

YES! Recycle these at the curb



MIXED PAPER



EMPTY AEROSOL CANS & CAPS
(no spray paint cans)



CARDBOARD &
BOXBOARD



PAPER BEVERAGE
CUPS & LIDS



TIN, ALUMINUM
CONTAINERS & FOIL



PAPER PACKAGING THAT
CONTAINED LIQUIDS



PLASTIC BOTTLES,
CONTAINERS & TUBS
(less than 25L)



PLASTIC GARDEN PLANT
POTS & TRAYS



MAGAZINES &
TELEPHONE BOOKS
(no books)

NO! Don't recycle these at the curb

**These items, and dozens more, can be recycled at recycling depots.*



PLASTIC BAGS
& OVERWRAP*



GLASS CONTAINERS
& JARS*



STYROFOAM*



OLD CLOTHING
& TEXTILES



ELECTRONICS*



BATTERIES*



AEROSOL CANS THAT
CONTAINED PAINT OR
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS*



CHIP/FOIL BAGS
(garbage only)



USED DIAPERS
(garbage only)

Recycling Tips for Your Yellow Bag

- Place recyclables into your YELLOW Bag loose. Do not tie in bags.
Exception: shredded paper must be contained in a clear plastic bag or paper bag.
- Ensure recyclables are clean.
- Remove all caps, lids and spray nozzles. Plastic caps and lids can be added into the tote once separated.
- Place at the curb by 8 AM on your collection day.
- Flatten containers to save as much space as possible.
- No hazardous materials.



Don't Put Depot Items in Your Curbside Recycling Because...

- Glass breaks.
- Plastic bags tangle.
- Styrofoam crumbles.

These items contaminate the whole load meaning it may need to be landfilled. If you can't make it to the depot, please place them in your garbage.

Curbside inspection FAQs

What is a curbside recycling inspection?

Curbside recycling inspections are our way of helping you to reduce contamination. We understand that there is some confusion about what can go in the recycling. By taking a look inside curbside recycling bags we will be able to identify which residents need a little extra help.

Why are we doing curbside inspections?

Recent recycling audits indicate that contamination levels of contamination in our curbside recycling loads are increasing. Contamination rates as high as 14% have been recorded. This is a big problem because it can mean that whole loads of recycling have to be landfilled.

What are the most common forms of contamination in curbside recycling?

Film plastic (for example grocery bags, ziplock bags, plastic wrappers), Styrofoam, glass, books, scrap metal and textiles.

What happens if contamination is not reduced?

If contamination levels are not reduced to 3% or less we may be subject to fines from Multi Material BC (MMBC). MMBC is the provincial organisation who contracts the City to collect recycling. They pay us to collect clean, easily sortable materials that can be made into high value products.

When and how will the inspections be conducted?

Inspections will be conducted during November and December and again in spring 2017. Areas all recycling routes will be inspected. If our inspector finds contamination, a sticker will be left and the contaminants will be pulled out and left at the side of the bag. We will also speak with the resident if they are at home.

What will the recycling collectors do?

Your recycling collector will also look for contamination. Like the inspector, they will remove any contamination and leave it to the side with a reminder sticker. They will make a note of the address. If they find contamination again at the next collection time they will leave the all the recycling behind and a ticker will be left to inform the resident why this has occurred.

What can I do if my recyclables are not picked up?

If you have limited space to store your recycling you can remove the contaminants and take the materials to a local recycling depot. Alternatively, the contaminants can be removed and the remaining materials can be put at the curb for pickup on your next recycling collection day. There is no limit to the amount of recyclables that can be picked up at the curb provided the containers are clearly marked as recyclables.

