

Yes!

Place these items loose in your blue cart or take to the Recycling Centre.



How to prepare your materials:

- Place all recyclables loose in your blue cart – no sorting is required.
- Clean off bits of food and other residue.
- Remove labels from metal food cans, glass bottles, plastic containers, etc.
- Remove lids and caps.
- Place metal food can lids inside the can or leave attached.
- Remove plastic wrapping from magazines and catalogues.
- Material shouldn't be in bags, with two exceptions:
 - Bundle plastic bags into one plastic bag and tie closed.
 - Place shredded paper in a clear plastic bag and tie closed.
- If in doubt, leave it out and check it out at okotoks.ca/curbit.aspx.

Paper and cardboard

- Newspapers and paper inserts (not tied in bundles).
- Catalogues and magazines (with plastic wrapping removed).
- Paper (e.g. letters, envelopes and window envelopes, greeting cards, brochures, non-foil gift wrap, paper bags).
- Cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel tubes and toilet paper tubes).
- Telephone books and paperback books.
- Shredded paper (must be in a clear plastic bag and tied closed).
- Soup and beverage containers (e.g. Tetra Pak® packages).



Metal food cans and foil

- Clean metal food cans.
- Metal lids and caps.
- Clean aluminum foil, aluminum foil plates and containers.
- Remove labels.



Glass jars and bottles

- Clean off food and residue.
- Remove labels.



Plastic jugs, bottles and food containers



- Clean plastic containers labelled with the recycling symbol 1-7.
- No foam cups, food containers or packaging even if labelled with recycling symbol.
- Liquid detergent, fabric softener and shampoo bottles, plastic clamshell trays, yogurt and margarine containers.
- Plastic lids that have a recycling symbol 1-7.
- Plastic bags, clean plastic wrap and bubble wrap. Bundle into one plastic bag and tie closed.



Beverage containers

- Refundable beverage containers can be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds. However, they are also accepted in blue carts and at community depots.
- Milk containers, juice cartons, wine and beer bottles, water bottles, beverage cans and Tetra Pak® packages are all refundable.



To find out which items shouldn't go in your blue cart or Okotoks Recycling Centre, flip this page over. ↘

Printer places FSC logo, based on the percentage of recycled paper content.

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Easy guide
 to recycling

What should (and shouldn't) go into your blue cart, the Okotoks Recycling Centre bins, or the 24-hour drop off bins



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No!

Items that can't go into your blue cart or Okotoks Recycling Centre.



No mixed packaging

- Deodorant sticks, toothpaste tubes, frozen juice containers, potato chip bags, foil from yogurt containers or items made from more than one type of material.



No hazardous materials

- Paint cans, aerosol cans, lighters, car batteries, oil or other hazardous material. Please visit okotoks.ca/waste.aspx for drop-off locations and proper disposal instructions. Note, if a container has both a hazardous materials symbol and recycling symbol, do not place it in the blue cart. Hazardous materials can harm people, equipment and the environment.



No contaminated materials

- Containers need to be free of food and other residues. Please clean them prior to placing in the blue cart.

No foam cups, food containers or packaging

- Polystyrene foam packing materials (blocks or peanuts), cups, food containers or trays (even if labelled with recycling symbol 6).



No electronics

- Electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, CPUs and printers.



No toys, sporting goods, shoes or clothing

No garbage or bagged recyclables



No building materials

- Wood, drywall, nails, tile, concrete, bricks, vinyl siding, etc.



No houseware items

- Drinking glasses, garden hoses, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, ceramics, utensils, appliances, etc.



No food or yard waste

- Food, grass clippings and yard waste.



No scrap metal

- Car parts, pots, pans, shelving racks, wire or wire coat hangers do not go in the blue cart.



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To find out what items can go in your blue cart or be dropped off at the Recycling Centre . ➤