

Did you know NEW items are now accepted in your blue box for recycling?

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Previously, only paper products, plastic, metal, and glass packaging were included in the Recycle BC residential recycling program. But on January 1st, 2023, the single-use and packaging-like products categories were introduced.

Plastic straws, stir sticks, utensils, plates, bowls, and cups can now be placed with your other materials in the blue box. You can also recycle your paper party décor, piñatas and gift bags in the paper stream.

Another big change is happening with flexible plastics. Previously you were required to sort these materials before bringing them to a depot. These now fall into one single category. You no longer need to separate your bread's plastic bags and overwrap from crinkly wrappers like your cereal, chip bags, and zipper lock pouches for frozen foods. These two types of plastic can now be recycled together and brought to a depot for recycling free of charge.

These changes in the materials accepted at depots and for curbside collection will allow for more materials to be recycled and kept out of landfills and the environment. The intention of including these products into current recycling practices is to ensure items with high turnover rates are captured and responsibly managed.

Remember, as a resident you play a key role in recycling these materials and the first step is knowing it does not need to end up in your garbage, instead, it can be recycled and diverted from the landfill.

For a detailed list of the new accepted items, visit <https://recyclebc.ca/newitems/>