

How to use your new



recycling container

To help make recycling easier and more convenient, the City of Toronto has supplied free in-unit recycling containers for building owners to give to residents. Currently, apartments and condominiums recycle only 13% of waste. Help us keep waste out of landfill by recycling the items listed on the reverse of this card.

By participating in the Blue Bin Program you will be keeping recyclables – such as plastic bottles, metal cans and newspapers – out of garbage. They can then be sorted by the City and sent to firms that recycle them to make new products.

Remember, recycling is good, but reducing is better. Watch for opportunities to use reusable products such as travel mugs for coffee and cloth shopping bags for purchases.

What do I need to do?

Your new reusable in-unit recycling container is designed to fit under your kitchen sink or in another convenient location. All you have to do is put your recyclables in your recycling container. Once full, take your recyclables to the central recycling area and toss the recyclables in the recycling bin. The recycle bins should be clearly marked. If you are not sure where your building's recycle bins are located, speak with your superintendent or property manager.

Can I put my container and paper recyclables in one recycle bin?

Yes. You can mix your recycling materials (containers and paper) together in your new reusable recycling container. They don't even have to be separated when you drop them off in your building's recycle bins. The mixed recycling material is sent to a facility that can sort the various types of recyclables.

Some buildings continue to separate the recyclables as a space saving measure. If you are not clear on your building's practice, speak with your superintendent or property manager.

All kinds of new products are made from recycled materials. For example, recycled

newspapers can become new paper products like newsprint, egg cartons and cereal boxes. Plastic bottles can be recycled into polar fleece for jackets and scarves.

Are there any changes affecting my garbage?

No. You can continue to dispose of your garbage in the same location you are using now (possibly a garbage chute or in your central waste area).

If I already have a system that works, do I have to use the new in-unit recycling container?

No. You do not have to use the new in-unit recycling container. The City is trying to make it easier for residents living in apartments and condominiums to store and transport recyclables to the central recycling area. If you have received a container that you don't want, please return it to the superintendent or property manager.

When I take my recyclables to the central recycling area, the recycling bins are sometimes full and I don't know where to put my recyclables.

Please speak with your superintendent or property manager.

Five easy steps to recycling:

- 1 Find a convenient place to keep your new reusable recycling container.
- 2 Post your Toronto Recycles information card (see reverse) in a spot where it is easy to reference (e.g. your fridge, cupboard door, etc.)
- 3 Put your recyclable containers and paper in your new reusable recycling container.
- 4 When full, use your reusable recycling container to take your recyclables to your building's central recycling area. Drop-off your recyclables in the common recycling bins. In buildings with tri-sorters you can take your recyclables to this common collection point.
- 5 Return your empty reusable recycling container to its storage location and keep recycling!

If the in-unit recycling container gets damaged, where can I get a new one?

Please speak with your superintendent or property manager.

Check the reverse for a complete list of what can be recycled. For more information, visit www.toronto.ca/recycle

To receive this information in Chinese, Tamil, Vietnamese, French, Italian, Portuguese, Korean, Spanish, Russian or Farsi, please contact your superintendent or property manager who will contact a representative of the City to arrange for translated material.

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Muốn nhận được thông tin này bằng tiếng Việt, xin liên lạc với quản trị chung cư của quý vị, người này sẽ tiếp xúc với một đại diện của Thành phố để sắp xếp việc dịch thuật.

Pour recevoir ces renseignements en français, veuillez contacter le concierge de votre immeuble qui communiquera avec un représentant de la Ville pour obtenir la traduction de ces renseignements.

Per ricevere queste informazioni in italiano potete contattare il soprintendente del vostro stabile, il quale a sua volta si metterà in contatto con un addetto municipale per ottenere una traduzione delle informazioni stesse.

한국어로 관련 정보를 받으시려면 건물 관리인에게 요청하십시오. 건물 관리인이 시청의 소관 업무 담당자에게 연락하여 한국어로 번역된 안내물을 보내드리도록 하겠습니다.

Para recibir esta información en español, por favor, póngase en contacto con el portero de su edificio, quien a su vez, se comunicará con un representante del Ayuntamiento para conseguir una traducción.

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Чтобы получить эту информацию на русском языке, свяжитесь с суперинтендантом Вашего жилого комплекса, который, в свою очередь, обратится к представителю мэрии за информацией в русском переводе.

برای دریافت این اطلاعات بزبان فارسی، لطفاً با مسئول ساختمان خود تماس بگیرید. او از طرف شما با نماینده شهرداری تماس می گیرد و نسخه ترجمه شده این اطلاعات را برای شما درخواست می کند.

TORONTO RECYCLES

GO AHEAD! Mix containers (e.g. bottles and cans) and paper products together in your Blue Bin.

Rinse all containers to remove residue.

Cardboard cans

such as refrigerated dough, frozen juice, chip, nut, powdered drink mix and powdered cleanser containers. Put loose metal end inside cardboard can and pinch closed. Discard plastic pull-off strip and/or peel-off seal.



Plastic food jars, tubs & lids

such as margarine, yogurt, ice cream, cottage cheese and sour cream containers.

Plastic bottles & jugs with lids securely fastened.

Milk/Juice cartons.

Empty paint cans & lids.

Lids must be separated from the can.

Metal cans.

Put lid inside can and pinch closed.

Glass bottles & jars.

Remove and discard lids.

Rigid aluminum trays, pie plates & roasting pans.

Drink boxes.

Remove and discard straws.

Corrugated cardboard.

Clean, unwaxed, flattened and placed in bin.

Plastic grocery & retail bags

without drawstrings, metal detailing or hard plastic handles. Remove receipts and put bags in one bag and tie handles closed.

Foam polystyrene

such as protective packaging, meat trays, takeout food containers, plates, egg cartons and coffee cups.

Household paper.

Includes junk mail, writing paper, computer paper, flyers and envelopes. Shredded paper – put in clear plastic bag and tie closed.

Paper gift wrap & cards.

Remove ribbons and bows.

Paper egg cartons, rolls & bags.

Empty aerosol cans.

Remove and discard lids.

Boxboard boxes

such as cardboard, cereal, tissue and detergent boxes. Remove liners, plastic windows and flatten boxes.

Newspapers & telephone directories.

Magazines, catalogues & books.



hazardous waste:

gas cylinders, batteries (Must not be put in garbage. Take to Drop-off Depot.)

plastic: toys, make-up jars, caulking tubes, food storage containers, pails with metal handles, motor oil jugs, plant trays, flower pots, CD/DVD cases, plates, glasses, cutlery, packing peanuts (i.e. popcorn)

plastic (clear): egg cartons, fruit and vegetable containers, takeout food containers, molded bakery item trays

plastic (bags/wrap): plastic over wrap (on pop cartons, water bottles, toilet paper, etc.), bags holding flyers, dry cleaning, milk (outer and inner), produce, bread, sandwich and plastic food wrap

glass: drinking glasses, dishes, cups, crystal, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pottery, pots and pans, make-up jars

metal: coat hangers, pots

aluminum: foil food wrap, potato chip bags, metallic gift wrap

fibres: tissues, waxed paper, foil gift wrap, waxed cardboard

Note: Some of these items can be recycled at a Drop-off Depot or a Community Environment Day event.

