Ontario Blue Box Program
Recyclable Material List

Paper & Fibre

Plastics & Foam

Metal

Glass

Cardboard Boxes

Boxboard (cereal, function cartons)

Paper Laminate Packaging

Paper Laminate Containers

Preparation

- Empty completely
- Rinse if needed
- Keep lids on bottles & cans, remove for glass containers and bottles
- Flatten cardboard
- No larger than 60x60 cm (≤60cm × ≤60cm)

Paper & Fibre

Notes
- Place shredded paper in tied clear plastic bag
- Separate plastic covers

Examples
- Notepads
- Folders
- Greeting Cards
- Printed Materials
- Gift Boxes

Paper Laminate Packaging

Notes
- Empty and free from food residue
- Remove rope handles from bags

Examples
- Paper Plates
- Food Sertive Bags
- Pet Food Bags

Boxboard (cereal, function cartons)

Notes
- Empty and free from food residue
- Keep lids on

Examples
- Beverage Cartons
- Juice and Milk Cartons
- Pizza Boxes
- Coffee Creamers
- Soup/Sauce Cartons
- Mail Boxes

Paper Laminate Containers

Notes
- Empty and free from food residue
- Remove lids

Examples
- Spiral Cans
- Cookie Dough Package
- Ice Cream Containers
- Hot and Cold Beverage Cups
- Takeout Soup Cups

Plastics

Notes
- Empty and free from food residue
- Keep lids on

Examples
- Plastic Beverage Bottles
- Cleaner Jugs
- Food Trays
- Plastic Tubs and Lids
- Deodorant & Hand Cream
- Small Packaging Items

Plastics & Foam

Notes
- Empty and free from food residue
- Remove film wrap from trays

Examples
- Takeout Containers
- Cups, Plates, Bowls
- Foam Packaging
- Chip Bags
- Plastic Bags
- Snack Wrappers
- Bubble Wrap
- Product Packaging

Metal

Notes
- Empty and free from food residue

Examples
- Food Cans
- Metal Lids
- Cookie Tins
- Coffee Tins
- Tea Tins
- Beverage Cans

Glass

Notes
- Empty and free from residue
- Remove lids/caps
- Do not include alcoholic beverage containers

Examples
- Clear & Coloured Glass
- Food Containers
- Jars & Bottles
- Spice Bottles
- Spice Bottles
- Oil & Vinegar Bottles
- Non-Alcoholic Glass Bottles

STOP — Not Accepted

Books

Alcoholic beverage containers

New in 2026

- Coffee Cups
- Black Plastics
- Glass
- Chip Bags

