

# Did you know?

Every year, product stewardship programs in BC recover approximately

## 400 Million

KILOGRAMS OF MATERIALS

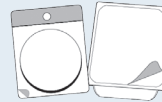
Everything from appliances, electronics, light bulbs, medicines and used oil can be recycled free of charge.



Did you know the following items are considered **Other Flexible Plastic Packaging** and can be returned to a depot?



Candy wrappers and bags



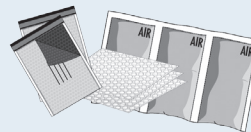
Flexible packaging with plastic seal



Zipper lock and stand-up pouches



Woven plastic bags



Non-food protective packaging

Keep **Plastic Bags and Overwrap** separate from **Other Flexible Plastic Packaging** to make your visit to the depot quick and easy

### Characteristics of Plastic Bags and Overwrap vs. Other Flexible Plastic Packaging

#### Plastic Bags and Overwrap



Can poke your thumb through it



Not crinkly



Single material

#### Other Flexible Plastic Packaging



Doesn't stretch



Crinkly



Foil lining



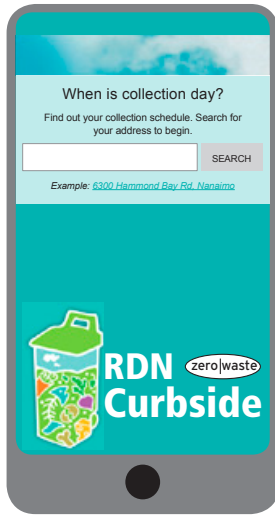
# WHAT GOES WHERE



## Not Sure What Goes Where?

Download the **RDN Curbside App** or Access Online

Use the "What Goes Where?" feature to search for recycling options for hundreds of items.



For more information visit [rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where](http://rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where)

## RDN Solid Waste Services

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# FOOD WASTE

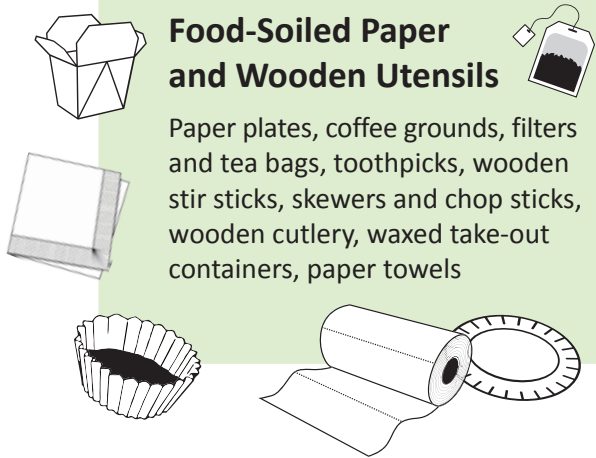
## Food Products

Pasta and grains, fruits and vegetables, meats, poultry, bones, dairy products, sauces, household plants, cut and dried flowers



## Food-Soiled Paper and Wooden Utensils

Paper plates, coffee grounds, filters and tea bags, toothpicks, wooden stir sticks, skewers and chop sticks, wooden cutlery, waxed take-out containers, paper towels



### DO YOUR PART

Rinse your green bin frequently to avoid odours

If you are lining your bin, use newspaper or purchase compostable bags (must have certified compostable logo)



# RECYCLING



## Paper Products and Packaging

Boxboard, cardboard, paper cups, paper egg cartons, paper food bags, Tetra Pak® containers, magazines, phone books, greeting cards, newspaper, flyers, envelopes, pizza boxes



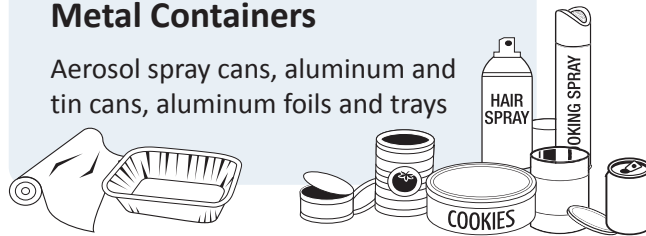
## Plastic Containers

Milk jugs, plastic beverage containers, clamshell packaging, food tubs, jars, lids



## Metal Containers

Aerosol spray cans, aluminum and tin cans, aluminum foils and trays



### DO YOUR PART

Flatten large corrugated boxes and tie in bundles no larger than 8" thick (20 cm) X 30" wide (78 cm) X 30" tall (78 cm)

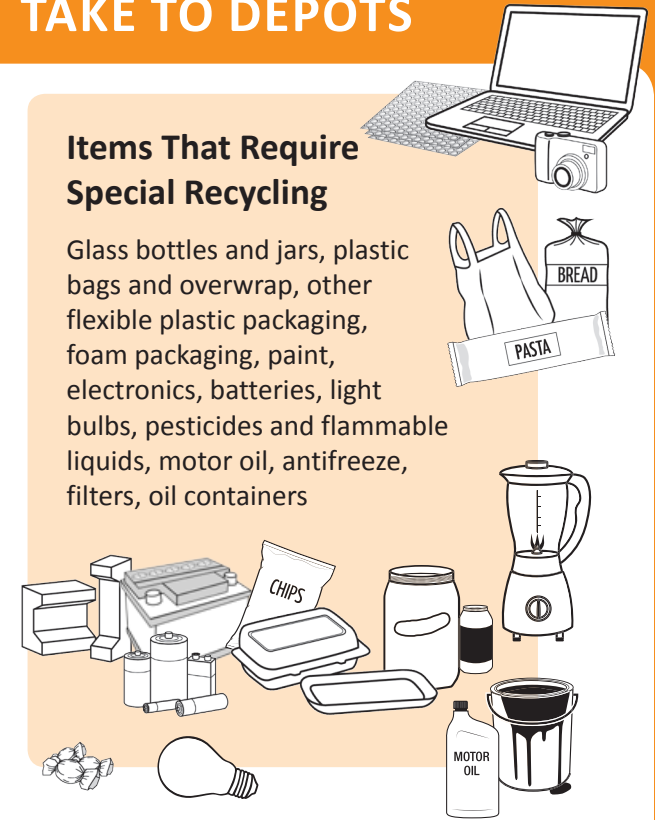
Empty boxboard boxes of leftover food and remove plastic/paper liners

Empty/rinse containers

# TAKE TO DEPOTS

## Items That Require Special Recycling

Glass bottles and jars, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, foam packaging, paint, electronics, batteries, light bulbs, pesticides and flammable liquids, motor oil, antifreeze, filters, oil containers



### DO YOUR PART

Sort your material prior to visiting the depot to make it quick and easy.

**Not sure if an item is accepted at your local depot?**

Look it up at [rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where](http://rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where) or download the RDN Curbside App

## Be Aware of Non-Recyclables

Items like biodegradable plastic products, plastic squeeze tubes, hardcover or paperback books, non-paper gift wrap, plastic straws are not accepted for recycling – throw in your garbage.