

# WEST COAST RECYCLING INFO

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Curbside pick-up of recyclables is free (any amount). The ACRD residential recycling program no longer includes free drop-off of residential recyclables at SonBird depots.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE CLEAN. CONTAMINATED MATERIALS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

## RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES - UPDATED MAY 19, 2014



### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Including non-waxed shipping and packing boxes; corrugated packing materials (staples and tape accepted).

CUT DOWN TO TO FIT IN BLUE BOX OR TIE BUNDLES TOGETHER BESIDE BOX.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** waxed cardboard; foil-lined cardboard; dirty cardboard.



### MIXED CONTAINERS

Including food-grade metal cans and lids; aerosol cans (empty); milk and cream cartons; aseptic cartons (Tetra-Pak); spiral-wound paper cans and lids; plastic cold drink cups and lids; aluminum foil wrap and containers.

REMOVE LABELS AND RINSE. PLACE IN BLUE BOX.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** glass containers; scrap metal; metal pots; motor oil, lubricant, antifreeze, solvent, flammable product and paint containers; appliances; cans that contained hazardous materials; textiles.

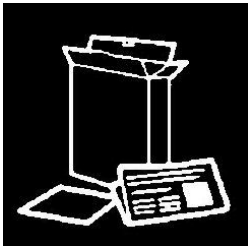


### RIGID PLASTIC

Including plastic bottles; plastic jugs; plastic plant pots and seedling trays; jar caps and lids; plastic clamshells (to-go containers); plastic pails (<25L).

RINSE. FLATTEN WHERE POSSIBLE.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** plastic bags; straws; coat hangers; plastic wrap or foam plastic (Styrofoam); motor oil containers; containers used for hazardous materials.



### MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS

Including newspapers and inserts; magazines; telephone books; boxboard boxes and moulded boxboard (beverage trays, egg cartons); junk mail; paper gift-wrap; magazines and catalogues without glue binding; office paper; paper-based microwavable bowls and cups; paper hot and cold beverage cups; frozen dessert boxes; paper bags with single and multiple layers.

REMOVE PLASTIC LINERS. FLATTEN. PLACE SHREDDED PAPER IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAG. PLACE IN BLUE BOX.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** wax or foil-lined paper and bags, bathroom tissue, paper towels, soiled paper, wrapping paper, photos, children's artwork (with glue), hardcover or paperback books, musical greeting cards with batteries, chip or foil bags, insulating wraps, padded envelopes.

**NOTE:** Plastic bags and plastic wrap can be dropped off at the depot free of charge as a community service provided by SonBird.

FOR MORE RECYCLING INFORMATION, VISIT [WESTCOASTRECYCLING.CA](http://WESTCOASTRECYCLING.CA)

## **CHANGES TO RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING ON THE WEST COAST**

Changes to the residential curbside recycling program on the West Coast will be implemented on May 19, 2014 as a result of a new agreement with Multi-Material BC. In response to changes to the residential recycling program (outlined below), SonBird Refuse & Recycling and the Raincoast Education Society have developed a new website for West Coast recycling information: [westcoastrecycling.ca](http://westcoastrecycling.ca). The new website will provide residents with up-to-date information about recycling programs on the West Coast. The curbside recycling pick-up schedule, depot hours, information on how to recycle specific materials, and other recycling resources will be available at [westcoastrecycling.ca](http://westcoastrecycling.ca).

### **How will the changes affect residential recycling on the West Coast?**

- The following items are now accepted in your curbside Blue Box: milk cartons, aseptic boxes (Tetra-Paks for soups, sauces, etc.), frozen juice cans, aerosol cans (except hazardous materials), paper bags with single and multiple layers, paper hot and cold beverage cups, frozen dessert boxes, plastic drink cups and lids, plastic garden pots and seedling trays.
- Plastic bags and plastic wrap will no longer be accepted in curbside recycling, but can be dropped off at the recycling depot.
- Curbside recycling will now be the only means of recycling residential materials free of charge.
- A service fee will be charged for all recyclables dropped off at the recycling depot, except for plastic bags and plastic wrap, which will be accepted free of charge as a community service provided by SonBird.
- Pickup dates will follow the same schedule as normal.

### **Why is residential recycling changing?**

Multi-Material BC (MMBC), the agency representing the producers and suppliers of packaging and printed paper, will be taking over responsibility for residential packaging and printed paper in BC. The main idea behind the change is to make the producers and suppliers of recyclable materials in British Columbia responsible for dealing with the materials they introduce into the marketplace – this principle is called extended producer responsibility.

For links to more in-depth information on MMBC, and for other recycling resources, please visit [westcoastrecycling.ca](http://westcoastrecycling.ca).

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