

THE COUNTY OF BRANT RECYCLING PROGRAM

Did you know...?

- As of January 1, 2010, County of Brant residents are able to put all of their acceptable blue box materials together loose, or co-mingled, into a **'Single Stream'** in their blue box. The table below lists examples of materials which **"Do"** and materials which **"Do Not"** go into the County of Brant blue box.
- Recycling markets are commodity markets, driven by the supply and demand of products made from recycled materials. By purchasing products with "post consumer" recycled content, you will be creating a demand for the materials you put in your blue box. You will also be helping to create a demand for new products containing post consumer recycled content. This can help create a self sustaining program.
- The blue box recycling program is currently funded in part by the County and by the "producers and first importers" of the packaged foods and household products that you use everyday. For more information visit www.stewardshipontario.ca.
- The collection and processing of acceptable blue box materials transforms those materials into products. This helps to extend the life of our landfill, which is both an environmentally and financially positive practice to adopt and promote.
- For examples of the types of products that are made from your acceptable blue box materials, please visit www.blueboxmore.ca.
- Recycle right! When you place a non recyclable item in the blue box, it just goes on a long and expensive trip to a landfill. Contamination in the blue box only reduces the effectiveness of the recycling program and creates inefficiencies.
- Remember, the **3Rs - Reduce Reuse and Recycle**, all contribute to waste diversion. We all have the choice of purchasing items that use less packaging (**Reduce**), or buying items that can be used again (**Reuse**), or lastly to **Recycle** materials rather than dispose of them. With these three options available to us, we all have some control over the effectiveness and the costs of our municipal waste diversion programs.
- Blue boxes are available at all County of Brant [Customer Service Offices](#) and at the Waste Management facilities for only \$6.00.

- Composting is another great way to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. Composting generates a nutrient rich soil amendment, is easy to do, and your lawn and garden will love it. Composters are available at all County of Brant Customer Service Offices and the Waste Management facilities for only \$35.00. Further information is available in your 2010 Garbage and Recycling Calendar.
- Our web site has a [Waste Management Update Notice](#) which provides up to date information on more County of Brant Waste Management programs and services.

Blue box collection **Dos and **Don'ts**:**

- **Do**... have your materials placed at the curbside by **7 a.m.** on your collection day to ensure collection.
- **Do**... try to put out your blue boxes only when they are full.
- **Don't**... crush your cans and recyclable plastic containers anymore. The recycling facility's sorting equipment works most effectively when containers are left at their original size.
- **Do**... remember to check the County of Brant website regularly for changes to the blue box program.
- **Do**... Bring your blue box out the morning of your collection day (by 7 am), instead of the night before, to avoid materials getting wet overnight by rain and snow or the contents getting blown around by wind.
- **Do**... secure cardboard that is too big to fit loose in the blue box with masking tape, packing tape or light string.
(maximum bundle size is 0.8 m x 0.8 m x 0.25 m (32" x 32" x 10"))
- **Do**... remember that there is no charge to take your acceptable blue box materials to the either of the County of Brant [Waste Management Facilities](#) during regular operating hours.
- **Don't**... place your blue box up on top of a snow bank. It should be placed at the end of your driveway, so that the collection crews can access it quickly and efficiently.
- **Don't**... put empty oil, anti freeze, herbicide, pesticide or other hazardous waste containers in your blue box. Please visit www.dowhatyoucan.ca for other local disposal outlets for your 'Municipal Hazardous or Special Wastes' (MHSW).

EXAMPLES OF WHAT GOES IN, AND WHAT STAYS OUT OF THE BLUE BOX

(When in doubt, contact Emterra Environmental at 1-888-770-4711 for guidance.)

