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Paper (Fibre) – Accepted in your Cart and at Recycling Depots

Accepted	Description	Not accepted
✓ Newspapers, inserts and flyers	Daily and community newspapers; advertising flyers	× No plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers
✓ Magazines	All types	
✓ Catalogues	All types	
✓ Telephone books	Phone books; directories	× No hard cover or paperback books
✓ Paper gift wrap and greeting cards	Paper wrap for gifts, flowers, dry cleaning, etc.	× No foil paper gift wrap × No ribbons or bows × No musical greeting cards with batteries
✓ Writing/home office paper and correspondence	Note pads; loose leaf paper; white or coloured, computer, copier and printer paper; printed paper; plain and window envelopes; shredded paper. *Shredded paper accepted if inside a firmly tied, clear, plastic bag (no opaque, coloured or black bags).*	× No padded envelopes
✓ Corrugated cardboard boxes	Shipping and packing boxes; grocery and liquor store boxes; pizza boxes. *Empty boxes.* *Flatten large corrugated boxes; staples and tape accepted;*	× No cardboard boxes with wax coating, e.g., empty produce shipping boxes made available for residents to use to transport their groceries home
✓ Boxboard boxes	For cereal, shoes, tissues, pizza, frozen entrees, desserts, detergent; cardboard rolls for paper towel and tissue; carrier trays for bulk bottled water, soft drinks, cans, food, etc. *Flatten and place boxboard directly into the collection container.*	× No paper towels or tissues

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✓ Molded boxboard packaging	Egg cartons; take-out beverage trays; paper-based flower pots	× No residue in flower pots
✓ Paper bags	Any colour, including brown bags (also called kraft paper, e.g., grocery sacks); and prescription bags	× No padded envelopes × No foil lined bags, e.g., packaged cookies
✓ Paper pet food bags	Multi-layered bags for pet food	

NEW Paper Based Containers – Starting May 19th – Accepted in Carts and at Depots

Accepted	Description	Not accepted
✓ Disposable paper cups – **NEW – May 19th**	For hot and cold beverages *Empty and rinse cups. Recycle lids and place loose in recycling cart or depot.*	× No straws or non-paper insulating wraps
✓ Gable-top cartons –**NEW May 19th**	For milk; milk-type beverages; cream; substitute eggs; sugar; molasses. *Gable-top cartons may have plastic screw tops. Empty and rinse cartons. Remove caps and place loose in recycling cart*	× No juice cartons (take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund)
✓ Aseptic boxes or cartons – **NEW May 19th**	For milk; milk-type beverages; cream; soup; broth; sauces	× No juice/drink boxes (take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund) × No straws × No stand up pouches
✓ Microwavable bowls, cups and lids – **NEW May 19th**	For soups and entrees *Remove lids and place loose in recycling cart*	× No paper napkins
✓ Frozen food boxes **- NEW May 19th**	For ice cream, frozen yogurt, etc.	
✓ Spiral wound paper cans and lids **– NEW May 19th**	For frozen juice concentrate; potato chips; cookie dough; coffee; nuts; baby formula *Remove lids and place loose in recycling cart*	

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Tin, Steel and Aluminum Containers – Accepted in carts and at Recycling Depots

Accepted	Description	Not accepted
✓ Steel cans and lids	For food; pet food; tins for cookies, tea, chocolates, etc. *Empty and rinse cans. Remove lids, drop into can and squeeze top slightly.*	× No steel paint cans (Call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia) × No coat hangers (return to dry cleaners) × No pots, pans and baking trays × No propane cylinders (refillable or single-use 1L—Call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia) × No metal toys × No appliances × No metal hardware × No scrap metal × No wiring or metal cords × No extension cords
✓ Aerosol cans and caps **– NEW May 19th**	For food; air fresheners; shaving cream; deodorant; hairspray *Empty and rinse cans. Remove caps and place loose in recycling cart*	Call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia to find out how to dispose of the following containers: × No spray paint cans × No aerosol cans that contained waxes, polishes, lubricating oils, solvents, insulating foam, pesticides × No aerosol cans that carry a hazardous waste symbol for corrosive, poison or flammable products × No aerosol cans with any contents remaining × No propane cylinders
✓ Aluminum cans and lids	For food, e.g., seafood, cat food, etc. *Empty and rinse cans. Remove lids, drop into can and squeeze top slightly.*	× No propane tanks or 1 lb. propane bottles (For both, call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia) × No deposit cans (take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund)
✓ Aluminum foil and foil containers	Foil wrap; pie plates; food trays; baking and roasting pans; etc. *Empty containers.*	× No chip or foil bags × No foil wrap with paper backing for butter cigarettes, etc. × Foil-lined cardboard lids from take-out containers

