

SORTING IT RIGHT: *Your Garbage & Recycling Guide*

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Inside Your GREEN CART

ORGANICS

including:



Food Scraps



Vegetables, Salad & Fruit



Tea Bags



Paper Towels & Paper Plates



Bread, Dough, Pasta & Grains



Floral Arrangements



Coffee Grounds & Filters



Meat, Poultry, Fish, Shellfish & Bones



Soiled Paper & Cardboard (fast food packaging)



Soiled Pizza Boxes



Leaves, Grass & Light Trimmings (no branches)



No Plastics, Including Biodegradable Bags



No Soil, Sod or Rocks



No Diapers & Other Personal Hygiene Items

Lining your green bin?

Please use only compostable liners with the compostable logo (shown to the right), or better yet, line the bottom with newspaper for easy cleaning.



Inside Your BLUE CART

RECYCLABLES

including:



Printed Paper & Cardboard



Newspaper & Magazines



Plastic Containers



Paper Packaging for Liquids



Ice Cream Boxes



Aerosol Cans & Caps (non-hazardous)



Plastic Clamshells & Trays



Seedling Trays & Plant Pots



Shredded Paper (in a clear plastic bag tied at the top)



Aluminum Containers & Foil



Steel Containers & Lids



Takeout Cups & Lids



No Glass Bottles or Jars Take to the Recycle Depot



No Plastic Bags, Wrapping or Styrofoam Recycle at Depot



No Hazardous Waste Recycle at Depot

Keep items loose - do NOT bag items or nest items of different materials inside one another.

Rinse, squish and flatten items before placing in cart. Remove any tape, string, ribbon or other contaminants (staples & tape acceptable) from cardboard.

Take drink containers to a **Return-It Depot** for a refund.



Inside Your BLACK CART

GARBAGE/LANDFILL

including:



Plastic Cutlery & Straws



Broken Ceramics & Broken Glass



Candy Wrappers



Absorbent Pads from Meat Trays



Diapers, Baby Wipes & Personal Hygiene Items



Dryer Lint & Dryer Sheets



Elastic Bands, Twist Ties & String



Foil-Lined Cardboard



Non-Repairables (e.g. broken toys, old hosepipe, etc.)



No Recyclables Place in Blue Cart



No Compostables Place in Green Cart



No Hazardous Waste Recycle at Depot

You may choose to **bag your garbage** or place it loose inside the cart. Items should NOT **exceed 60 cm (2 feet)** in any dimension.

Never forget your collection day again!

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Recycle these items at drop-off depots:



Plastic Bags/Overwrap



Foam Packaging



Glass Jars & Bottles



Refundable Containers



Batteries & Electronics



Other Flexible Plastic Packaging

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Tips & Tricks



ORGANICS CART

- Large amounts of grass clippings can become stuck in your organics cart, especially when damp. Place small amounts of clippings into your cart, layer materials and give the grass time to dry out.
- Line the bottom of your cart with newspaper.
- No branches or sod; only light trimmings, leaves and grass.
- Use only bags that have the 100% compostable logo on them.
- Rinse your cart regularly. Sprinkle a small amount of baking soda or bleach-free powdered laundry detergent at the bottom of the cart to help avoid odours.



REMEMBER: Overfilled carts spill items onto the street, attract wildlife and other animals and will not be collected. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure that waste materials are properly sorted and prepared for collection as per the Solid Waste Bylaw.



RECYCLING CART

- Always flatten cardboard boxes – maximum 2' X 2' inside your blue cart.
- Place shredded paper inside a tied clear plastic bag.
- To maximize space, flatten plastic jugs, boxboards and only stack containers that held the same contents.
- Larger corrugated cardboard (ie: banana boxes) should be taken to the drop off depots.
- Never place glass, styrofoam or film plastic/plastic bags in your blue cart.

REMEMBER: Not all items with a recycling symbol are accepted in your blue cart. Always check the "What Goes Where Tool" on the City of Nanaimo website @ www.nanaimo.ca or use the Nanaimo Recycles App.



GARBAGE CART

- Garbage must easily fall out of the cart when tipped. Never stuff your cart as it will create a suction and not empty properly. Smaller kitchen catchers work better than larger bags!
- Always double bag powders, dust and animal waste.
- Extra bags of garbage will not be collected outside or on top of your cart. This may also prevent collection of your bi-weekly garbage collection.
- Construction materials, wood waste, vehicle parts or scrap metal, dead animals, hot ashes, tires, batteries, paints, or special wastes as defined by the bylaw, are not acceptable for curbside collection.

REMEMBER: To place your carts at the curbside by 8:00 am on your collection day.



CONTAMINATION IS COSTLY!
Contamination increases processing costs and user fees and decreases diversion rates. Put waste in its proper place every time! Recycling, organics or waste carts that are improperly packaged may not be collected. It will be up to the resident to repackage them and put them out on the next scheduled collection date.

