

Waste Audit Guide

Paper

Newspaper

Daily and weekly newspapers, printed on newsprint. No inserts, flyers, and magazines from newspapers.



Telephone Books & Directories



Magazines & Catalogues

Publications printed on thin gloss text.

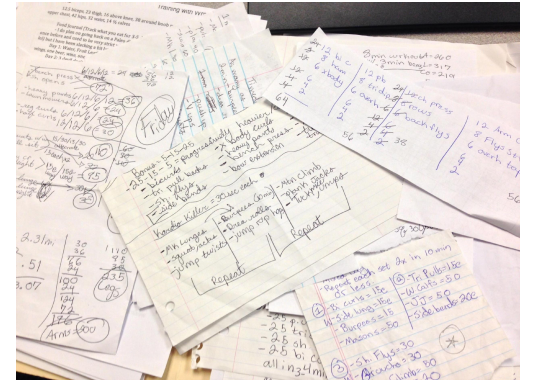
Ex: magazines, calendars, annual reports (must be bound i.e. stapled or glued).



Mixed Fine Paper

Paper generated by households, offices, students, etc.
Ex: writing paper, office paper, copy paper, bills and statements, ad mail.

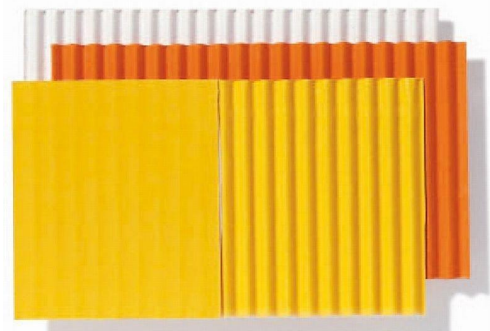
Also includes glossy flyers and ads NOT distributed with newspapers.



Paper Packaging

Other Corrugated

Packing made by gluing one or more fluted paperboard sheets to flat sheets. Results in two smooth outer layers and inner corrugated layers. Includes micro-fluted and waxed corrugated containers, and pizza boxes.



Corrugated Wine Bag in Box

No plastic liners.



Kraft Paper

Strong, unbleached paper. Includes brown, white, and coloured Kraft paper and bags.

Ex: paper bags and wrap, grocery/retail bags, potato bags, some pet food bags.



Boxboard/Cores

Lightweight paperboard used to make boxes, cartons, and cores. Includes wet-strength boxboard.

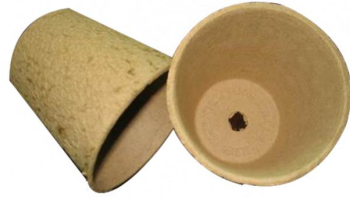
Ex: cereal box, shoe box, frozen food box, cores from toilet paper.



Molded Pulp

Used as protective packaging and food & beverage trays.

Ex: egg cartons, trays, molded pulp flower pots.



Hot Beverage Paper Cups & Ice Cream Containers

Paper based cups with plastic lining/layer.



Composite Cans

Spiral wound cans with paper walls and plastic or metal tops/bottoms.

Ex: Pringles, frozen juice cans.



Gable Top Cartons

Made of polycoat, opened by pushing back the gables on top and pulling to form a spout.

Ex: milk, juice, some food cartons.



Aseptic Alcohol Containers

Polycoat tetra pack alcohol packaging.



Aseptic Other Containers

Polycoat tetra pack packaging.

Ex: juice boxes, soup.



Plastic

PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate): plastic bottles and containers and used for packaging a variety of goods.



PET Alcohol Bottles



PET Other Beverage Bottles



PET Other Bottles & Jars

Food and non-beverage bottles and jars.

Ex: cooking oil, peanut butter, dish soap.



PET Food Packaging

No bottles or jars.

Ex: bakery, clamshells, trays, microwaveable trays, egg cartons.



HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene): dense hydrocarbon-plastic.



HDPE Beverage Bottles



HDPE Other Bottles & Jugs

Ex: laundry soap, shampoo, windshield washer fluid.



PVC Bottles & Jars

Naturally clear resin. Used as packaging for soaps, cleaners, chemicals, and personal care items.

