & shrink wrap

STAND-UP & ZIPPER LOCK POUCHES



- Frozen foods, granola, dried fruit & nuts, candy, grated cheese, oatmeal, sugar, rice, coffee, hand soap, baby food, grapes, deli meats & pet food

WOVEN & NET PLASTIC BAGS



- Onions, lemons, limes, avocado, rice & nuts

CRINKLY WRAPPERS



- Chips, candy, dried pasta, cereal, cookies, wet wipe dispensers, individual cheese slice wrappers

PLASTIC, NON-STRETCHABLE WRAPPERS



- Cheese wrappers, vacuum seal packaging, plastic safety seals on bottles & jars, plastic inner liner on yogurt container

These items are accepted at the following locations:

Hours and materials accepted will vary



Regional Recycling Centers

2375 Hayes Road, Nanaimo
839 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo



Pop-up Recycling Depot

1080 Industrial Way,
Parksville



GIRO

700 Tin Can Alley,
Gabriola Island
*some fees may apply



Scan the QR code to sign up for our weekly collection reminders and learn about upcoming Pop-Up Depot dates



THINK BEFORE YOU THROW!

Repair, reuse, repurpose or donate whenever possible

When these items can no longer be used, keep them out of your curbside recycling cart and dispose of them as shown below.



TAKE TO A RECYCLING DEPOT

**FOAM PACKAGING,
WRAP, TAKE-OUT
CONTAINERS, EGG
CARTONS, MEAT TRAYS**



**ELECTRONICS
& SMALL
APPLIANCES**



**GLASS BOTTLES
& JARS**



**SCRAP
METAL**



LIGHTBULBS



GOES IN CURBSIDE GARBAGE CART

**DURABLE &
RIGID PLASTICS**



**PLASTIC & METAL
SQUEEZE TUBES**



**MULTI-LAYER
PAPER BAGS
WITH FOIL OR
PLASTIC
LINING**



**TISSUES, DIAPERS
& PERSONAL CARE
PRODUCTS**

! For safety and hygiene, used tissues, diapers and personal care products go in the garbage.



**HARD & SOFT
COVER BOOKS**



WAX & PARCHMENT PAPERS



! Waxed and parchment paper can't be recycled or placed in the organics cart because their wax or silicone coatings contaminate recycling and composting processes.

**UNUSABLE CLOTHING
& TEXTILES**

Donate clothing and textiles whenever possible.



GOES IN CURBSIDE ORGANICS CART



! **FOOD & YARD WASTE**
never go in the recycling
or garbage cart

Food soiled paper towels and food soiled pizza boxes go in organics, not recycling.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

are NOT ACCEPTED in curbside carts



Items such as batteries, chemicals and sharps can cause fires, damage equipment, disrupt collection services and create safety hazards for workers and the public. They may also affect the quality of collected materials and pose risks to the environment.

Check the WHAT GOES WHERE waste wizard to find the proper drop-off location or Stewardship Partner and dispose of hazardous waste safely

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



BEAR SPRAY



HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Remove batteries from toys, electronics, tools & other devices before recycling them



CELL PHONES & LAPTOPS



E-CIGARETTES & VAPES



OTHER HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

SINGLE-USE PROPANE TANKS



FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS



HAZARDOUS CLEANING PRODUCTS

Cleaning products must be disposed of properly through the Regional District of Nanaimo's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program to prevent injury to collection and recycling staff, protect the environment and avoid contamination of recycling streams. For information on accepted materials and disposal options, visit rdn.bc.ca/hhw. Emptied cleaning product containers may be placed in curbside recycling (excluding containers marked combustible, flammable or very flammable).



NEEDLES & SYRINGES

Needles and syringes are the top safety risk for recycling sorting staff. Never place sharps in your curbside carts. Return them to a pharmacy in a labelled, sealed container.



Use the **What Goes Where** waste wizard to find disposal options for hazardous household products and other difficult-to-dispose-of items. Visit rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where or scan the QR code for guidance.