

## All Edmonton residents can recycle through user-friendly recycling programs:

### 1 The Blue Bag program for houses, duplexes and fourplexes



### 2 The Blue Bin program for apartments, condos and townhouses



### 3 Recycling Depots throughout Edmonton for use by all residents and small businesses



## Just follow these simple steps:

### 1 Empty and clean

Make sure all recyclables are empty and clean. Discard caps and lids. Labels do not need to be removed.

### 2 Flatten

Flatten boxes and milk jugs. Discard packing materials from inside boxes.

### 3 Bag your plastic bags

Stuff your plastic bags into one grocery bag and tie the top closed.

### 4 Recycle

Put items loosely into your blue bag or blue bin.

### Blue Bag recycling tips

- Your blue bags are collected on the same day as your garbage. Both should be out before 7 a.m. on collection day.
- Keep your blue bags separate from your garbage on collection day.
- See-through blue bags are available at most grocery and hardware stores. The City does not sell blue bags.
- Flattened boxes can be placed under or beside your blue bags on collection day.
- Use only see-through blue bags so collectors can be sure the contents are recyclables.
- Each filled blue bag must be lighter than 20 kg (44 lbs).

### Apartment Blue Bin recycling tips

- Most apartment and condominium complexes have blue recycling bins placed on their site for convenient recycling. If you would like a blue bin for your building, speak with your property manager or condo board. There is no extra charge for having a blue bin.
- Just empty your clean loose recyclables into your blue bin. They can be in untied plastic or paper bags. You do not need blue bags. Boxes should be flattened to save room in the bin.

### Recycling Depot tips

- The depots are one-way traffic only. Please follow directional signs.
- Dumping of garbage at Recycling Depots is illegal. It is also illegal to remove any materials from the bins.

## What happens to my recyclables?

Material	Recycled As...
Newspaper	newsprint, cellulose insulation, boxboard and phone books
Cardboard	cardboard, boxboard, building paper and shingles
White office paper	office paper, building paper and shingles
Boxboard (cereal boxes)	boxboard, shingles or building paper
Mixed (low-grade) paper	shingles, building paper and boxboard
Magazines	shingles, building paper and newsprint
Milk cartons	tissue paper and writing paper
Metal cans	tractor and grader blades and construction material (rebar)
Glass	fibreglass, reflective signs and construction aggregate
Aluminum	aluminum cans and other aluminum products
Plastics	plastic lumber, pails, carpet, clothing and much more

## Questions?

Call: 311

Email: [wasteman@edmonton.ca](mailto:wasteman@edmonton.ca)

Web: [www.edmonton.ca/waste](http://www.edmonton.ca/waste)

TTY: 780-944-555

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# Recycling



# What can I recycle?

Below is a list of acceptable items for recycling in apartment blue bins, blue bags and at Recycling Depots. Any material not listed is probably not acceptable for recycling and should be put in your regular garbage or taken to an Eco Station.

## PAPER

- newspaper, inserts, flyers, magazines, catalogues and glossy paper
- white writing and computer paper (not shredded. Put shredded paper in the garbage)
- greeting cards and non-foil gift wrap
- junk mail, paper bags, envelopes, paper egg cartons, paperback and hard cover books (put hard cover in the garbage) and phone books



## METALS

- steel cans (soup, juice etc.)
- aluminum containers (pie plates and take out containers)
- aluminum cans (beverages)

**All metal containers must be clean and dry**

**Discard lids or trap inside**

**Labels are OK**



## CARDBOARD

- cardboard boxes (cut to less than 1.2 metres [4 ft] long) – put packing materials in garbage
- cereal and food boxes (remove and discard liner)
- milk cartons (rinse with cold water and flatten)
- shoe boxes and similar boxes
- juice boxes (tetra paks)

**Flatten all boxes**



## GLASS

- jars (e.g. pickle, jam)
- bottles (e.g. all beverages, ketchup)

**Empty and clean**

**Discard lids**

**Labels are OK**

**No other type of glass or ceramic items are acceptable**



## PLASTICS

- household bottles and containers (e.g. dish and clothing detergent, fabric softener, vinegar and pill or vitamin bottles)
- pop, water and other beverage bottles
- milk jugs and windshield washer jugs
- ice cream pails
- yogurt and margarine containers
- plastic bags (including grocery and retail bags), bread bags and dry cleaning bags (please stuff your plastic bags into one bag and tie the top closed)

**Discard caps and lids**

**All plastics must be clean and dry**



## Recycling Depot Locations

The insert inside this brochure has an up-to-date list of Recycling Depot locations, which are subject to change. You can also find them by calling 311 or listed on the web at [www.edmonton.ca/waste](http://www.edmonton.ca/waste)

## Some sorting of material is required at Recycling Depots

Place all items in the appropriate bin.

### 1 Low grade paper (purple labelled bin)

- envelopes, paper bags, paper egg cartons, loose leaf paper, junk mail, greeting cards, paperback books and hard cover books (tear off hard covers and discard)

### 2 Magazines and newspaper (green labelled bin)

### 3 Cardboard and boxboard (blue labelled bin)

### 4 All other recyclables (red labelled bin)

- plastic containers, plastic bags, milk cartons and jugs, tetra paks, glass jars and bottles, metal cans and aluminum pie plates/trays

## Recycle your natural Christmas tree

In mid-January single-family residents receive separate curbside pickup of their natural Christmas trees, while multi-family residents can drop trees off at Recycling Depots. Edmontonians recycle about 30,000 trees every year. Be sure to remove all tinsel, garland, nails, screws and tree stands when you recycle yours.