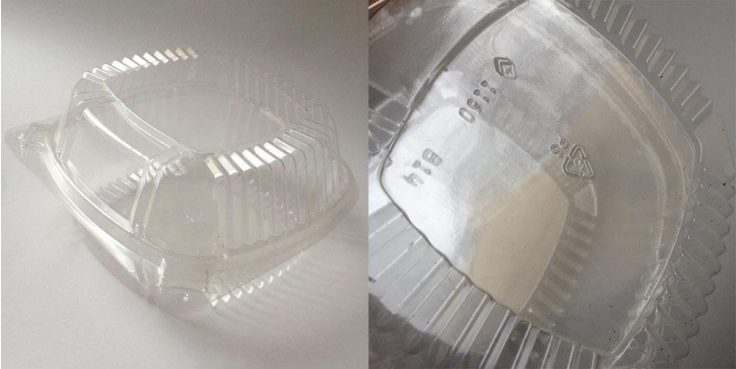
Jars and bottles only.

Ex: lotions, soaps, bug repellants, shampoos.



Polystyrene Rigid Food Packaging

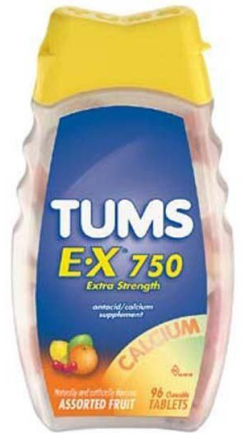
Ex: trays, clamshells, cups & lids, pill and vitamin bottles, seedling trays, PS used to protect boxed product.



Other Plastic Alcohol Containers

Other Bottles, Jars, & Jugs

Includes #4LDPE, #5 PP, and #7 Mixed Resin.



Wide Mouth Tubs & Lids

Wide mouth #2, #4, & #5 tubs and lids.

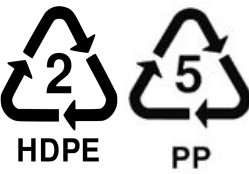
Ex: dairy products.



Large HDPE & PP Pails & Lids

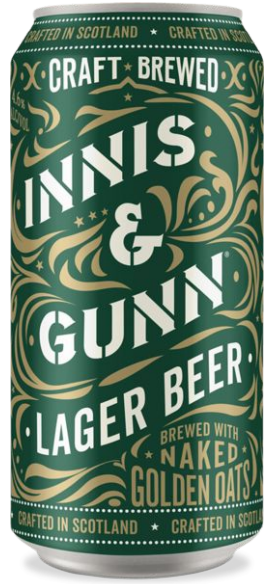
#2 & #5 pails between 4 litres and 25 litres.

Ex: lawn, garden, pool supplies containers, kitty litter, paint cans.



Metals

Aluminum Alcoholic Beverage Can



Aluminum Food & Other Beverage Can

Ex: soft drinks, juice, sardines, cat food.



Aluminum Foil & Foil Trays

Aluminum prepared in thin layers (also called tin foil) and used to cover, prepare, and wrap food.

Ex: aluminum foil wrap, pie plates, baking trays.

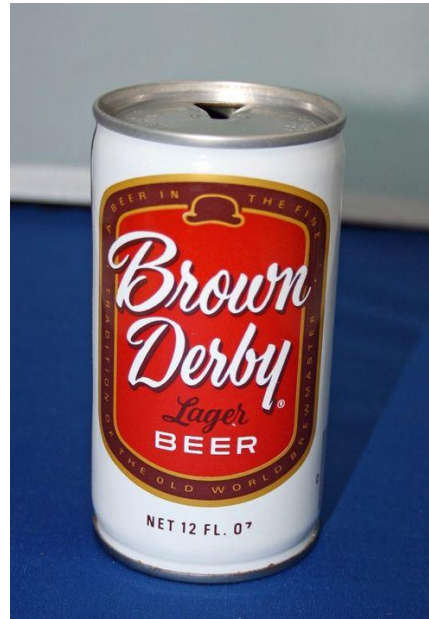


Other Aluminum Containers

Ex: aluminum aerosols, hair products.



Steel Alcoholic Beverage Cans



Steel Food & Beverage Cans

Heavier and more durable than aluminum. May need a can opener to cut through metal and open.
Ex: soup, beans, peaches.



