



## THE COUNTY OF BRANT RECYCLING PROGRAM

### Did you know ...?

- County of Brant residents are able to put all of their *acceptable* blue box materials together loose, or co-mingled, into their blue box. No sorting of materials is required. 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 greater demand for the materials which go in your blue box. You will also be creating 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 every day. For more information visit [www.stewardshipontario.ca](http://www.stewardshipontario.ca).
- The collection and processing of acceptable blue box materials transforms those materials into new products. This helps to extend the life of our landfill, which is both an environmentally and financially positive practice to adopt and promote. Take the time to educate yourself about what materials are acceptable in our blue box program. See the table below.
- For examples of the types of products that are made from your acceptable blue box materials, please visit [www.stewardshipontario.ca](http://www.stewardshipontario.ca).
- **Recycle right!** When you place a non-recyclable item in the blue box, it simply goes on a long and expensive trip to a landfill. Contamination in the blue box only reduces the effectiveness of the recycling program.
- Remember, the **3Rs - Reduce Reuse and Recycle**, all contribute to waste diversion. We all have the choice of purchasing items that use less packaging (**R**educe), or buying items that can be used again (**R**euse), or lastly to **R**ecycle 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 management 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 Garbage and Recycling Calendar.



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

- **Do...** have your materials placed at the curbside by **7:00 am** 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. 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 7:00 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.makethedrop.ca](http://www.makethedrop.ca) or [www.ReGeneration.ca](http://www.ReGeneration.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.)

### Acceptable Materials in the Blue Box – Do put these items in the blue box:

Paper and Cardboard Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cardboard cans (orange juice, lemonade, etc. however the metal ends should be removed and recycled)</li><li>- 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></li><li>- Cereal / Cracker boxes</li><li>- Chocolate boxes</li><li>- Clean fine household paper / computer printer paper</li><li>- Cosmetics packaging (paper)</li><li>- * NEW * Hot and Cold Beverage cups (fast food/coffee shop cups Paper)</li><li>- Drinking boxes</li><li>- Dryer sheet boxes</li><li>- Egg cartons (paper or clear plastic cartons only)</li><li>- Envelopes</li><li>- Frozen food boxes (no waxed boxes please)</li><li>- Greeting cards (no foil please)</li><li>- Hard cover books</li><li>- Ice cream cartons</li><li>- Laundry detergent boxes</li><li>- Magazines and catalogues</li><li>- Medicine boxes/packaging</li><li>- Milk and juice cartons</li><li>- Mixed household papers (flyers, junk mail, window and non-window envelopes)</li><li>- Newspapers, junk mail and ad mail</li><li>- Paper bags</li><li>- Paper drinking cups</li><li>- Paper egg cartons</li><li>- Paper towel rolls</li><li>- Pizza boxes</li><li>- Shoe boxes</li><li>- Soap boxes</li><li>- Soft cover books</li><li>- Soup boxes (Tetra-Pak™)</li><li>- Telephone books and Yellow Pages™</li><li>- Tissue boxes</li><li>- Toilet paper rolls</li><li>- Tool cardboard packaging</li><li>- Toothpaste boxes</li><li>- Toy cardboard packaging</li></ul>
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<p>Metal Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Food and beverage cans</li> <li>- Aluminum cans</li> <li>- Aluminum foil &amp; trays (clean – no food residue)</li> <li>- Beer cans (<u>Remember</u>, these can also be taken to The Beer Store for deposit return)</li> <li>- <u>Empty</u> aerosol cans - food or personal hygiene products <u>only</u> (i.e. cooking spray, deodorant, hairspray, mousse, shaving cream etc...)</li> <li>- Paint cans (must be empty, dry, and have their lids removed)</li> <li>- Pop cans</li> </ul>
<p>Plastic Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>#1 PET, #2 HDPE, #3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 Polypropylene, # 6 Polystyrene, # 7 Polycarbonate</b> containers which contained food, beverage and non-hazardous household liquids such as;</li> <li>- Bleach bottles</li> <li>- Bubble bath bottles</li> <li>- “Clam shell” style bakery, egg carton, berry packs and prepared food trays and packaging</li> <li>- * <b>NEW</b> * Coffee pods (clean and rinsed - coffee must be removed)</li> <li>- Drinking cups</li> <li>- Fabric softener bottles</li> <li>- Flower pots and trays</li> <li>- Ice cream containers</li> <li>- Juice bottles</li> <li>- Laundry detergent bottles</li> <li>- Medicine (non-prescription) and vitamin bottles (empty)</li> <li>- Margarine, Ice Cream &amp; yogurt containers (tubs &amp; lids)</li> <li>- Personnel Hygiene</li> <li>- Plates, cups and coffee cup lids</li> <li>- Pop &amp; water bottles</li> <li>- Single serving yogurt and pudding containers</li> <li>- Soup boxes and cans</li> <li>- Tetra-Pak <sup>TM</sup> containers</li> </ul>
<p>Glass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear Glass containing food, beverage and non-hazardous household liquids</li> <li>- Coloured Glass containing food, beverage and non-hazardous household liquids</li> <li>- Liquor/beer bottles (<u>Remember</u>, these can be taken to The Beer Store for deposit return)</li> </ul>



