

Calgary



How to use recycling, compost and garbage bins

By sorting your waste properly, recyclables and food scraps get turned into new products and we can reduce the amount of waste we send to a landfill.





Yes. Put these recyclables loose into our recycling bin.

See special instructions below for items such as **shredded paper** and **bundled plastic bags**.

Paper and cardboard

Break down boxes to make room in the bin.



Beverage containers

Refundable beverage containers can also be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds.



Glass jars and bottles



Plastic containers

Labeled with recycling symbols 1-7.



Food cans and foil



Bundled stretchy plastic bags and cling wrap

Bundle all stretchy plastic bags, bubble wrap and cling wrap into a single plastic bag and securely tie closed.

All recycling must be empty, clean and dry.

Pour out liquids and scrape out food bits. Rinse out food containers. Remove lids and caps.



Shredded paper

Place shredded paper in a see-through plastic bag and tie closed.

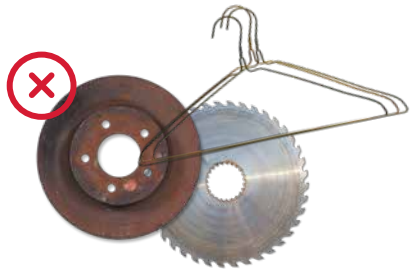


⊗ No. Keep these items OUT of our recycling bin.



No household hazardous waste

If an item has a hazard symbol, then it must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off, even if it's empty. Find locations at calgary.ca/hhw



No metal household goods

For recycling drop-off locations visit calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere



No foam containers or foam packaging

Even if it has a recycling symbol.



No garbage or bagged recyclables

Except for a bag that contains shredded paper, or a bag that contains other plastic bags, bubble wrap and plastic wrap.



No batteries

More information at calgary.ca/battery



No needles or syringes



No household items

Set up an in-home waste system

Tips for making recycling, compost and garbage sorting easy.

- ▶ Purchase divided containers or stackable options.
- ▶ Try over-the-door hanging baskets.
- ▶ Hang a reusable tote on hooks.
- ▶ Reuse a container with a lid for your compost.
- ▶ Utilize your closet area or space under the kitchen sink.
- ▶ Empty your containers often to keep space clutter and odour free.



Yes. Put these food scraps into our compost bin.



Plate scrapings



Meat, fish and bones



Fruits and vegetables
Remove any stickers.



Food soiled paper

- Paper plates
- Paper towel
- Napkins
- Used tissues



Bread and noodles



Cooking oil, sauces and grease

Tip: Use a paper towel to soak up any fats, oils or grease and put it in the compost bin.



Eggshells and dairy products



Coffee filters and tea bags



No. Keep these items OUT of our compost bin.



No food in packaging
Separate food scraps from container before composting.



No foam or plastic packaging



No plastics, glass or metal



No diapers or wipes
Even if they say compostable.



No plastic plates or cutlery
Even if they say compostable.



No coffee cups



No fruit or vegetable stickers



Ice cream bucket with lid

Kitchen compost pail

Kitchen pails

Buy a kitchen pail, decorative container for your counter, or reuse a container such as an ice cream pail.



If you want to keep your kitchen pail tidier, use compostable bags, newspapers or flyers to line your pail. **When buying compostable bags, look for this logo printed on the box and on the bags.**

Tip: To reduce smells, pick a pail that has a lid. You can sprinkle baking soda in the kitchen pail or rinse it out every 2-3 days.

Put all food scraps into the kitchen pail to take from your home to the building's shared compost bin. **Keep plastic out of the compost bin.**



Yes. Put these items in our garbage bin.



Mixed packaging and non-stretchy bags
Even if it has a recycling symbol.



Foam containers or foam packaging
Even if it has a recycling symbol.



Used diapers and wipes



Plastic plates, cutlery and straws



Vacuum cleaner dirt and dryer lint



Lotion and toothpaste tubes



Drink lids
Even if it has a recycling symbol.



Small broken appliances



No. Keep these items OUT of our garbage bin.



No large electronics or appliances

For recycling drop-off locations visit calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere



No large or bulky items
(e.g. chairs, mattresses, tables).



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Other waste items

As you are cleaning out your home or moving, you might come across items that you no longer want or need. Here are some ways to manage your waste.



Large Furniture Disposal

Bring large items to a City landfill Throw 'n' Go for disposal (fees will apply). Items such as: mattresses, vacuums, barbecues, couches and sofas, tables, chairs, cabinets and drawers are accepted. For hours, fees and locations visit calgary.ca/landfill

Used Clothing, Shoes and Fabric

Take clothing, shoes, and fabrics to any City landfill Throw 'n' Go to be reused or recycled for free, even if the material is ripped or damaged. Make sure items are clean and placed inside a bag before dropping off. This helps keep the items dry and makes it easier to collect.



Electronics

Unwanted computers and equipment, televisions and other electronics can be recycled at The City Throw-'n' Go landfill sites for free. For a full list of acceptable items and drop off locations, visit calgary.ca/electronics

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

If an item has a hazard symbol, then it must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off, even if it's empty. Find locations at calgary.ca/hhw

Before you drop off your household chemicals:

- ▶ Keep material in the original container so that staff know how to safely handle the contents. Make sure it has a lid and it's on tight and that the label is readable.
- ▶ If you use a different container, pick a sturdy leak-proof container with a lid like an empty bleach bottle. Label the container clearly. Avoid thin plastic containers like pop bottles or milk jugs.

Composting

Food scraps



Food-soiled paper



Recycling

Paper and cardboard



Plastic containers



Bundled plastic bags



Food cans and foil



Glass jars and bottles



Garbage

Foam packaging



Mixed packaging



Diapers



Plastic cutlery and straws



Lotion and toothpaste tubes



Other items

Household hazardous waste



Electronics



Toys



Clothing



If in doubt, check it out.

Find recycling, composting and safe disposal answers for hundreds of items at calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere

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