<u>Acceptable Materials in the Blue Box</u> Do put these items in the blue box:	<u>Unacceptable materials in the Blue Box</u> Do Not put these items in the blue box:
<p><u>Paper and Cardboard Items:</u> Beverage take-out trays (i.e. coffee/soft drink) Cardboard boxes and packaging <i>(Please note: Cardboard should be flattened and placed loose in the blue box or inside of another box. Pieces should be no larger than 0.8 m x 0.8 m (32" x 32"). Excessive amounts of cardboard should be secured with masking or packing tape or <u>light</u> string in bundles no larger than 0.8 m x 0.8 m x 0.25 m (32" x 32" x 10"))</i> Cereal boxes Chocolate boxes Clean fine household paper Computer paper Cosmetics packaging (paper) Cracker boxes Drinking boxes Dryer sheet boxes Egg cartons (paper cartons only) Envelopes Frozen food boxes (no waxed boxes please) Greeting cards (no foil please) Ice Cream cartons Laundry detergent boxes Magazines and catalogues Medicine boxes/packaging Milk and juice cartons Mixed household papers (flyers, junk mail, window and non-window envelopes) Newspapers, junk mail and ad mail Paper bags Paper egg cartons Paper towel rolls Pizza boxes Shoe boxes Soap boxes Soft cover books (please remove the spine) Soup boxes (Tetra-Pak™) Telephone books and Yellow Pages™ Tissue boxes Toilet paper rolls Tool cardboard packaging Toothpaste boxes Toy cardboard packaging</p>	<p><u>Paper and Cardboard Items:</u> Carbon paper Cardboard cans (orange juice, lemonade, etc. however the metal ends should be removed and recycled) Coffee cups (Paper, Styrofoam™, or ceramic) Construction and craft paper (these types of papers contain excessive amounts of ink) Diapers Gift wrap & tissue paper Hard covers on books (if you remove the hard cover, then the pages can be recycled) Facial tissue (Kleenex™, etc) Paper drinking cups Paper towels (remember, the rolls are recyclable) Wax coated cups like fast food/coffee cups Waxed paper Waxed corrugated cardboard boxes</p> <p><u>Metal Items:</u> Aerosol cans, other than empty food or beverage containers (i.e. propane, butane, paint, lubricants etc.) Batteries Car parts Pots or pans Propane cylinders Scrap metal other than empty food or beverage containers</p> <p><u>Glass/Plastic Item:</u> Berry and fruit "clamshell" style packaging Boxboard product inner liners (wax paper, cereal and cracker box liners etc...) Brake fluid containers Broken glass Bubble packaging "Clam shell" style bakery and prepared food trays and packaging Corrosive material bottles (see www.dowhatyoucan.ca) Dry cleaning bags Flower pots and trays - even if there is a recycling logo on the bottom (try returning them to a garden center for reuse) Fluorescent light bulbs (tubes or CFL's) (see www.dowhatyoucan.ca)</p>

Metal Items:

All Food and beverage cans
Aluminum cans
Aluminum foil & trays (clean – no food residue)
Beer cans (Remember, these can also be taken to The Beer Store for deposit return)
Empty aerosol cans - food or personal hygiene products only (i.e. cooking spray, deodorant, hairspray, mousse, shaving cream etc...)
Paint cans (must be empty, dry, and have their lids removed)
Pop cans

Glass/Plastic Item:

Bleach bottles
Bubble bath bottles
Fabric softener bottles
Hand cream bottles
Hand soap bottles
Household cleaner bottles
Ice cream containers
Juice bottles
Laundry detergent bottles
Liquor/beer bottles (Remember, these can now be taken to The Beer Store for deposit return)
Margarine & yogurt containers (tubs & lids) (#5)
Medicine and vitamin bottles (#2)
Mouthwash bottles
Polystyrene bottles (#6)
Pop & water bottles (#1)
Shampoo bottles (#2)
Soft drink bottles(#1)
Soup boxes and cans
Tetra-Pak™ containers

Foil / plastic multi-layered bags
Frozen food and vegetable bags
Glass drinking cups
Herbicide and Pesticide bottles (see www.dowhatyoucan.ca)
Light bulbs (fluorescent or incandescent)
Milk bags
Mirror or window glass
Oil containers or filters (see www.dowhatyoucan.ca)
Plastic bags (bread, sandwich, or grocery bags etc...)
Plastic drinking cups
Plastic cookie trays
Plastic egg cartons
Plastic film/wrap
Plastic prescription pill jars
Plastic toys
Plastic water softener salt bags
Saran™ wrap
Single serving yogurt and pudding containers
Stiff/crinkly bags (potato chip bags, department store bags)
Straws
Transmission fluid containers
Windows / window glass
Styrofoam™ packaging material
Styrofoam™ meat trays
Styrofoam™ egg cartons
Styrofoam™ plates/bowls/trays/cups
Zip top plastic bags

Other Items:

Crockery (kitchen dishes, coffee mugs)
Mason jars
Rope and heavy string
Syringes
Wood

Please note; this list contains examples of product packaging which are acceptable and unacceptable. If you are not sure if an item should be placed in the blue box, please contact Emterra Environmental at 519-770-4711 or 1-888-770-4711 for assistance.