Steel Aerosol Cans

Ex: Empty spray paint cans, cooking oil, whipped cream.



Steel Paint Cans



Class

Clear Glass: Durable, strong, impermeable, and easily shaped. Used in bottles and jars.

Coloured Glass: Used to distinguish containers and shield contents from ultraviolet rays.

Clear Alcoholic Beverage Glass



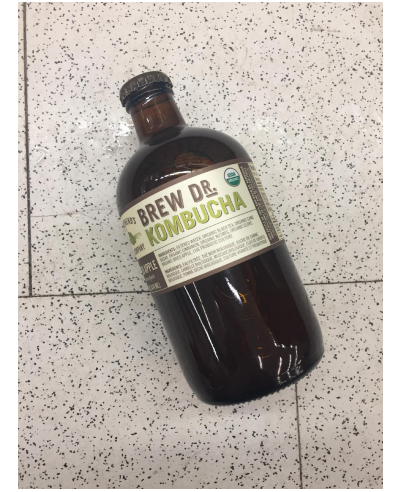
Coloured Alcoholic Beverage Glass



Clear Glass Other Beverage & Food



Coloured Glass Other Beverage & Food



Organics

Unavoidable Food Waste

Ex: vegetable and fruit peelings, bones, shells, cores, oils.



Yard Waste

Waste produced in outdoor residential setting.

Ex: plant cuttings, roots, leaves, weeds, trimmings.



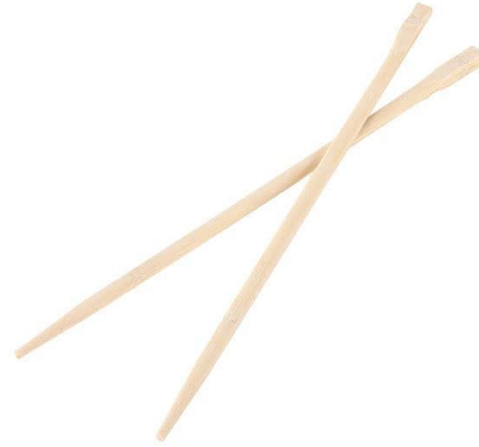
Grass Clippings

Lawn waste resulting from mowing/cutting. Small amounts of grass & leaves.



Small Wood Waste

Ex: wood cutlery, stir sticks, toothpicks, pieces of wood less than 2ft.



Pet Waste

Ex: animal feces, bedding, kitty litter.



Diapers & Sanitary

Ex: diapers, feminine hygiene products, sanitary napkins.



Certified Compostable Plastic Bin Liners

Bags that comply with Canadian composting standards. Have been certified by Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) and have their logo.



Other Compostable Paper

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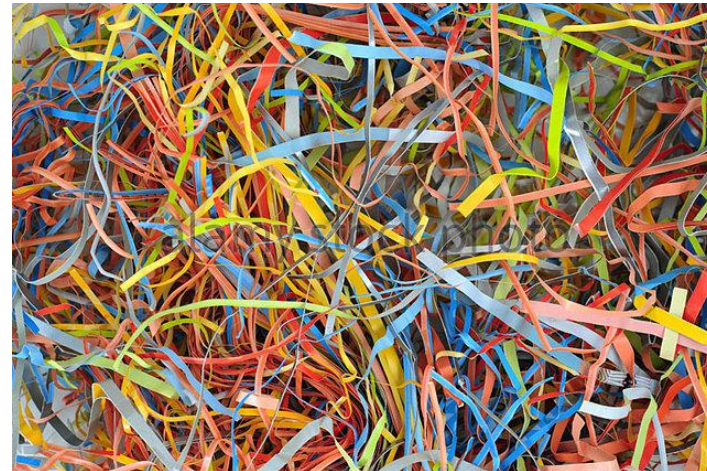
Tissue & Towelling

Ex: tissues, napkins, paper towels. Includes wet/damp items.



Shredded Paper

Small amounts of shredded and ripped up paper.



Wasted Food

Leftover: partially/half eaten products, partially finished packages of food.
Untouched: Not eaten, purchased and then thrown away.