**Unacceptable Materials in the Blue Box – Do Not put these items in the blue box:**

<p>Paper and Cardboard Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Beverage take-out trays (i.e. coffee/soft drink)</li> <li>– Carbon paper</li> <li>– Coffee cups (Styrofoam™, or ceramic)</li> <li>– Construction and craft paper (these types of papers contain excessive amounts of ink)</li> <li>– Diapers</li> <li>– Gift wrap &amp; tissue paper</li> <li>– Facial tissue (Kleenex™, etc)</li> <li>– Paper towels (remember, the rolls are recyclable)</li> <li>– Waxed paper</li> <li>– Waxed corrugated cardboard boxes</li> </ul>
<p>Metal Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Aerosol cans, other than empty food or beverage containers (i.e. propane, butane, paint, lubricants etc.)</li> <li>– Batteries</li> <li>– Car parts</li> <li>– Pots or pans</li> <li>– Propane cylinders</li> <li>– Scrap metal other than empty food or beverage containers</li> </ul>
<p>Plastic Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Boxboard product inner liners (wax paper, cereal and cracker box liners etc.)</li> <li>– Brake fluid containers</li> <li>– Bubble packaging</li> <li>– Corrosive material bottles (see <a href="http://www.makethedrop.ca">www.makethedrop.ca</a>)</li> <li>– Dry cleaning bags</li> <li>– Foil / plastic multi-layered bags</li> <li>– Frozen food and vegetable bags</li> <li>– Milk bags</li> <li>– Oil containers or filters (see <a href="http://www.makethedrop.ca">www.makethedrop.ca</a>)</li> <li>– Plastic bags (bread, sandwich, or grocery bags etc.)</li> <li>– Plastic cookie trays</li> <li>– Plastic film/wrap</li> <li>– Plastic prescription pill jars</li> <li>– Plastic toys</li> <li>– Plastic water softener salt bags</li> <li>– Saran™ wrap</li> <li>– Stiff/crinkly bags (potato chip bags, department store bags)</li> <li>– Straws</li> <li>– Transmission fluid containers (see <a href="http://www.makethedrop.ca">www.makethedrop.ca</a>)</li> <li>– Styrofoam™ (#6) packaging material</li> <li>– Styrofoam™ (#6) meat trays</li> <li>– Styrofoam™ (#6) egg cartons</li> <li>– Styrofoam™ (#6) plates/bowls/trays/cups</li> <li>– Zip top plastic bags</li> </ul>



<p>Glass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Broken glass</li> <li>- Glass drinking cups</li> <li>- Herbicide and Pesticide bottles (see <a href="http://www.ReGeneration.ca">www.ReGeneration.ca</a>)</li> <li>- Mason jars</li> <li>- Mirror or window glass</li> <li>- Windows / window glass</li> </ul>
<p>Other Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crockery (kitchen dishes, coffee mugs)</li> <li>- Fluorescent light bulbs (tubes or CFL's)</li> <li>- Light bulbs (fluorescent or incandescent)</li> <li>- Prescription Drugs (see <a href="http://www.healthsteward.ca/returns/ontario">www.healthsteward.ca/returns/ontario</a>)</li> <li>- Rope and heavy string</li> <li>- Syringes (see <a href="http://www.healthsteward.ca/returns/ontario">www.healthsteward.ca/returns/ontario</a>)</li> <li>- Wood</li> </ul>

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.