

# Yes!

Place these items loose in your blue bin or community recycling bins.



## How to prepare your materials:

- Place all recyclables loose in your blue bin or community recycling bins – no sorting is required.
- Clean off bits of food and other residue.
- It's okay to leave labels on metal food cans, plastic containers, etc.
- Remove lids and caps.
- Place metal food can lids inside the can or leave attached.
- Remove plastic wrapping from magazines and catalogues.
- Material shouldn't be in bags, with two exceptions:
  - Bundle plastic bags into one plastic bag and tie closed.
  - Shredded paper can be placed in a clear plastic bag and tied closed (loose shredded paper is also acceptable).
- As a rule, if soft plastic stretches (like a grocery bag), it's recyclable.
- If in doubt, leave it out and check it out at [www.ncswmc.ca/multi\\_recycling.php](http://www.ncswmc.ca/multi_recycling.php) or [www.citypa.ca](http://www.citypa.ca).

## Paper and cardboard

- Newspapers and paper inserts (not tied in bundles).
- Catalogues and magazines (with plastic wrapping removed).
- Paper (e.g. letters, envelopes and window envelopes, greeting cards, brochures, non-foil gift wrap, paper bags).
- Paper drinking and coffee cups (no foam).
- Cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, clean pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel tubes and toilet paper tubes).
- Telephone books and paperback books.
- Shredded paper (can be in a clear plastic bag and tied closed).
- Soup and beverage containers (e.g. Tetra Pak® packages).



## Metal food cans and foil

- Clean metal food cans.
- Metal lids and caps.
- Clean aluminum foil, aluminum foil plates and containers.



## Plastic jugs, bottles and food containers



- Clean plastic containers labelled with the recycling symbol 1-7.
- No foam cups, food containers or packaging even if labelled with recycling symbol.
- Liquid detergent, fabric softener and shampoo bottles, plastic clamshell trays, yogurt and margarine containers.
- Plastic lids that have a recycling symbol 1-7.
- Plastic cups.
- Plastic bags, clean plastic wrap and bubble wrap. Bundle into one plastic bag and tie closed.



## Beverage containers

- Refundable beverage containers can be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds. However, they are also accepted in blue bins and at community recycling bins.
- Milk containers, juice cartons, water bottles, beverage cans and Tetra Pak® packages are all refundable.



To find out which items shouldn't go in your blue bin or community recycling bins, flip this page over. ↘



# Easy. guide to recycling

What should (and shouldn't)  
go into your blue bin and  
community recycling bins.



North Central Saskatchewan  
Waste Management Corp.

# No!

Some items that can't go  
into your blue bin or  
community recycling bins.



## No mixed packaging

- Deodorant sticks, toothpaste tubes, frozen juice containers, foil from yogurt containers or items made from more than one type of material.



## No hazardous materials

- Paint cans, aerosol cans, lighters, car batteries, oil or other hazardous material.
- Note, if a container has both a hazardous materials symbol and recycling symbol, do not place it in the blue bin or at a community recycling bin. Hazardous materials can harm people, equipment and the environment. Find a reuse and recycling guide for material like this at [www.citypa.ca](http://www.citypa.ca).



## No contaminated materials

- Containers need to be free of food and other residues. Please clean them prior to placing in the blue bin.



## No foam cups, food containers or packaging

- Polystyrene foam packing materials (blocks or peanuts), cups, food containers or trays (even if labelled with recycling symbol 6).

## No toys, sporting goods, shoes or clothing



## No electronics

- Electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, CPUs and printers are only accepted at electronic recycling depots such as SARCAN. Please visit [www.sarc.ca](http://www.sarc.ca) for details on the SWEEP program.

## No garbage or bagged recyclables

- Anything in a garbage bag will be considered garbage. It will be redirected to the landfill unopened.



## No houseware items

- Drinking glasses, garden hoses, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, ceramics, utensils, appliances, etc.



## No building materials

- Wood, drywall, nails, tile, concrete, bricks, vinyl siding, etc.

## No glass jars and bottles

- No glass of any kind.



## No scrap metal

- Car parts, pots, pans, shelving racks, wire or wire coat hangers do not go in the blue bin or community recycling bins.

## No plastics that are not a container

- CD cases, pens, straws, plastic knives, forks and spoons – even if they have a recycling symbol.



## No food or yard waste

- Food, grass clippings and yard waste.



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