Leftover Bakery



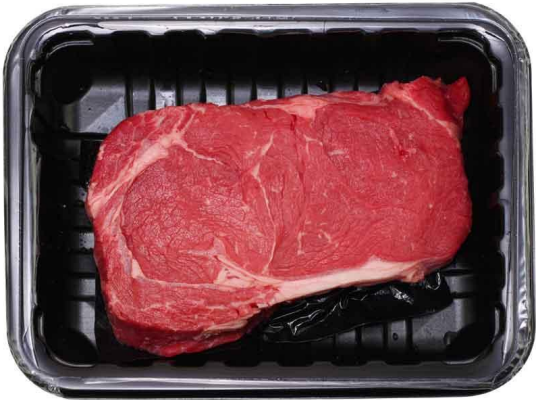
Untouched Bakery



Leftover Meat & Fish



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Leftover Dried Food



Untouched Dried Food



Leftover Fruits & Vegetables



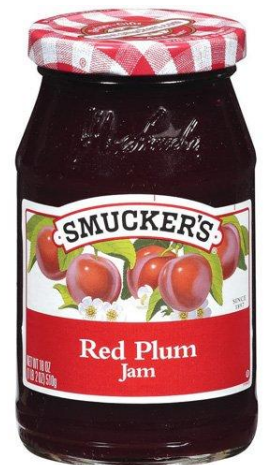
Untouched Fruits & Vegetables



Leftover Other



Untouched Other



Household Special Waste

Batteries

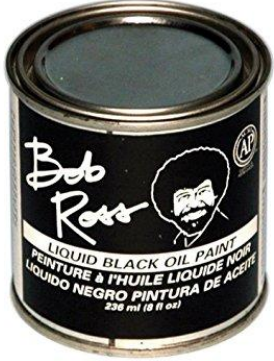
All types.



Paint & Stain

Cans/tubs still containing product.

Ex: oil and latex paint, wood stain, varnish.



Motor Oil

Cans, jugs, and oil filters still containing oil.



Other HSW Liquids

Ex: solvents, antifreeze, pool chemicals, gasoline, adhesives, cleaners, removers.



Other HSW

Ex: fluorescent tubes, ionized smoke detectors.



Look for signal words and symbols like “Poison”, “Danger”, “Warning”, “Caution,” and “Precautionary Statements”

Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment

Computer Monitors



Computer Components

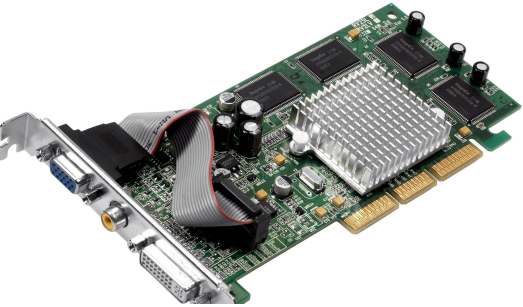
Ex: computer towers, laptops, modems.



Computer Peripheral Devices

Anything that connects to and works with the computer.

Ex: computer mouse, keyboard, scanner, expansion card.



Audio/Video Equipment

Ex: VCRs, DVD players, Blu-Ray Players.



Telecom Equipment

Ex: radios, speakers, stereos.



Other Electronics

Anything that does not fit in previous categories.
Ex: cameras.



Reusable Materials

Textiles

Clothing, sheets, towels, drapes, in good condition.



Shoes

Any type, clean, without rips or tears.



Durable Plastic Items

Plastic bins/containers in good condition.



Decorations

Ex: household decorative objects, figurines, lamps, artifacts, souvenirs.



Furniture

Furniture in reusable condition.
Ex: shelves, tables, chairs.



Other Reusable Items

Other items not included above. Items that are in good condition and could be used by someone else.



Bulky Items

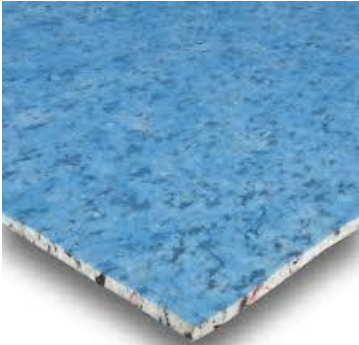
Mattresses

Ex: mattresses, box springs, futons, and foam mattresses.



