

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Expanded recycling program means more materials can be collected at the curb

#### Summary

Expanded curbside recycling is now in effect. More than 10 new items can now be collected at the curb, including: Paper cups, milk cartons, aerosol cans, plastic clam shells, plastic drink cups and plant pots. Please note that grocery bags are no longer accepted in curbside recycling. Instead, plastic bags, and other "film plastics" can be taken to depots.

You can also recycle glass and Styrofoam at depots such as the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.

Under the new program, residents are no longer required to separate paper, everything can now go in one container. The City provides yellow bags for this; you may also choose to use a rigid container (clearly marked).

Please note that garbage and kitchen waste collections are unchanged.

Multi Material BC (MMBC) subsidizes the recycling service provided by the City of Nanaimo. MMBC is a non for profit organization, funded by producers of printed paper and packaging (PPP) to collect and process residential recycling. This province wide initiative means that the cost of recycling is shifted from the consumer to the producer. As curbside recycling in Nanaimo is now paid for by the producers of PPP all residents in Nanaimo will see a \$35 reduction in their user rates.

For more information visit [www.recycling2014.ca](http://www.recycling2014.ca)

*Strategic Link:* The expanded recycling program supports the City's ongoing commitment to sustainability; through recycling more at the curb we take more responsibility for the protection of our environment.

#### Key Points

- More than ten new items can be recycled at the curb.
- The additions include: paper beverage cups, milk and cream cartons, aerosol cans, spiral wound paper cans and lids, plastic clam shells and plastic plant pots and seedling trays.
- Plastic grocery bags are no longer accepted in curbside recycling. These can be taken to recycling depots like the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange. Glass and Styrofoam can also be recycled at these depots.
- All of your recycling, including newspapers, can be placed in your yellow bag. Alternatively, you may wish to use a clearly marked rigid container.

#### Quotes

"City of Nanaimo residents can now recycle more at the curbside for less cost. Here in Nanaimo we already divert almost 70 per cent of our waste from the landfill through recycling and composting. The new initiative means we can build on this success. I hope residents make the most of this opportunity and choose to recycle more."

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