

Recycling Tips

Keep it clean

Empty and rinse all containers.



Flatten and cut

If your cardboard is too large for your collection container, flatten and cut down to smaller pieces.



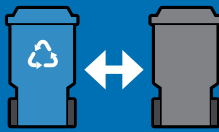
Don't overfill

If you can't fit everything in comfortably, take excess to your community depot.



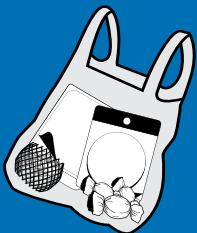
Line it up

Maintain adequate spacing between bins to accommodate collection truck arms. Typically 3-4 ft, depending on collector requirements.



Avoid litter

Stuff your flexible plastics into a clear bag (e.g. bread or produce bag, pouch or overwrap) to store them for your next trip to SARCAN.



What happens to your recycling?

Recycling keeps valuable materials in use and out of landfills.

Here's a simple look at what happens after you bring your recycling to the curb.

STEP 1: Collected

Specialized trucks collect materials from homes and depots.



STEP 2: Delivered

The collected materials are dropped off at receiving facilities.



STEP 3: Sorted

At our facilities, recyclables are further sorted by material—separating paper, metal, cardboard and plastic resin types to support recycling outcomes.



STEP 4: Processed

Sorted recyclables are compressed into bales and sent to recycling end markets to be processed into raw materials.

For example, plastics are shredded into flakes and made into pellets.



STEP 5: Repurposed

Manufacturers receive the processed materials and turn them into new products or packaging such as plant pots, sheet metal, packaging material, and more.



About SK Recycles

SK Recycles is a not-for-profit organization responsible for managing the recycling of household packaging and paper across Saskatchewan.

Working with producers, local governments, First Nations and Métis communities, private companies and other organizations, SK Recycles ensures household materials are collected from households and depots, sorted and responsibly managed and recycled.

Our program is funded by manufacturers, brand owners and retailers that supply packaging and paper to Saskatchewan residents.

For more information visit:
SKRecycles.ca



Want to recycle packaging paper or not listed here?

➔ Learn more about what you can recycle and where:
SKRecycles.ca/Materials

To recycle other items search the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's Waste Reduction Hub at:
SaskWasteReduction.ca



Same Bin. More Goes In.



Home Recycling (Curbside Cart/Bin)

PAPER

- ✓ Clean and dry paper only



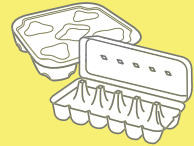
Newspapers,
Inserts and Flyers



Magazines, Catalogues
and Phone Books



Boxboard
Boxes



Moulded
Paper



Household Paper
and Envelopes



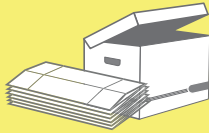
Paper Bags
and Boxes



Paper Takeout
Containers



Shredded Paper
(contain in paper bag
or box first)



Cardboard
Boxes

- ✓ Greeting Cards
- ✓ Paper Gift Wrap
- ✓ Paper Gift Bags
- ✓ Cores from Paper Towel and Toilet Paper
- ✓ Compressed Paper Hangers
- ✓ Paper-only Shipping Envelopes

CONTAINERS

- ✓ Empty and rinse
- ✓ Loose, not bagged



Plastic Bottles,
Jars and Jugs



Plastic Trays
and Containers



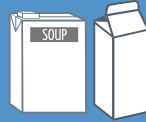
Plastic Garden Pots
and Seedling Trays



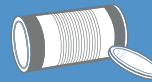
Caps, Tops, Lids
and Pumps



Plastic or Paper Cups,
Plates, Bowls and Lids



Cartons for
Soup, Cream, etc.



Metal Cans



Frozen Dessert
Boxes



Foil Wrap and
Take-Out Containers

- ✓ Empty Pill Bottles
- ✓ Plastic Packaging for Toys, Toothbrushes, etc. (separate plastic from paper backing)
- ✓ Plastic Tubs for Yogurt, Margarine, etc.
- ✓ Plastic Pails less than 25L for Laundry Detergent, Cat Litter, etc.
- ✓ Spiral-wound Cans and Lids for Frozen Juice, etc.