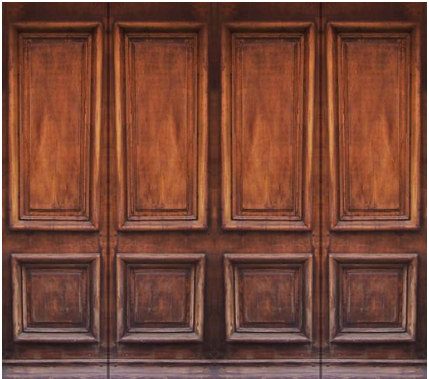
Carpeting

Ex: carpet, underlay, and mats.



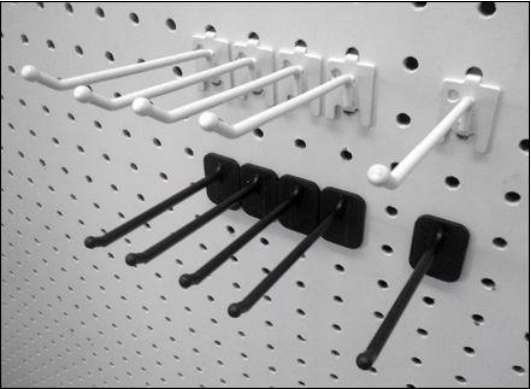
Wood Furniture or Fixtures

Ex: wall panels, cabinets.



Plastic Furniture or Fixtures

Ex: drapery panels, cabinets.



Metal Furniture or Fixtures

Ex: panels and cabinets.



Other Large Bulky Items

Other items that do not fit into previous categories.



Other Materials

Laminated Paper Packaging

Paper based packaging (at least 85% paper) with foil or plastic liners/layers/coating.

Ex: pouches, cookie bags, microwaveable popcorn, fast food sandwich bags, gift bags, paper based trays.



Waxed Paper Cups

Paper cups lined with plastic or wax.



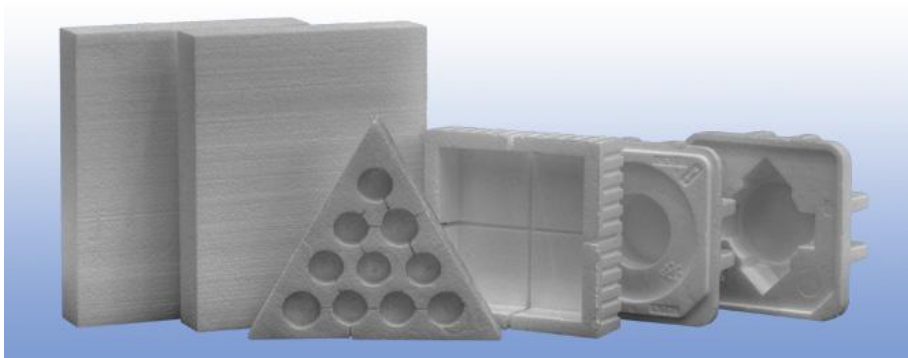
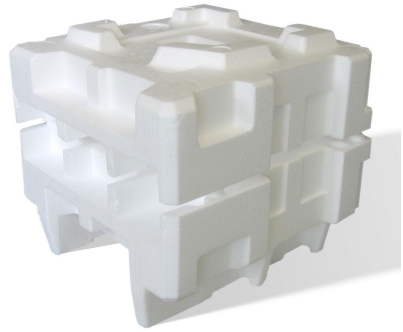
PET Other Packaging

Other #1 trays or packaging that is non-food.



Polystyrene Foam Packaging

Ex: trays, clamshells, cups & lids, PS used to protect boxed product.



Polystyrene Plastic Bags & Film

–Carry Out Bags

HDPE & LDPE retail carry-out bags.



Polystyrene Plastic Bags & Film

-Packaging



HDPE & LDPE bags and sacks.
Ex: dry cleaning bags, bread bags, frozen food bags, milk bags, over-wrap, lawn seed.

