

MMBC Curbside Program Announcement

Removal of Soft Plastics: Grocery bags, plastic overwrap and plastic film

Questions and Answers

- Q. What items are no longer accepted in the MMBC curbside recycling program?
- A. *The only item that is no longer accepted is soft plastics. This includes plastic bags, plastic overwrap and plastic film. Therefore, please do not put your recyclables in a plastic bag. Recyclables must be put out in a reusable container such as a blue box, old garbage can or any container that is sturdy and manageable (as long as it doesn't exceed 44 lbs in weight). Please pick up a free yellow recycling sticker available at the ACRD office or 3rd Avenue depot to help identify your curbside recycling container.*
- Q. Why are soft plastics no longer a part of the curbside program?
- A. *MMBC is now responsible for the curbside collection programs and they have determined that removing soft plastics including plastic bags and overwrap will improve the processing of the recyclables. Soft plastics can contaminate the other recyclables making it costly and difficult to manage the sorting process.*
- Q. What can be done with soft plastics?
- A. *They are accepted at the depots (3620 3rd Avenue and the Alberni Valley Landfill) where depot staff can screen incoming film plastic to ensure it meets processing requirements. The easiest way to manage soft plastics is to accumulate bags and soft plastics by storing them in a larger collection bag ("Bag the Bags"). When you have a sufficient amount of these and other items for depot deposit, please drop them off together.*

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