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Good news! More items are now accepted for recycling.

Your single-use and packaging-like products can now be recycled from home and the depot through Recycle BC's updated program.

✓ Paper

- Paper party decorations
- Paper gift bags
- Paper lunch bags
- Moving and storage boxes
- Paper gift boxes



✓ Flexible Plastics (Depot only)

- Sandwich and freezer bags
- Plastic reusable shopping bags
- Squishy cushion packaging
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic drop sheets or covering
- Plastic recycling bags



✓ Containers

- Aluminum foil trays and pie plates
- Plastic food storage containers
- Plastic and paper cups, plates, and bowls
- Disposable hangers
- Plastic plant pots
- Metal storage containers (e.g. for candy, etc.)
- Plastic utensils and straws








Reuse what you can.
Recycle what you can't.

New Items



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Category	Item Description	Collection Category	Not Accepted
Single-use Products		Coated paper plates, bowls and cups	Containers
		Plastic plates, bowls and cups	Containers
		Foam plates, bowls and cups	Foam – depot only
		Single-use paper party décor	Paper
		Plastic straws	Containers
		Plastic stir sticks	Containers
Plastic utensils		Containers	
Packaging-like Products	 <p>Food bags and flexible plastics purchased as a product</p>	Plastic food storage, sandwich and freezer bags, vacuum seal bags	Flexible Plastics – depot only
		Kraft or multi-layered paper bags	Paper
		Aluminum foil	Containers
		Plastic shrink wrap	Flexible Plastics – depot only
	 <p>Disposable food storage containers purchased as a product – containers intended for short-term use</p>	Non-durable plastic food containers	Containers
		Non-durable paper food containers	Paper
		Aluminum foil pie plates and baking trays	Containers
	 <p>Household packaging items purchased as a product – packaging disposed of after a short-term use</p>	Corrugated cardboard – moving boxes, banking boxes	Paper
		Paper gift bags or boxes	Paper
		Rigid plastic gift bags or boxes	Containers
		Flexible plastic gift bags or boxes	Flexible Plastics – depot only
		Transparent single-use recycling bags	Flexible Plastics – depot only
Reusable plastic curbside recycling bags		Flexible Plastics – depot only	
Reusable plastic-only carry-out bags (provided with purchase or purchased)		Flexible Plastics – depot only	
Plastic drop sheets or covering		Flexible Plastics – depot only	
Squishy cushion packaging (polyethylene foam)		Flexible Plastics – depot only	
Plastic bubble wrap		Flexible Plastics – depot only	
Thin-gauge metal tins		Containers	
Plastic plant pots and saucers		Containers	
Plastic disposable hangers (included with clothing)		Containers	
Compressed paper hangers (included with clothing)		Paper	
Plastic tape dispensers, plastic dental floss containers		Containers	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items that are not single use. • Party items that are not paper décor: i.e., costume wear, party eyeglasses. • Party décor that contaminates recycling system: i.e., balloons, ribbons, plastic pinwheels, glitter, tinsel. • Plastic (rigid and flexible) party décor • Compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items designed for disposal: i.e., garbage/compost/leaf bags. • Mylar, or aluminum foil lined food storage bags. • Wax paper and parchment paper. • Compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable storage containers such as glass or metal food storage containers. • Reusable drink cups and bottles. • Water cooler jugs. • Compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items that are not packaging like. • Long-term storage containers such as heavy-duty plastic boxes or totes. • Contact lens or make up cases. • Durable hangers: wire, sturdy plastic, metal, wood. • Tool boxes or power tool cases. • Compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics. • Carry-out bags with PVC/vinyl.

