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## NO MORE BLUE BAGS JULY 1, 2020: USE CAN, BOX OR CART

Recycling programs across British Columbia will no longer be able to accept recycling within any type of plastic bag as of July 1, 2020. Recycling must be placed loose into containers. **Residents need to supply their own reusable containers for recycling by that date.** See below for some of the options.

### Containers Specifications For Curbside Collection

- Maximum weight of any can or bin lifted by hand: 25 kg (55 pounds)
- Boxes and cans are 120 litres or smaller. Please note some cans or boxes may have small wheels but are designed to be lifted by hand
- Larger, heavier rolling carts, not designed to be lifted by hand, must have a lifting bar half way up the front side to allow for mechanical lifting (picture below)

For residential recycling and yard waste, you can use as many containers as you need (no limits to number). Carts, bins or boxes can be purchased from local retailers. Waste Connections of Canada also rents carts for a monthly fee. Call 250-490-3888 or toll free 1-866-998-4888 for rental pricing.

All large, heavy rolling carts must have required lifting bar.



Bundled cardboard placed separately is allowed.



Shredded paper in one separate clear bag is allowed.

Residents can request free **"RECYCLE ONLY"** stickers or already be clearly marked for recycling.



## Frequently Asked Questions About Recycling Changes

- **How many containers can I use?** You can use as many containers as you need for residential recycling. There are no container limits for residential recycling.
- **Is the RDOS supplying containers?** No. Every household must supply their own containers.
- **What do I do with shredded paper?** To avoid litter, shredded paper can go in one clear bag. No other recycling should be placed in that clear bag; only shredded paper.
- **Can cardboard still be placed out for collection?** Yes. Bundled cardboard can still be collected. Please use tape or twine for bundling or place small amounts inside container.
- **Where do I get "RECYCLE ONLY" stickers from?** "Recycle Only" stickers can be placed on a can, box or cart to show it is for recycling collection. If the container is already marked for recycling it is not required. Please contact the RDOS and stickers can be mailed to your address.

## My Schedule and What Goes Where Online Apps

Please visit the RDOS webpage at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) and click on the blue 'Garbage and Recycling' tab. There you will find the 'My Schedule' and 'What Goes Where' apps.

**My Schedule** lets you know the curbside collection schedule for any property in the RDOS.

- Check what collection week it is
- Create and print a new calendar
- Get weekly reminders or receive service disruption info e-mailed, texted or called

**What Goes Where** provides information on how you can recycle or safely dispose of materials.

- Key word search hundreds of items
- Check whether materials can be recycled, how they can be recycled or where to dispose
- Get links to local depots or where you can ask further questions
- If you register your address with My Schedule it will georeference the closest depots to you

Visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) in go to the '**Garbage and Recycling**' link.

### My Schedule



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[What Goes Where](#)

Please type your home address:

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## Large Item Collection Postponed

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Large Item Collection was postponed this spring. The RDOS will work with our collector to try and schedule another collection this year. Once a date is set, the RDOS will inform residents. Please note that the RDOS is using a new service called **Civic Ready**. Signing up for **Civic Ready** will allow anyone to get updates and Emergency messaging through e-mail or phone.

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