



Recycling Notice

Paper bags lined with plastic are no longer accepted in the Recycle BC program due to recent changes and stricter guidelines in global recycling end-markets. Examples of paper bags lined with plastic include dog food bags and tortilla chip bags.

With these changes in effect, it is more important than ever to keep recyclables sorted, clean and dry. Refresh your recycling know-how with the following tips:

Residents with curbside collection with the Recycle BC program:

- DO NOT put plastic bags and overwrap in your recycling bin. Plastic bags and overwrap should be taken to a depot near you. Use the depot finder tool at RecycleBC.ca to find your closest depot.

All residents:

- DO NOT include paper bags lined with plastic in your recycling. They are no longer accepted in the Recycle BC program.
- Please keep your recyclables clean. Give containers a quick rinse to ensure no food residue is left before putting them in your recycling bin.
- Keep your paper recyclables dry. Did you know it's difficult to find end-markets for recyclables with more than 12% moisture?
- Sort your recyclables. When sorting, ask yourself, "Does this go here?" If you're not sure, use Recycle BC's waste wizard tool found at RecycleBC.ca, download the Recycle BC app on the App Store or Google Play, or if at a depot, check with the depot staff.

British Columbia has one of the best recycling programs in North America. The Recycle BC program is fully financed by producers of packaging and paper, has a province-wide post-collection system, and a consistent accepted material list. Being extra vigilant when sorting your materials will not only help BC continue to be a recycling leader, but will work to keep our province clean and beautiful.

About Recycle BC

Recycle BC is a non-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and printed paper recycling throughout British Columbia, servicing over 1.8 million households. Recycle BC works in partnership with more than 160 collection and post-collection partners, including local governments, First Nations, non-profits and private companies. Recycle BC ensures materials are collected from households and depots, sorted and responsibly recycled.

The Recycle BC program is funded by over 1,200 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents, shifting recycling costs away from homeowners. Additional details about Recycle BC's residential packaging and printed paper recycling program, including a full list of accepted materials, depot locations and member businesses are available at RecycleBC.ca.

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