

Recycling Do's & Don'ts

Household Items Accepted for Recycling:

Paper

ONP (Old Newsprint)
OMG (Old Magazines)
OBB (Old Box board)
OCC (Old Corrugated Cardboard)
Other paper

Examples

Newspapers & advertising flyers
Magazines & catalogues
Cereal & Grocery product boxes
Shipping boxes
Office paper, white ledger paper

**It is preferred that food and beverage containers
be rinsed before disposal in recycling bins.**

Plastics

#1 PET (Polyethylene terephthalate)
#2 HDPE (High-density polyethylene)
#4 LDPE (Low-density polyethylene)
#5 PP (Polypropylene)
#7 Other plastics

Aseptic containers
Gable top containers
UBC (Used Beverage Containers)
Steel containers

Examples

Clear plastic pop & water bottles
Milk jugs, food containers, detergent bottles
Squeezable bottles
Margarine, yogurt containers
Water cooler bottles
Juice boxes
Milk & juice cartons
Aluminum beverage cans
"Tin" food & beverage cans

Please note that there are several items that should never be put in the rear lane bins. These items are totally inappropriate as they are impossible to deal with at the new Material Recovery Center (MRF). All material that is collected from the dumpsters is dumped on the tipping floor of the MRF then pushed into the conveyor belt system to be hand sorted into recyclables, refuse and compostable yardwaste, grass and leaves. The separated refuse goes directly out to the tipping face for burial, the recyclables go on to the dry side of the MRF to be further sorted and shipped to market and the yard waste is composted on site. Some of the compost is used for our parks and planting beds.

For more info on International Paper Industries, go to the [IPI Web Site](#).

Please do not put these items into the rear lane bins:

- Construction and renovation materials
- 2x4s 2x6s etc,
- drywall
- concrete
- old windows and doors
- Sod
- Large tree stumps and branches
- Automotive waste
- Waste fencing materials
- Old appliances (fridges and freezers must have the refrigerant removed by a qualified and licensed individual)
- Old furniture, beds, mattresses etc
- Metals
- Stones
- Needles

Grass Clipping and Leaves

We compost yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and small tree branches. These items can be dropped off at the local recycling depot locations, or if you prefer you can drop them into the rear lane containers. Please note if you use the rear containers you must keep the grass bagged so we can retrieve and compost. Unbagged leaves and grass is such a waste as it goes to the landfill and is buried, as we have no ability to redirect loose grass and leaves to the compost pile.

Things that we are seeing that give cause for concern:

Unbagged Refuse

Can contaminate all the efforts of those that are recycling

C and D Waste

The tanks and trucks were never designed for the loose, heavy bulk of concrete, gravel, scrap drywall, 2x4s etc.

Loose Grass Clippings

Such a waste as we can't compost the material that comes in loose.

Large Tree Branches

Trimming are OK, we ask that they be tied in bundles so they are controlled and not poking holes in the blue bag recyclable. These bundles should be no longer than a meter or so.

At the Landfill we have similar recycling containers as other locations around town that you can access without going across the scales. We take cardboard, plastics, metals, glass, paper and we are making arrangements for a grass bin as well.

We really need to impress on how important it is to recycle everything you can. The more you recycle, the less that winds up in our landfill. The advantage being that we will not have to resite a new landfill. A very costly project and in some cases, impossible to find new area.

Oil and oil containers should go to the ECO centre at the Landfill

rather than in the garbage. Did you know that one litre of used motor oil can contaminate over one million litres of fresh water.