



Recycle BC Depots. A great way to recycle.

And they
save you money.

An impressive variety.

The number and variety of items that are accepted at Recycle BC depots is truly impressive. 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.

Save your tax dollars.

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 RDEK is paid per tonne directly from Recycle BC, whereas we have to pay per tonne collected in the yellow bins.

What about the yellow bins?

You will still see the yellow bins around. Yellow Bins only accept paper, cardboard, tin cans grocery/shopping bags and plastics #1-#6 (no styrofoam). We don't have access to the same markets through our yellow bin system, you will need to use the Recycle BC Depots in order to access these new recycling opportunities.

Where?

FERNIE Transfer Station 6000 HWY 3
ELKFORD Transfer Station 6 Inkaneep Rd
SPARWOOD Transfer Station 1001 HWY 3
CRANBROOK Transfer Station 2405 22nd St N
KIMBERLEY Transfer Station 800 Jim Ogilvie Way
INVERMERE Transfer Station Industrial 1 Rd in Athalmer

Tips For a Quick & Simple Visit.

The majority of recyclables generated by an average home will go into either the **paper/cardboard** bin or the **containers** bin, so we suggest having a good sized box or container set aside for each of those categories. For your **flexible plastics** we suggest using a good sized bag and stuffing it full. Set aside your glass containers the same way as you always have. As for styrofoam, most homes don't generate a lot of styrofoam waste, but when you do just set it aside in its own container. While pre-sorting at home isn't required (we have tables at the transfer stations to sort on), it will simplify your drop-off.

PAPER & CARDBOARD	CONTAINERS	FLEXIBLE PLASTICS
 	  	   
 	  	   

GLASS & STYROFOAM

If you have any glass containers or rigid styrofoam, bring it along for the ride. We'll gladly take it. ...yep, we said styrofoam



What goes where?

When you arrive at one of the region's Recycle BC Depots you will notice a variety of bins that are organized to accept your recyclable materials. On this page are lists of common items that go into each bin, as well as items that should not be included. If you have any questions, make sure to ask one of the attendants on site.

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
- Molded boxboard (take-out containers, egg cartons, etc.)
- Kraft paper (paper grocery bags, envelopes, etc.)
- Multi layered paper bags (sugar, flour, etc.)
- Pizza boxes

NOPE.

- Hot or cold coated paper cups *place in Containers bin*
- Cartons and boxes for milk and milk substitutes *place in Containers bin*
- Frozen dessert boxes *place in Containers bin*
- Hardcover or paperback books
- Ribbons/bows
- Musical greeting cards
- Foil gift wrap/bags
- Foil/paper layered bags
- Plastic/paper layered bags
- Paper towels/tissue/napkins
- Paper straws
- Juice cartons and boxes *return for refund*

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 *other recycling options available*

CONTAINERS



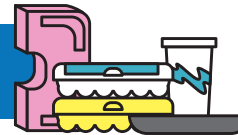
YES.

- Coated paper cups/plates/bowls
- Plastic cups/plates/bowls
- Plastic cutlery
- Cartons and boxes for milk and milk substitutes
- Plastic straws/stir sticks
- Frozen dessert boxes
- Soup containers (tin & carton)
- Milk jugs
- Containers for food products
- Detergent/fabric softener jugs
- Body care product containers
- Plastic take-away clamshells
- Plastic garden pots/trays
- Plastic pails less than 25L
- Microwavable containers
- Rigid plastic packaging
- Margarine/yogurt/sour cream/cottage cheese tubs
- Plastic jars
- Single use coffee/tea pods (empty with lid removed)
- Black bottom/clear top deli trays
- Aluminum cans/lids
- Aluminum foil wrap/containers
- Aluminum pie plates
- Empty aerosol containers (*not spray paint*)
- Steel food cans/cookie tins
- Plastic clothes hangers

NOPE.

- Biodegradable/compostible packaging
- Motor oil, vehicle lubricant or antifreeze containers *return to used oil depots*
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic/foil blister packs
- Lawn edging or tarps
- Plastic paint containers
- Pails larger than 25L
- Aluminum drink containers *return for refund*
- Paint/spray paint cans *other recycling options available*
- Propane cylinders
- Foil lined cardboard containers
- Metal hardware or scrap metal

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 *place in Flexible Plastics bin*
- Furniture/mattress foam
- Absorbing pads used in meat trays

FLEXIBLE PLASTICS



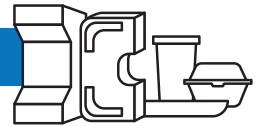
YES.

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Squishy foam packaging
- Bulk food bags
- Water softener salt bags
- Driveway salt bags
- Garden soil/manure bags
- Mattress overwrap
- Frozen food bags
- Outer wrap for paper towels/toilet paper
- Outer wrap for soft drink can flats
- Zippered pouches
- Deli meat packaging
- Stand-up pouches
- Potato chip bags
- Cheese slice wrappers
- Candy bar wrappers
- Net bags (avocados, onions, etc.)
- Cereal bags
- Pasta bags
- Plastic padded mailers
- Bubble wrap/air packets
- Woven plastic bags (rice, etc.)
- Pet food bags
- Baby food pouches
- Shrink wrap
- Transparent recycling bags
- Plastic drop sheets

NOPE.

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

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 *place in Coloured/Printed Styrofoam bin*
- Foam insulation
- Absorbing pads used in meat trays
- Packing peanuts/chips
- Labels/tape on foam packaging
- Squishy/flexible foam *place in Flexible Plastics bin*
- Furniture/mattress foam

■ - Items with this icon are also recyclable in the Yellow Bin system.

Make sure to give your dirty recyclables a rinse before bringing them in.

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

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