

# Blue Bin Recycling

- Not everything that goes in the Blue Bin (recycling) is listed on this guide. If you're not sure what to do with an item, check **Waste Wizard** at [toronto.ca/wastewizard](http://toronto.ca/wastewizard) or the TOwaste app or contact 311.
- Prepare container in 3 easy steps:
  - 1) **empty** food, liquids or other contents
  - 2) **rinse** to remove any residue
  - 3) place **lid/cap on** (including sprayers and pumps)
- Put items in **loose** and not bagged. Use a clear plastic bag only if necessary.

## Glass

- Bottles, jars

## Rigid Plastics

- Food jars, tubs
- Clear food containers/clamshells (e.g. from berries, mixed greens)
- Disposable plates, cups
- Detergent, soap, shampoo bottles
- Beverage bottles



## Soft, Stretchy Plastics

- Grocery/retail shopping bags
- Produce/bulk food bags
- Bread bags (non-foil)
- Milk bags (outer bag, rinsed inner pouches)
- Sandwich bags (including resealable)
- Frozen fruit/vegetable bags (no stand-up pouches)
- Over-wrap (e.g. from toilet paper, paper towels, water/soft drink cases)
- Newspaper/flyer, magazine bags (separate item from bag; recycle separately)
- Dry cleaning bags
- Diaper/feminine hygiene outer bags
- Garden soil/manure/compost/road salt bags

**Note:** Place **all black and/or compostable plastic** (e.g. food containers, bags, cutlery) in the **garbage**.



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## Metal

- **Aluminum/steel food & beverage cans**
- **Aluminum trays, burner liners, pie plates, roasting pans**
- **Aerosol cans** (empty; lids on)
- **Paint cans** (empty; remove lids and recycle separately)



## Paper\*

- **Bags, advertising mail, fine paper, envelopes**
- **Newspapers, flyers, magazines, catalogues** (remove over-wrap; recycle separately)
- **Gift wrap, cards** (no ribbons, bows, foil wrap)
- **Shredded paper** (put in clear plastic bag, tie closed)
- **Soft/hard cover books**

\*Place pieces smaller than a business card in envelope or add to bag of shredded paper.



## Cardboard

- **Boxboard** (e.g. from cereal, tissue, detergent, shoe; remove liners, flatten)
- **Corrugated cardboard** (unwaxed, flattened; non-greasy pizza boxes; remove over-wrap from water/soft drink cases, recycle separately)
- **Rolls** (e.g. from toilet paper, paper towel, wrapping paper)



## Paper Containers

- **Cartons/boxes** (e.g. from juice, milk, soup; straws are garbage)
- **Spiral wound cans** (e.g. from chips, nuts, frozen juice - place metal end in can and pinch closed; pull-off strips are garbage)

**Note:** Food/drink packaging must be empty and rinsed. Black foam goes in the garbage.

## Foam Polystyrene

- **Food/drink packaging** (e.g. plates, cups, egg cartons, takeout containers, meat/fish trays; plastic wrap & absorbent pad are garbage)
- **Protective packaging** (e.g. from shipping, electronics; foam packaging peanuts are garbage)



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