



Alberta Property Managers Guide to Recycling of Paper & Product Packaging (PPP)

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About Circular Materials

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Circular Materials is a not-for-profit producer responsibility organization (PRO) responsible for managing Alberta's extended producer responsibility (EPR) recycling program for packaging and paper products. We support producers in meeting their EPR obligations across Canada. Circular Materials develops, implements and supports effective and efficient recycling programs to advance innovation, deliver improved environmental outcomes and drive value across the recycling supply chain. Together, we are advancing the circular economy where materials are collected, recycled and can be returned to producers for use as recycled content in new products and packaging.



Accepted materials



Paper and fibre

Material & examples

What to know



Cardboard boxes

Pizza boxes, direct mail boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes.

- ✓ Flatten. No larger than 60 x 90 cm.
- ✓ Empty.



Boxboard

Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, rolls from toilet paper and paper towel.

- ✓ Flatten.
- ✓ Empty.



Paper

Any colour paper, including flour bags, prescription bags, paper produce bags.

Notepads, white or coloured loose paper, file folders, other printed materials.

Community newspapers, flyers, brochures and magazines.

Greeting cards and envelopes, gift boxes.

- ✓ Place shredded paper in a tied clear plastic bag.
- ✓ Separate from plastic bags used to cover items, remove elastic bands.
- ✓ Remove rope handle from bags.
- ✓ Do not include soft or hard covered books/novels.



Paper and fibre

Material & examples	What to know
	Paper laminate packaging Pet food bags, food service paper bags, and plates. ☒ Empty.
	Paper laminate containers Spiral cans, cookie dough containers, ice cream containers and hot and cold beverage cups. ☒ Empty. ☒ Remove lids.
	Cartons Molasses and sugar cartons, laundry and cleaning cartons, soup and sauce cartons. ☒ Empty. ☒ Lids and caps on.

Plastic packaging and containers

Material & examples

What to know



Plastic containers

Laundry detergent and household cleaner jugs, shampoo, body wash, salad dressing, condiment, dish soap and mouth wash bottles.



Food trays, salad, yogurt, peanut butter, bakery and egg containers, plastic cups, plastic tubs and lids.



Deodorant, toothpaste and lotion or hand cream tubes.



Small item packaging, hand sanitizer bottles, plant pots.

- ☒ Empty.
- ☒ Lids and caps on.

Flexible plastic and foam packaging

Material & examples	What to know	
	Flexible plastic packaging Bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers. Overwrap (paper towel & toilet paper, beverage containers). Coffee bags or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, snack wrappers, cereal liner bags, plastic gift bags.	☒ Empty.
	Foam packaging Meat trays, takeout containers, cups, plates, bowls, foam packaging.	☒ Empty. ☒ Remove film wrap and absorbent pads from meat trays.

Metal containers

Material & examples		What to know
	Metal Food cans, metal lids, candles, cookie, coffee and tea tins.	☒ Rinse and dry.
	Aluminum (foils and trays) Aluminum foil, pie plates, frozen food trays.	☒ Empty. ☒ Ball up aluminum foil.
	Aerosol containers Food spray, whipping cream, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant.	☒ Empty. ☒ Lids and caps on.

Glass containers

Material & examples	What to know
	Glass containers Clear and coloured glass. Food containers, jars and bottles. Cosmetic containers, spice bottles, oil and vinegar bottles. ✓ Empty. ✓ Lids and caps off.



Not accepted materials



Glass housewares and products

Material & examples

What to know



Window glass, glassware, drinking glasses, food storage containers.

✓ Find the right disposal options at the link below:

www.albertarecycling.ca



Metal housewares and products

Material & examples

What to know



Pots and pans, jewelry and accessories, propane canisters, cutlery and cooking utensils, reusable waterbottles, thermos, scrap metal.

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Paper and fibreboard products

Material & examples

What to know



Books, paper towel, photo albums, scrapbooks, coffee filters, playing cards, baby wipes or cleaning wipes.

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Plastic housewares and products

Material & examples	What to know
  	Toys, toothbrushes, ribbons and balloons, hairbrushes, combs, CDs, DVDs, Blu ray cases, electronic cords. Food storage containers. Garden hose, garbage bags, plastic storage containers and bins, paint containers, pails and buckets. ☒ Find the right disposal options at the link below: www.albertarecycling.ca

Other

Material & examples	What to know
      	Diapers. Ceramics. Clothing and textiles. Organics. Single use and rechargeable batteries. Engine oil containers, windshield washer fluid containers. Electronics.
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Black bags vs. clear bags

Black bags vs. clear bags

1

Place shredded paper in a tied clear plastic bag.



2

Place packing peanuts and popcorn in a tied clear plastic bag.



3

Black bags don't belong in your recycling.





Additional resources



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1

Circular Materials resources for multi-family:
circularmaterials.ca/ABmultifam

2

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