


SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT



NEW RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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▶ Why is the recycling system changing?

In 2011, the Government of BC updated the *Recycling Regulation* to require that the companies that introduce packaging and printed paper into the residential marketplace assume responsibility for managing these materials after residents discard them. This is called extended producer responsibility and it involves collecting and diverting packaging and printed paper from disposal. This program started May 19, 2014.

▶ What is Multi-Material BC?



Starting May 19, 2014, businesses that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents will be responsible for collecting and managing these materials so they can be recycled.

Multi-Material BC (MMBC), a non-profit organization working on behalf of these businesses, will be responsible for residential recycling programs in many areas across BC, either directly or by working with local governments, First Nations, private companies and not-for-profit organizations.

Through MMBC's packaging and printed paper recycling program, many BC residents will be able to recycle types of packaging that are not commonly included, multi-family and depot collection programs, including milk cartons, foam containers and packaging, plant pots, aluminum foil packaging, certain types of plastic film packaging and drink cups.



▶ Frequently Asked Questions

Why isn't everything collected for recycling?

Most packaging is included in MMBC's recycling program; however there are no recycling markets yet for a few types of packaging. MMBC will work with manufacturers and recyclers to explore how to recycle these types of packaging so that they can be added to MMBC's program in the future.

Some materials need to be kept separate from others in order to be recycled, and some materials are not accepted.

Foam packaging and **plastic film** are difficult to sort from other recyclable materials, which is why MMBC asks that they be kept separate from other recyclables. **Glass containers** can be taken to ReturnIt depots for refund or dropped off at the Recycling Depot.

What about other materials?

Deposit containers, hazardous household waste, batteries, and electronics continue to be accepted at the depot.

Where can I get more information on other materials accepted?

Visit our Regional District Recycling page for more information:

<http://www.sqcrd.bc.ca/services/solid-waste/recycling>




Download the Waste Watcher's .PDF guide for more information on other accepted products and their locations.

Where can I get more information on MMBC?

Visit www.RecyclingInBC.ca for information.




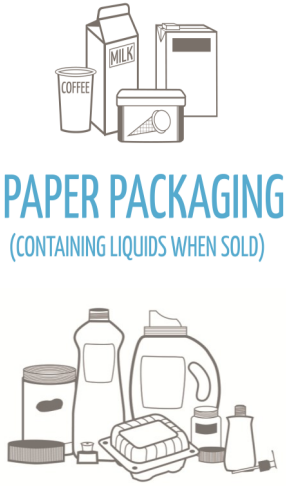




 <p>PLASTIC BAGS AND OVERWRAP</p>	<p><u>DO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty the bag ✓ Remove non-plastic items ✓ Stuff into one bag & tie closed 	<p><u>DON'T PUT IN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Crinkly cellophane wrap ✓ Stretch wrap ✓ Zipper-lock bags ✓ Potato chip or snack bags ✓ Plastic shipping envelopes ✓ Bags labelled biodegradable or compostable ✓ Multi-layer or laminated packaging ✓ Plastic bubble packaging
 <p>PLASTIC FOAM PACKAGING</p>	<p><u>DO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rinse ✓ Remove labels, tape, paper & cardboard from foam cushion packaging ✓ Separate white & coloured foam 	<p><u>DON'T PUT IN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Liquid-absorbing pads or stretch wrap ✓ Packing chips, peanuts or noodles ✓ Blue or pink foam board insulation
 <p>GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS</p>	<p><u>DO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty & rinse containers ✓ Recycle lids with plastic or metal containers ✓ Take deposit beverage containers to Return-It Depot for refund 	<p><u>DON'T PUT IN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Drinking glasses ✓ Dishes ✓ Cookware ✓ Window glass or mirrors ✓ Ceramic products





 <p>PRINTED PAPER</p> <p>PAPER PACKAGING (CONTAINING DRY ITEMS WHEN SOLD)</p>	<p><u>DO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Remove plastic wrap ✓ Include <u>Paper Packaging containing Dry Items when sold</u> & <u>Cardboard</u> ✓ Place shredded paper in a firmly-tied clear plastic bag 	<p><u>DON'T PUT IN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Books ✓ Non-paper gift wrap ✓ Musical greeting cards with batteries ✓ Padded envelopes ✓ Foil-lined bags ✓ Boxes with wax coatings ✓ Paper towel, napkins & tissues
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 <p>PAPER PACKAGING (CONTAINING LIQUIDS WHEN SOLD)</p> <p>PLASTIC CONTAINERS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="73 1543 365 1816">  <p>ALUMINUM CONTAINERS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="397 1543 690 1816">  <p>STEEL CONTAINERS</p> </div> </div>	<p><u>DO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty & rinse ✓ Include caps & lids, removed from containers ✓ Squeeze metal lids inside cans ✓ Include <u>Paper Packaging containing Liquids when sold</u> ✓ Take deposit beverage containers to Return-It Depot for refund 	<p><u>DON'T PUT IN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Straws, non-paper wraps ✓ Foil-lined cardboard lids ✓ Scrap metal, cords, wire ✓ Foil bags, foil wrap with paper, stand-up pouches, liquid absorbing pads, stretch wrap, blister packs, packaging labelled biodegradable, ceramic pots, lawn edging tarps, plastic furniture, garden hoses, String & rope ✓ Pails larger than 25L
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Future of Recycling: ▶ Where are we going?

The Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Recycling Depot will continue to work with our partners in recycling to ensure we capture as much residential recyclables as possible and reduce the amount of material going into the landfill.

We are committed to keeping the public informed about recycling through educational programs, informational brochures and through our website.

Let's work together to help the environment and make recycling second nature!

Visit www.sqcrd.bc.ca/services/solid-waste/recycling for more!



▶ Survey: We welcome your feedback! *You could WIN a Tablet!*

From June 9th to July 26th, 2014, we will be conducting a survey for residents of Prince Rupert and Port Edward.

The purpose is to gather your feedback on current services and your household's recycling practices in Prince Rupert and Port Edward.

The survey results will help us make decisions on recycling services and educational programs for the future.

Visit sqcrdrecycling.blogspot.ca
to complete the survey!



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