

What Goes Where Questions From CBC Info AM SJ Contest

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| I am an avid recycler. I have frequently wondered where to put the large (roughly 1 litre) Tetra Pak of soup broth. Garbage or plastics, along with milk cartons. | Tetra packs of all kinds are garbage. |
| I am also questioning black garbage bags. An employee at the landfill recently told me not to put black plastic in with the plastics as it could reject the entire load. Is that correct?? | Correct. Please put recyclables loose into the blue bins or your curbside recycle bins, never in a black or coloured bag. |
| Can it be put in the compost with biodegradable bags or do they need to be compost bag? | Please use only compostable bags in the compost bin. Look for the compostable symbol |
| If paper or boxboard has a wax coating on it, is it still recyclable? | It would be garbage. Wax paper cannot go in recycling or compost |
| When boxboard has a thin plastic coating on it, is it still recyclable? | Boxboard that has a glossy finish is still recyclable. |
| Is wrapping paper recyclable? | Wrapping paper is garbage, please don't include it in with your recycling. |
| what can we do for recycling mixed materials, such as envelopes with the little plastic see through window, tissue boxes or even tape used to close cardboard boxes. Should we separate these materials from each other before recycling? I also am curious about the paper around metal cans and some plastic bottles for example. | Envelope w windows are recycle Tissue box, remove the plastic window, recycle the box Boxes – remove as much tape as you can. Metal cans and plastic bottles can keep their labels |
| I would like to know if it is OK to put coloured napkins and butcher paper in the compost. | Both are compost as long as the butcher paper is not waxed. |
| What do I do with glass? | Glass jars are garbage You can also bring clean jars with the lid and no label to your local food bank for them to portion out supplies |
| Is there a community compost area? I feel guilty every time I put compost into my garbage but I am not aware of an option. | Sorry, there is no community compost area. |
| I was at the recycle bins this afternoon and noticed an mandarin orange box sitting on top of one of the bins. The person who left it there probably didn't know what to do with it. It was partly wood and partly cardboard. | The box would be garbage because it is mixed material of wood and cardboard |
| The hard plastic spray tops from spray bottles such as spot cleaners, bathroom and kitchen cleaners. I have been putting them in with plastics. Do they get recycled? | They should go in the garbage. Only plastics with a 1, 2 or 5 recycling number are recycled, or larger lids like a peanut butter jar lid. |

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| The plastic caps from milk cartons have a #5 on them. Are they ok to be recycled, or are they too small. If "yes," should they be put in a clear plastic bag to keep them together? Thanks. | Sorry, they would be garbage. Only larger lids like a peanut butter jar or large yogurt container are recyclable. |
| I am wondering about pill bottles once they are empty both over the counter and prescription? Can we put them in as plastic? Should we do something about the personal info that's on them? | If they have a number 1, 2 or 5 they can be recycled. I would remove any person info. |
| when recycling cans should the lids be included? If so what is the best way to do this to avoid cut potential for sorters at recycling facilities? | Include lids from can in recycling. Our sorters wear gloves |
| If your plastic is put into the blue bin inside a large plastic bag, will it be recycled or will it be put in the landfill? Does it matter if the large bag is clear or can you use a garbage bag or plastic grocery bag? | Please put recyclables loose into the bins. Anything in a bag will be considered garbage. |
| do plastic tops such as the covers to yogurt drinks get recycled or are they too small? | They would be too small, so should go in the garbage. |
| why can't wrapping paper be recycled?" | Our paper bales could be rejected by recyclers if they contain any wrapping paper. Too much tape, stickers, bows... |
| Why can't polystyrene containers be recycled | We don't have a market for them so they can't be recycled. |
| What do we do with cds and dvds that we don't want, and have no value to anyone else | Sorry, but they are garbage. Or google all the fun crafts you can make with them. ☺ |
| For the disposal items, how do I dispose of the old style TV's? Thanks for your interest in the environment. What do I do with old laptops, computer parts and printers? | Google "recycle my electronics" for a depot near you that will take all your old electronics. |
| I have a question about how to dispose of possible hazardous waste. We bought an older home and replaced the thermostats with digital ones. The old thermostats contain a thermometer with mercury in them. What should we do with the old thermostats? | They would be Household Hazardous Waste and should be brought to Crane Mountain Landfill. www.FundyRecycles.com |
| Parchment Paper...am I able to put that in my compost? | Yes, it can go in the compost. But not wax paper. |
| Dental floss containers (you know the tiny little plastic holders). | If it is larger than a toonie & if you can see the #1, #2 or #5 recycling symbol on it. |
| Toothpaste tubes | Garbage |
| microwave popcorn bags | Compost |

