



## 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 we don't have access to the same markets through our yellow bin system, you will need to use the Recycle BC Depot at the Kimberley Transfer Station in order to access these new recycling opportunities.

## When & where?

The Recycle BC Depot at the Kimberley Transfer Station opened in March 2019 and the enthusiasm and success has been terrific. The RDEK also has thriving Recycle BC Depots at the Cranbrook Transfer Station (opened December 2019) and the Columbia Valley Landfill (opened July 2019), plans are in place to open Recycle BC Depots at staffed RDEK Transfer Stations in the Elk Valley early in 2020.

# Recycling is moving FORWARD in

# 2020

The way that Recycle BC processes materials has evolved.

So let's move forward together.

**You've got questions? Great, we've got answers.**  
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As the way that recyclable materials are processed by Recycle BC evolves, we sometimes need to change the way we sort things. There have been a few minor changes related to **Containers** and **Paper & Cardboard Products**. Now any plastic coated paper containers will be going into the **Containers** bin. These include: hot and cold coated cups, milk cartons, milk substitute cartons and coated desert cartons. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact us. **All other bins remain the same as before.**

# New sorting for 2020!

## 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.

- NEW** Coated paper cups (hot or cold)
- NEW** Cartons and boxes for milk and milk substitutes
- NEW** 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)

## 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

## CONTAINERS



### YES.

- NEW** Coated paper cups (hot or cold)
- NEW** Cartons and boxes for milk and milk substitutes
- NEW** 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

## FLEXIBLE PACKAGING



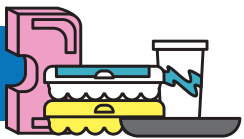
### YES.

- 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

## 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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