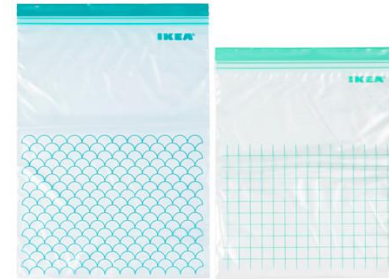


Polystyrene Plastic Bags & Film

-Non-Packaging



Ex: HDPE & LDPE garbage bags, kitchen catchers, blue or clear recycling bags, sandwich/freezer bags.



Laminated Pouches & Bag in Box Liners for Alcohol

Laminated plastic pouches and plastic bag-in-box liners for wine and other alcohol.



Laminated/Other Plastic Film & Bags

Plastic film & bags that are at least 85% (by weight) plastic with up to 15% (by weight) other closely bounded/impregnated materials.

Ex: meat wrap; vacuum sealed bacon bag, snack food bags, pasta bags, cereal bags, boil in a bag, plastic based food pouches, bubble wrap, cling wrap.



Other Rigid Plastic Packaging

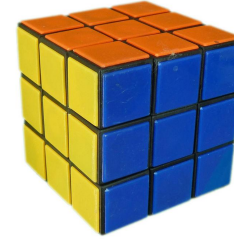
Ex: blister packaging, tubes for pharmaceutical & health care/cosmetic products, plant pots, unmarked/coded packaging.



Durable Plastic Products

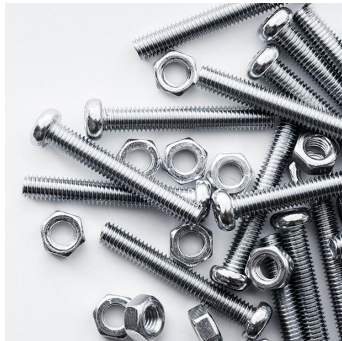
Non-packaging. Includes multi-material items that are mainly plastic.

Ex: VCR tapes, CDs, toys, games, Tupperware.



Other Metal

Includes multi-material items that are mainly metal.
Ex: scrap metal, copper pipe, hardware, empty propane tanks.



Other Glass

Ex: window glass, plates and glasses, light bulbs.



Textiles

Clothing, shoes, mats, drapes, sheets. NOT in reusable condition.



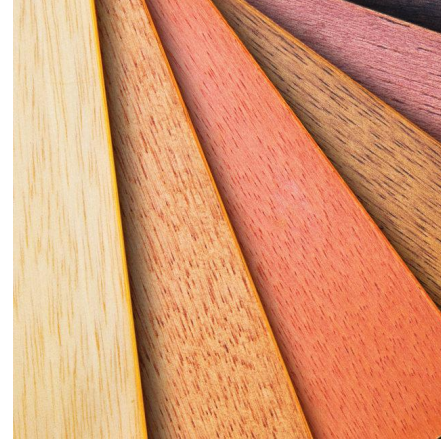
Wood –Clean

Scrap lumber, not painted or treated.



Wood –Treated

Painted or treated wood.



Drywall –New

Clean drywall scraps from new construction projects.

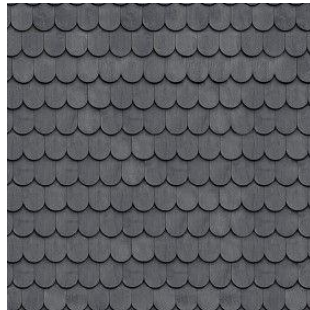


Drywall –Used

Used, painted, wet or mouldy drywall.



Shingles



Other Construction & Renovation

Ex: ceramic tiles, plaster.



Tires & Other Rubber

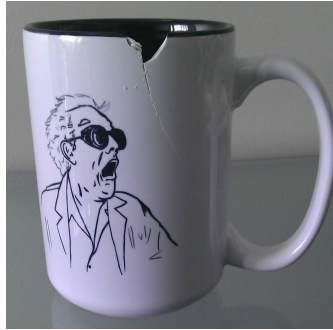
Rubber tires and tubes, other rubber items like hoses.



Ceramics

NOT in reusable condition.

Ex: Ceramic plates, cups, plant pots.



Bagged Recyclables

Recyclable material contained in bags.



Coffee Pods

K-cups and single serve coffee cups.



Other Waste

Waste that does not fit into any of the previous categories or are not classified elsewhere.
Ex: vacuum bags, wax candles, furnace filters, household liquids.

