



UPCOMING CHANGES TO RECYCLING PROGRAM

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Why the changes?

In 2013, the Saskatchewan government approved The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations and in response Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) launched its program in Saskatchewan on January 1, 2016. Since that time, businesses selling or distributing packaging and paper products have shared the responsibility with municipalities to finance the collection and recycling of household packaging and paper products (PPP).

The Province of Saskatchewan recently conducted a review and engagement process of these regulations. As a result of this process, The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations, 2023 (the Regulation) came into effect on March 31, 2023.

These regulatory changes will result in a shift to a program fully funded and operated by producers of household packaging and paper products. The Regulation requires producers to operate a product stewardship program approved by the Minister of Environment or enter into an agreement with a producer responsibility organization to operate a product stewardship program approved by the Minister.

What is changing?

Effective September 1, 2026, SK Recycles will take over responsibility for processing recyclable materials from the Village. This means the items accepted in your blue cart will change.

Key Changes:

-Glass and Nespresso pods are ***no longer accepted in the blue cart***

-New items ***will be accepted in the blue cart*** and include ice cream containers, paper cups and lids (separated first), gift bags (handles removed), dental floss containers, tape dispensers.

-Items ***now to be taken to SARCAN for recycling***: all glass, flexible plastics (plastic bags, wrap, bread bags, frozen food bags, chip bags), foam packaging visit <https://sarcana.ca> for more information.

Why is it important to recycle?

Saves natural resources, reduces the need for mining and harvesting new materials, lowers production costs, creates jobs, and helps keep the landfill from filling up too quickly. SK Recycles determines the accepted item list. Please visit: <https://skrecycles.ca/what-can-i-recycle/>

Why can't all plastics go in the Blue Cart? What does the symbol mean?

Not all plastics are recyclable. Some unacceptable plastics include plastic bags, chip bags, and foam packaging. **(these are accepted at SARCAN)**

The symbol showing a triangle with a number inside is used by industry to differentiate between the types of resin found in plastics. The presence of a symbol doesn't guarantee an item is recyclable because it depends on if there is a market for it.

Sometimes I'm not sure if an item is recyclable. What's wrong with putting it in the Blue Cart and letting the recycling facility figure it out?

This behavior is called "wishcycling". Although it stems from the best intentions, the problem with "wishcycling" is that "wishcycled" items are considered contamination. The higher the contamination the greater the cost to the Village. The Village must meet a contamination threshold, or the Village will be subject to pay for Service Level Failures. By recycling correctly, we can help keep the cost of the program low.

Some items that are recyclable in other programs can't go into the Blue Cart. Why not?

The Curbside Recycling Collection program was designed to handle household paper and packaging. Other programs exist for many other recyclables including electronics, batteries, light bulbs, and scrap metal.

Why can't I leave extra recyclables beside my Blue Cart for collection?

Recyclables must be placed inside your Blue Cart with the lid closed to keep the items dry. Recyclables tend to be light and may be blown by the wind and create litter. If you have extra recycling, hold on to it until the next collection day, or take the items to a Big Blue Bin Depot, or try flattening any boxes to make space in your Blue Cart.

Why can't plastic bags go in the Blue Cart?

Plastic bags are not accepted in the blue cart because the cart collects items all together that then must be sorted at the facility. Plastic bags or plastic film are not easy to sort out at the facility and can get mixed in with other items, lowering the market value. Plastic bags/film need to be collected separately to be recycled effectively. Plastic bags can be taken to SARCAN for recycling.

Recycling Information Links

<https://loraasdisposal.com/single-stream-recycling/>

<https://sarcana.ca>

<https://skrecycles.ca/where-can-i-recycle/find-a-depot/>

Same Bin. More Goes In.

- Coffee Cups and Lids
- Plastic Garden Pots & Trays
- Frozen Dessert Cartons
- Foil Wrap and Containers
- Paper Gift Bags

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