

easy. guide to recycling

What should (and shouldn't)
go into your blue cart.



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Yes!

Place these items
in your blue cart.

How to prepare your materials:

- Clean items of food and other residue.
- Place all recyclables in the cart – no sorting is required.
- It's okay to leave labels on metal food cans, glass bottles, plastic containers, etc.
- Remove lids and caps and place in cart.
- Place metal food can lids inside can or leave attached.
- Material shouldn't be in bags, with two exceptions:
 - Bundle plastic bags into one plastic bag and tie handles.
 - Place shredded paper in clear plastic bag and tie handles.
- If in doubt, check it out at calgary.ca/bluecart.



Paper and cardboard

- Newspapers and paper inserts.
- Catalogues and magazines.
- Paper (e.g. letters, envelopes and window envelopes, greeting cards, brochures, non-foil gift-wrap, paper bags, etc.).
- Cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, etc.).
- Telephone books and paperback books.
- Shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag and tie handles).
- Tetra Paks.



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Metal

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



Glass

- Clean jars and bottles.



Plastic |

- Clean plastic containers labelled with the recycling symbol 1-7.
- No polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam™).
- Liquid detergent, fabric softener and shampoo bottles, plastic clamshell trays (not Styrofoam™), yogurt and margarine containers.
- Plastic bags (e.g. grocery bags, plastic food bags, bubble wrap, etc.). Bundle plastic bags into one plastic bag and tie handles.



Beverage containers

- Refundable beverage containers can be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds. However, they will also be accepted and recycled through the Blue Cart program.
- As of June 2009, milk containers are a refundable beverage container.



To find out which items shouldn't go in your blue cart, see next page ↓

No!

Items that cannot
go your blue cart.



Hazardous materials

- Paint cans, aerosol cans, lighters, batteries or oil. Please visit calgary.ca/waste 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.



Plastics that are not a container

- Laundry baskets, pens, etc.

Plastics without a number

- Plastics without a 1-7 recycling symbol (e.g. straws, plastic cutlery, etc.).



Mixed packaging

- Mixed packaging (e.g. deodorant sticks, toothpaste tubes, disposable drinking cups, frozen juice containers) or items made from more than one type of material.



Polystyrene foam

- Styrofoam™ packing materials (blocks or peanuts), Styrofoam™ cups, or Styrofoam™ food containers, even if labelled as recycling symbol 6.



Toys or sporting goods



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Electronics

- Electronics such as televisions, computer monitors, CPUs and printers are only accepted at electronic recycling depots throughout the city. Visit calgary.ca/waste for locations.



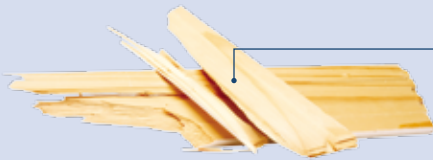
Contaminated materials

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



Food and organics

- Food, grass clippings and yard waste.



Building materials

- Wood, drywall, nails, tile, concrete, etc.

Garbage

- Do not put bags of trash in your blue cart.



Housewares

- Frying pans, drinking glasses, wire coat hangers, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, ceramics, utensils, etc.

Shoes or clothing



Cette information est également disponible en français. Veuillez consulter le site calgary.ca/bluecart ou composer le 3-1-1.

这些消息也有简体中文版。请访问网址calgary.ca/bluecart 或者致电3-1-1。

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