

Sorting Guide: Paper, Cardboard, Containers & Enviro Depot Items

Paper & Fiber: Blue Bag

Use separate blue bags for paper/fiber and container items

Boxboard and Cardboard



Paper and Packaging



Newsprint and Flyers



Paper Laminates



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Containers: Blue Bag

Plastic Packaging and Containers: lids and caps ON



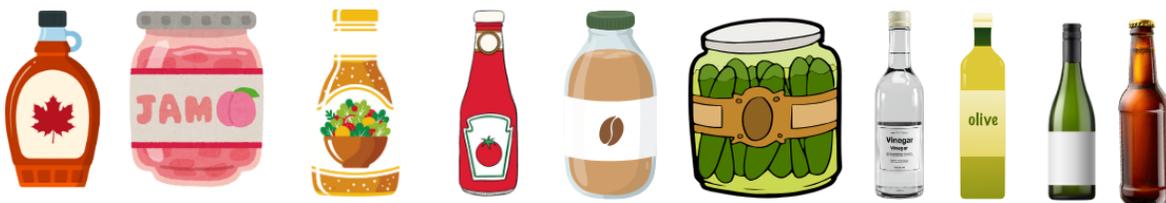
Clear and Coloured Plastic Jugs and Jars: lids and caps ON



Film Plastic and Plastic Bags



Glass Containers: clear and coloured, lids and caps OFF



Metal Containers: aluminum and steel, lids and caps ON

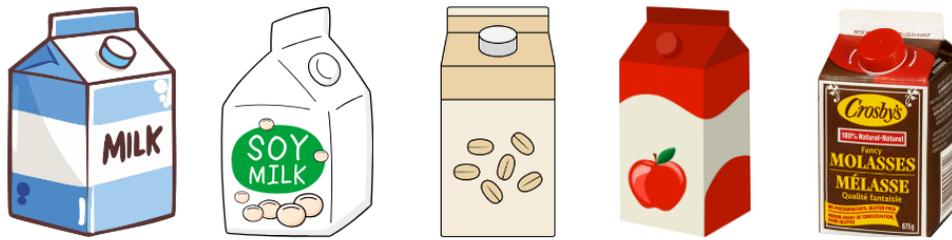


Containers - Blue Bag

Coated Paperboard and Laminated Containers



Gable Top Cartons: lids and caps ON



Enviro Depot Items

Deliver to Participating Enviro Depots: www.circularmaterials.ca/nsdepots/
Participating Depots include Corkum Recycling, 364 Northwest Road, Lilydale and New Germany Enviro Center, 124 Copeland Road. Depot items are not banned from landfill.

Non-Hazardous Aerosol Containers: lids and caps OFF



Plastic Laminates



Flexible and Rigid Foam



EPR for Packaging & Paper FAQs

What is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging & Paper

New regulations in Nova Scotia shift the financial and operational responsibility for recycling from municipalities to the organizations that produce and sell packaging and paper.

Circular Materials is the producer responsibility organization that will implement and manage the new EPR recycling system for residential packaging and paper in Nova Scotia. The transition to this new framework will take place on December 1, 2025.

Why is EPR for Packaging & Paper being introduced?

Nova Scotia's residential packaging and paper recycling program was operated and funded by municipalities. Now, under the EPR for Packaging and Paper regulations, Nova Scotia is transitioning to a new model where producers – the organizations that produce packaging and paper materials – are 100% responsible for operating and funding recycling the province's program.

What will be included as part of the EPR curbside collection program?

- **Paper:** Includes corrugated cardboard boxes, gable top and aseptic containers (e.g., milk cartons), paper laminates (e.g., frozen juice containers, coffee bags), kraft paper bags, and boxboard (e.g., cereal boxes).
- **Rigid Plastic**
- **Flexible Plastic:** Includes items like candy wrappers and chip bags, which are collected at participating drop-off locations such as Enviro-Depots.
- **Glass**

Will I be able to recycle more items?

Yes, the new items that will be accepted in your blue bags include:

- **Multi-layer paper containers:** Paper cups (hot and cold), paper bowls, ice cream cartons and spiral cans (frozen juice, cookies, potato chips).
- **Plastic tubes:** Toothpaste, deodorant and hand cream tubes.
- **Small plastic packaging:** Small bottles/pumps, candy/gum containers, garden pots and seedling trays.

Will my curbside recycling collection day change?

Curbside collection days will remain the same until route changes take effect in the District of Lunenburg and Bridgewater, beginning March 30, 2026. Visit www.southshorewaste.ca for more information.

The change is an administrative shift in who funds and manages the program (from municipalities to the producers), which happens behind the scenes. The District of Lunenburg, Town of Bridgewater and Town of Mahone Bay will continue to provide curbside collection services on behalf of the producers' organization, Circular Materials.

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What are the benefits of the new EPR program?

The main advantage is the creation of a consistent, province-wide list of accepted recyclable materials. The program also aims to improve recycling rates and to encourage companies to design more recyclable products.

Are any items no longer accepted?

Yes, some items are being removed from blue bag recycling because they fall outside the scope of packaging and paper products under the new regulations:

Books: donate books when possible. If not possible, drop them off at South Shore Waste Solutions at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement.

How do I recycle foam packaging and flexible plastics?

Items like foam packaging (meat trays, takeout containers), flexible plastics (chip bags, candy wrappers, bubble wrap), and non-hazardous aerosol cans will be accepted at participating Enviro-Depots across NS. Participating Enviro Depots can be found at: <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/nsdepots/>. Participating Enviro Depots in the area include Corkum Recycling, 364 Northwest Road, Lilydale and New Germany Enviro Center, 124 Copeland Road, New Germany. Foam packaging and flexible plastics aren't banned from landfill.

What colour bags should I use for packaging and paper?

Blue bags must be used. Use separate blue bags for containers (plastic, metal and glass) and for paper items. Carboard must be flattened, bundled and tied separately.

Who do I contact if I have questions about what is recyclable?

For general information, residents can visit the Circular Materials website at <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/nova-scotia/#FAQ> or call (902) 543-2991.