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:

- ✗ Aerosol Containers
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Bleach
- ✗ Compressed Gas Cylinders used propane, etc.
- ✗ Containers for Paint, Motor Oil, Vehicle Lubricants or Antifreeze
- ✗ Containers for Pesticides labelled POISON and precautionary octagon or diamond symbols with skull and cross bones.
- ✗ Containers with the words COMBUSTIBLE, FLAMMABLE or VERY FLAMMABLE on them (except cosmetic and beauty product containers)
- ✗ Medical Sharps
- ✗ Unused or Expired Medication and anything containing sharps can be safely disposed by returning them to community pharmacies. For more information, please visit skpharmacists.ca/safe-medication-disposal

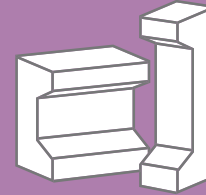


Depot Recycling



FOAM PACKAGING

- ✓ Empty and rinse
- ✓ Remove labels, tape and paper



Foam Cushion
Packaging
used to protect
electronics, etc.



Foam Containers
and Cups



Foam Meat Trays
(remove absorbent pad)

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Foam Insulation
- ✗ Foam Noodles
- ✗ Packing Chips and Peanuts
- ✗ Protective and Squishy Cushion Packaging

GLASS

- ✓ Empty and rinse
- ✓ Remove lids



Non-deposit
Glass Bottles and Jars
(clear and coloured)

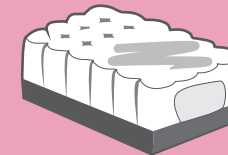
- ✗ Dishes and Cookware
- ✗ Windows and Mirrors
- ✗ Ceramic Products
- ✗ Light Bulbs
- ✗ Refillable Beverage Containers

FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

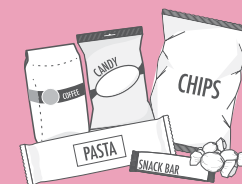
- ✓ Empty and rinse
- ✓ Remove hard/rigid plastics and non-plastic items



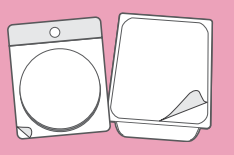
Plastic Bags



Outer Bags and
Overwrap



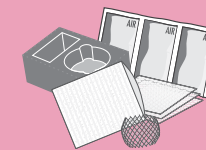
Crinkly Wrappers
and Bags



Flexible Packaging
with Plastic Seal



Zipper-lock and
Stand-up Pouches



Protective and Squishy
Cushion Packaging



Woven Plastic
Bags

For a detailed
list of accepted
flexible plastics visit:
SKRecycles.ca/Materials

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Six-Pack Rings
- ✗ Biodegradable Plastic
- ✗ Cellophane Wrap for Floral Arrangement, etc.
- ✗ Garbage Bags
- ✗ Paper-Lined Plastic
- ✗ Plastic-Lined Paper
- ✗ Plastic Squeeze Tubes
- ✗ Plastic Strapping
- ✗ Vinyl

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Garbage Bags
- ✗ Bags and Boxes with Foil Liners
- ✗ Chip Bags and Candy Wrappers*
- ✗ Clothing, Textiles and Shoes
- ✗ Durable Products
- ✗ Electronics and Appliances*
- ✗ Food, Yard Waste and Wood
- ✗ Foil- or Plastic-Lined Paper Bags
- ✗ Hard and Soft Cover Books
- ✗ Hazardous Waste
- ✗ Metal Hangers, Pots, Pans and other Scrap Metal
- ✗ Non-Paper Gift Wrap, Foil Wrap, Cards or Paper with Glitter
- ✗ Oversized Cardboard and cardboard that has not been flattened
- ✗ Plastic Packaging labelled Biodegradable or Compostable
- ✗ Paper Envelopes with Plastic Lining, Bubble-wrap Lining, or Plastic Padding
- ✗ Paper Party Decorations
- ✗ Paper Towels, Napkins and Tissues
- ✗ Plastic Straws, Stir Sticks and Cutlery
- ✗ Rubber Bands, Ribbons and Bows
- ✗ Stand-up Pouches*
- ✗ Toys and Games
- ✗ Waxed Cardboard
- ✗ Wiring, Metal Cords, and Hardware

*Can be recycled at any SARCAN depot.