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Plastic Containers (#1- #7) – Accepted in carts and at Recycling Depots

Accepted	Description	Not Accepted
✓ Plastic jugs with screw tops and caps	For milk, cooking oil, laundry detergent and fabric softener; cleaning solutions, cleaning products, body care products, windshield washer fluid, etc. *Empty and rinse jugs. Remove caps and place loose in recycling cart or depot*	× No jugs for flavoured tea, juice, other beverages (take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund)
✓ Plastic bottles and caps	For food; dish soap; mouthwash; shampoos, conditioners and other personal care products; pills and vitamins; household cleaners; automotive cleaners, e.g., glass cleaner; windshield washer fluid; laundry products; etc. *Plastic bottles have screw caps or spray, pump or pull-up tops.* *Empty and rinse bottles. Remove caps, spray pump and pull-up tops, and place loose in recycling cart or depot.*	× No beverage bottles (take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund) × No stand up pouches × No containers for motor oil, or vehicle lubricant or wax products (Call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia)
✓ Plastic jars and lids	For peanut butter; jam; nuts; condiments; vitamins and supplements; personal care products and cosmetics; pharmaceuticals; etc. *Empty and rinse jars. Remove lids and place loose in recycling cart or depot*	
✓ Plastic clamshells	For baked goods; fruit; produce; eggs; etc. *Containers are clear with hinged or click-closed tops.* *Empty and rinse containers.*	× No packaging labelled biodegradable

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Accepted	Description	Not Accepted
✓ Plastic trays and tops	For deli chicken; single-serve meals; prepared foods; baked goods; housewares and hardware, e.g., screws, picture hangers; etc. *Containers are clear or have black bottom trays with clear domes.* *Empty and rinse trays.*	× No foam white or coloured trays (take to MMBC recycling Depot) × No liquid-absorbing pads × No stretch wrap for meat, poultry, fish or cheese × No plastic blister packs, e.g., plastic sleeves for items like chewing gum and pills
✓ Plastic tubs and lids	For food, e.g., margarine; spreads; dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream, etc. *Empty and rinse tubs. Remove lids and place loose in recycling cart or depot.*	× No plastic wrap × No plastic packaging labelled biodegradable
✓ Plastic cold drink cups with lids	Beverage take out cups with lids *Empty and rinse cups. Remove lids and place loose in recycling cart or depot.*	× No plastic packaging labelled biodegradable × No paper napkins
✓ Plastic garden pots and trays	For bedding plants; seedlings; vegetable plants; etc.	× No ceramic plant pots × No lawn edging, tarps, plastic furniture or toys × No garden hoses × No plastic string or rope × Remove residue from flower pots
✓ Plastic pails	For laundry detergent; ice cream; etc. *Container size is less than 25L.*	× No plastic paint cans (Call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia) × No plastic pails larger than 25L × No pails for lubricants and oils (Call the RCBC Hotline 1-800-667-4321 or check Recyclepedia

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Glass (DEPOT ONLY)

Accepted	Description	Not accepted
✓ Non-deposit glass bottles and jars	Clear or coloured *Empty and rinse bottles and jars.*	× No glasses, dishes, cookware, window glass or mirrors × No ceramic products × No deposit glass bottles (take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund)

Plastic Bags and Overwrap (DEPOT ONLY – STARTING MAY 19th, 2014)

Accepted	Description	Not accepted
✓ Plastic bags and overwrap – **NEW Depot only item May 19th**	Clear or opaque plastic retail bags for groceries and dry cleaning; clear or opaque bags for bread, newspapers and flyers; clear bags for produce and dry bulk foods; pre-washed salad bags; frozen vegetable bags; outer bags for diaper and feminine hygiene products; outer wrap for bulk paper products and soft drink and can flats; water softener, salt, wood pellet and garden product bags; overwrap on mattresses, furniture and electronic equipment	× No crinkly cellophane wrap, e.g. for tea, floral arrangements × No stretch or cling wrap × No potato chip, snack bags × No zipper-lock bags × No plastic shipping envelopes × No biodegradable plastic bags × No multi-layer or laminated plastic film × No plastic bubble packaging × No lumber or construction wrap

Foam Packaging (i.e. Styrofoam™) (DEPOT ONLY – STARTING MAY 19th, 2014)

Accepted	Description	Not accepted
✓ Foam containers and trays - **NEW Depot only item May 19th**	Clean meat trays, foam egg cartons, foam clamshells for take-out food, cups and bowls	× No liquid-absorbing pads × No shrink wrap for meat, poultry, fish or cheese × No paper napkins
✓ Foam cushion packaging - **NEW Depot only item May 19th**	To protect electronics, small appliances, etc. *Separate colour and white plastic foam*	× No foam peanuts, packing chips or noodles × No blue or pink foam board insulation