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| hair | Compost |
| Frozen food boxes | Recycling – Paper & Boxboard |
| grey, heavy, plastic wrapping from Amazon packaging | If it has a stretch – recycle it with your plastic bags. If it doesn't have a stretch – garbage. |
| Batteries (all disposable & recyclable) | Battery drop-off boxes around region or HHW at Crane Mountain. Type Battery into What Goes Where to find a location near you. |
| Broken, small appliances like blenders, small humidifiers, and stereos. Also old, broken garbage bins? Thanks! | Broken small appliances – garbage Stereo – is part of the Electronics Recycling Go to What goes Where at FundyRecycles.com to find a depot near you Broken Garbage Bin – garbage. |
| My natural fir bough Christmas wreath has a metal frame. Do I have to remove all the metal before putting it in the compost cart? @DougMuir1 | Yes, you would have to separate out the metal and put the boughs in the compost. Or the whole thing is garbage. |
| Should we remove the plastic from packaging before recycling? ie. Tissue boxes, corrugated cardboard packaging with the plastic window displays. | Yes Please! Remove, and then recycle the box. |
| When you have an item with more than one component, such as paper or cardboard with plastic, tin with paper label, plastic container with paper label, what is the protocol. | In general please separate plastic from paper based products, but you don't need to take labels off of tin cans or plastic jars. |
| plastics - chip bags lids off coffee cups? | Chip bags are garbage. Lids of coffee cups are garbage too. Only plastics with the number 1, 2 or 5 are recyclable and lids are generally #6 or 7 |
| I live in Saint John and we have the large green compost bins. I have noticed that there is cardboard, the flyers and newspapers in the compost bin. I thought those bins were just for food only? | Compost bins are for food and yard waste and soiled paper. So paper with food on it, such as pizza boxes, paper plates and napkins can go in the compost. Single sheets of newspaper can also be used to wrap food waste. Other clean paper, such as newspapers, magazines and flyers should go in the blue bins. |
| Envelopes with plastic windows or boxes with tape on it. | You can leave the window in the envelopes and recycle them. Please remove as much tape as possible and recycle the box. |
| can Carbon Monoxide detectors be recycled? | The detector is safe to go in the garbage and should NOT go in with your recycling. |
| Wrapping paper- it's paper so one would think it's recyclable. | We have had bales of paper rejected for recycling because of wrapping paper being present, so we don't accept any wrapping paper. Generally it has too much tape and stickers and bows or is metallic paper.... |
| What types of plastic/plastic wrap can be | Plastic that has a 'stretch' to it can be recycled. |

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| <p>recycled with plastic bags? For example, does the plastic have to be "stretchy" in order to be recycled? Can the open-weave plastic "bags" that oranges and lemons are packaged in be recycled with plastic bags?</p> | <p>Stiff, hard plastic bags/wraps should go in the garbage. Mesh bags for oranges or onions are garbage.</p> |
| <p>Where does kitty litter waste go? I believe it goes in garbage but someone told me it can be composted.</p> | <p>Kitty litter can be composted as well as what you scoop out of it. The litter should be clay based (most are, just check the label) and it should be contained in a paper bag or compostable bag.</p> |
| <p>batteries</p> | <p>Go the FundyRecycles.com and enter 'batteries' into What Goes Where and it will give you locations of Crane Mountain Landfill and other locations near you.</p> |