




Know before you throw!

Use this guide to find out what waste items go where.

Important information:

- **Not all items with a recycling symbol**  are accepted in Toronto's recycling program.
- **Flexible multi-layered packaging** (e.g., stand-up pouches) and plastic-lined paper (e.g., takeout boxes) go in the garbage.
- **Hot and cold paper-based beverage cups** are now accepted in the Recycling Bin.
- Items marketed or labelled as **compostable or biodegradable** go in the garbage.
- **Household hazardous waste (HHW)**, e.g., flammable, corrosive, explosive and poisonous items never go in the recycling or garbage. Take them to a Drop-Off Depot for proper disposal or book a Toxic Taxi pickup by contacting 311. For a list of HHW items and disposal options, visit toronto.ca/hhw.
- **Lithium-ion batteries** are HHW and should never be placed in the garbage, Blue Bin recycling or Green Bin organics. Improper storage and disposal of batteries can cause fires. Learn more at toronto.ca/LithiumBattery.
- **Electronic waste** is collected separately at the curb and at apartment and condominium buildings. For a list of accepted electronics and additional disposal options, visit toronto.ca/ewaste.

Unsure what goes where? Check WASTE WIZARD online at toronto.ca/WasteWizard or contact 311.



STOP!

These items DO NOT go in the Blue Bin (recycling)



Black plastic, compostable plastic, squeeze tubes, stand-up pouches



Toys and textiles (donate if possible)



Pots and pans, dishes, cords and cables, small appliances



Household Hazardous Waste



Renovation and construction waste



Food, tissues, napkins, paper towels

Put Waste in the Right Place

Recycling Bin



- Empty/rinse containers
- Put items in loose, not bagged (except shredded or small bits of paper)
- Use a clear plastic bag only if necessary

Paper: Dry and not contaminated with food, chemicals or paint



Cardboard (flatten)

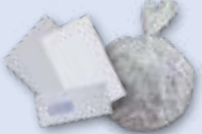
Milk and juice cartons, cereal and tissue boxes



Hot and cold drink cups



Newspapers, books, magazines, flyers



Fine paper (put shredded paper in a clear bag and small bits of paper into an envelope or clear bag)

Glass



Bottles, jars (lids on)

Metal



Food and drink cans, aluminum trays, pie plates

Plastic: Not black or compostable



Bottles, jugs (lids on)



Food containers, disposable plates, cups



Bags and overwrap (soft and stretchy)



Foam food and protective packaging

Green Bin Organics



- Use any plastic bags (e.g. grocery, bread, produce) or paper bags to line bin (compostable bags are not necessary)
- Remove all food packaging and stickers from fruits and vegetables



Vegetable and fruit scraps, cores, pits and peels



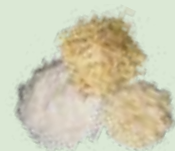
Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags



Baked goods, desserts



Dairy products, eggs and shells



Pasta, grains, rice, potatoes



Nuts and shells



Meat, fish, shellfish (including bones)



House plants



Pet waste and organic cat litter (clay, wood pellets)



Used or soiled tissues, paper towels, napkins, and paper plates

Garbage Bin



Takeout containers (paper/cardboard with wax lining)



Black plastic (e.g. food containers, bags, cutlery, lids)



Coffee pods (any type)



Stand-up pouches, liner bags (cereal, cookies, crackers)



Bubble wrap and padded envelopes



Compostable plastic and plastic-lined paper items (e.g. containers, cutlery)



Dryer and mop sheets, baby wipes, make-up pads, cotton swabs, dental floss



Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, chopsticks



Gum, candy and chocolate wrappers (plastic and foil), chip bags, aluminum foil, blister packs



Ceramic dishes



Hair, pet hair, feathers, nail clippings, dryer lint



Personal protective equipment (masks, gloves)

This guide is a quick reference. Not everything is listed here.

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Contact 311 Toronto to request this information in different languages.