



You can now recycle over 76 new items.

Styrofoam? Yep, bring it down. Aluminum foil and pie plates? Of course. How about my kids' zippered snack pouches? Don't throw them out, we'd be happy to recycle them. We want to reduce the amount of waste that gets stuffed back into the Earth and increase the number of items that we can recycle into new products that benefit the global community.

Save your tax dollars.

The way your tax dollars are spent is very important to you, and we love that. We are always searching to find new ways to save them wisely. Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling throughout British Columbia. Recycle BC is funded by producers, like retailers and manufacturers that supply packaging and paper product to BC residents, keeping the costs away from homeowners. By adopting the Recycle BC program, the Regional District of East Kootenay is compensated per tonne directly from Recycle BC. Our yellow bin system is paid for by the tonne through the Regional District's solid waste budget.

What about all those Yellow Bins?

You will indeed still see the Yellow Bins hanging around, including in the rural areas. They still have a purpose in life and aren't all getting sent out to pasture. When recycling at a Yellow Bin, please follow the guidelines posted on that bin. Since the Yellow Bin system and the Invermere curbside recycling program don't have access to the same markets, you will need to use the Recycle BC Depot at the Invermere Transfer Station in order to access these new recycling opportunities.

When & where?

The Recycle BC Depot for the Columbia Valley is located at the Invermere Transfer Station in Athalmer on Industrial 1 Rd. The RDEK also has Recycle BC Depots at the Cranbrook Transfer Station, the Kimberley Transfer Station, the Elkford Transfer Station, the Sparwood Transfer Station and the Fernie Transfer Station.

Recycling is moving FORWARD in the Columbia Valley

You've got questions? Great, we've got answers.

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PAPER & CARDBOARD PRODUCTS



YES.

- Newspapers/flyers
- Magazines/catalogues
- Office paper/envelopes
- Paper gift wrap/greeting cards
- Corrugated cardboard
- Boxboard (cereal/shoe/tissue/etc. boxes)
- Paper towel roll cores
- Moulded boxboard (take-out containers, egg cartons, etc.)
- Kraft paper (paper grocery bags, envelopes, etc.)
- Multi layered paper bags (sugar, flour, etc.)
- Pizza boxes

NOPE.

- Coated paper cups (hot or cold)
- Cartons and boxes for milk and milk substitutes
- Frozen dessert boxes
- Hardcover or paperback books (donate 'em)
- Ribbons/bows
- Musical greeting cards
- Wax coated cardboard boxes
- Foil gift wrap/bags
- Foil/paper layered bags
- Plastic/paper layered bags
- Paper towels/tissue/napkins
- Straws
- Juice cartons and boxes (return for refund)

FLEXIBLE PACKAGING



YES.

- Zippered pouches
- Frozen food bags
- Deli meat packaging
- Stand-up pouches
- Potato chip bags
- Cheese slice wrappers
- Candy bar wrappers
- Net bags (avocados, onions, etc.)
- Cereal bags
- Pasta bags
- Padded mailers
- Bubble wrap/air packets
- Woven plastic bags (rice, etc.)
- Pet food bags
- Baby food pouches

NOPE.

- Plastic squeeze tubes
- Plastic lined paper (laminated)
- Plastic strapping
- Stretch wrap/cling wrap
- 6-pack rings
- Biodegradable plastic
- PVC/vinyl
- Squishy foam

CONTAINERS



YES.

- Coated paper cups (hot or cold)
- Cartons and boxes for milk and milk substitutes
- Frozen dessert boxes
- Soup containers (tin and carton)
- Milk jugs
- Containers for food products (oil, vinegar, condiments, etc.)
- Detergent/fabric softener jugs
- Body care product containers
- Plastic take-away clamshells
- Plastic cold drink cups
- Plastic garden pots/trays
- Plastic pails less than 25L
- Microwavable containers
- Rigid plastic packaging
- Margarine/yogurt/sour cream cottage cheese tubs
- Plastic jars (peanut butter, jam, vitamins, nuts, etc.)
- Single use coffee/tea pods (empty with lid removed)
- Black bottom/clear top deli trays
- Aluminum cans/lids
- Aluminum foil wrap/containers
- Empty aerosol containers (not spray paint)
- Steel food cans/cookie tins

NOPE.

- Motor oil, vehicle lubricant or antifreeze containers
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic/foil blister packs
- Lawn edging or tarps
- Biodegradable/compostible packaging
- Garden hoses
- Plastic paint containers
- Pails larger than 25L
- Aluminum drink containers (return for refund)
- Spray paint cans
- Propane cylinders
- Foil lined cardboard containers
- Coat hangers
- Paint cans
- Metal hardware or scrap metal

PLASTIC BAGS & OVERWRAP



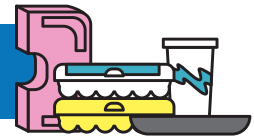
YES.

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bulk food bags
- Water softener salt bags
- Driveway salt bags
- Garden soil/manure bags
- Mattress overwrap
- Frozen food bags (non-zippered)
- Outer bags for paper towels/toilet paper
- Outer wrap for soft drink can flats

NOPE.

- Plastic squeeze tubes
- Plastic lined paper (laminated)
- Plastic strapping
- Stretch wrap/cling wrap
- 6-pack rings
- Biodegradable plastic
- PVC/vinyl
- Squishy foam

COLOURED/PRINTED STYROFOAM



YES.

- Foam meat trays
- Foam produce trays
- Foam egg cartons
- Coloured foam packaging
- Printed foam cups
- Printed foam take-out containers
- Printed/coloured foam disposable bowls/plates

NOPE.

- Packing peanuts/chips
- Foam insulation
- Labels/tape on foam packaging
- Squishy/flexible foam
- Furniture/mattress foam
- Absorbing pads used in meat trays

WHITE STYROFOAM



YES.

- White foam meat trays
- White foam produce trays
- White un-printed foam cups
- White foam packaging
- White un-printed foam take-out containers
- White un-printed foam disposable bowls/plates

NOPE.

- Any printed or coloured foam
- Foam insulation
- Absorbing pads used in meat trays
- Packing peanuts/chips
- Labels/tape on foam packaging
- Squishy/flexible foam
- Furniture/mattress foam

GLASS CONTAINERS



YES.

- Clear glass containers
- Coloured glass containers
- Glass food packaging
- Glass soap packaging
- Clear glass bottles
- Coloured glass bottles

NOPE.

- Deposit glass (return for refund)
- Drinking glasses or dishes
- Cookware
- Window glass
- Mirrors
- Ceramic products
- Light bulbs

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