



# RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

## Drop-Off Handbook



Everything you need to know about recycling drop-off in the City of Abbotsford.



[abbotsford.ca/waste](http://abbotsford.ca/waste)



# Recycling in the City

## How Abbotsford Recycles

The City of Abbotsford participates in the provincial Recycle BC program and provides weekly collection of curbside recyclables for single-family residences. A wide variety of material is accepted in blue bags including cardboard, paper packaging, printed paper, paper containers, metal containers and packaging, and plastic containers. Additional information on what is accepted in the City's curbside recycling program can be found online at [abbotsford.ca/collection](http://abbotsford.ca/collection).

Multi-family residences (e.g., condos and townhouses) do not typically receive collection services from the City. Recycling and waste collection services are provided through a private hauler as determined by each strata or property management company. Multi-family residents should contact their private hauler for information on what materials are accepted for recycling at their property.

Materials not accepted in curbside or onsite recycling may be accepted for drop off at a recycling depot or other location in the City as part of various Product Stewardship programs. The purpose of this handbook is to provide residents with information on recycling in our community and province

## What Goes Where?

### • City of Abbotsford

You can find drop-off locations and how to recycle a variety of household items using the Waste Wizard, available at [abbotsford.ca/wastewizard](http://abbotsford.ca/wastewizard), or by downloading the free Abbotsford Curbside Collection app at the App Store or Google Play.

### • Recycling Council of BC (RCBC)

RCBC Recycling Hotline: 1-800-667-4321  
[rcbc.bc.ca](http://rcbc.bc.ca) [hotline@rcbc.ca](mailto:hotline@rcbc.ca)



The Abbotsford Mission Recycling Depot is a shared service between the City of Abbotsford and the District of Mission and is operated by Archway Community Services (formerly called Abbotsford Community Services).

The AMRD also accepts all sorted blue bag recyclables as well as other materials.



### Please DON'T Drop and RUN!

Unsorted blue bags of mixed material are not accepted at the depots.

You **MUST** sort material at the depots.

THANK YOU!



# Product Stewardship

Product Stewardship (also known as Extended Producer Responsibility or EPR) is the principle that producers are responsible for the entire life cycle of their product, from the extraction of materials needed to manufacture the product, all the way through to the product's collection and recycling. In BC, Product Stewardship is mandated by the provincial Recycling Regulation and includes a number of stewardship organizations that manage recycling programs across the province. Most of the items included in stewardship programs are not accepted with curbside or onsite recycling and must be dropped off at a recycling depot or other location for proper recycling or disposal. Items such as grocery bags, foam packaging, batteries, paint, light bulbs, electronics, etc., are examples of product stewardship materials.

Additional information on the various Product Stewardship programs can be obtained by visiting [bcrecycles.ca](http://bcrecycles.ca) or by visiting each program's website provided below.

## Product Stewardship Materials

- Paints & Solvents ..... [productcare.org](http://productcare.org)
- Smoke & CO Alarms ..... [productcare.org](http://productcare.org)
- Light Bulbs & Lighting ..... [productcare.org](http://productcare.org)
- Thermostats ..... [hrai.ca/trp](http://hrai.ca/trp)
- Beverage Containers ..... [return-it.ca](http://return-it.ca)
- Electronics ..... [return-it.ca](http://return-it.ca)
- Cell Phones ..... [recyclemycell.ca](http://recyclemycell.ca)
- Batteries ..... [call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca)
- Electrical Outdoor Power Equipment ..... [opeic.ca](http://opeic.ca)
- Packaging & Paper Product ..... [recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca)
- Medications ..... [healthsteward.ca](http://healthsteward.ca)
- Small Appliances & Power Tools ..... [electrorecycle.ca](http://electrorecycle.ca)
- Large Appliances ..... [marrbc.ca](http://marrbc.ca)
- Tires ..... [tsbc.ca](http://tsbc.ca)
- Used Oil & Antifreeze ..... [bcusedoil.com](http://bcusedoil.com)



Glass bottles and jars, film plastic, overwrap, foam packaging and flexible plastic packaging must be taken to a depot for recycling.



# Recycle BC Depot Material

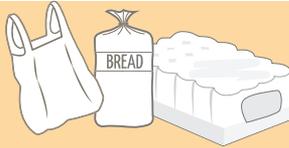
## Recycle BC Program

Recycle BC materials can be dropped off for free at any of the Recycle BC depots. Sorted curbside materials are also accepted at the depots.



### GLASS (bottle & jars)

*Remove lids & sort separately*



### PLASTIC BAGS & OVERWRAP



### FOAM PACKAGING

(foam meat trays, take-out containers, cups & cushion packaging from electronics)

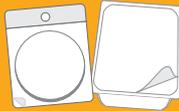
## NEW for January 2019!

Beginning January 1, 2019, these items can be dropped off for free at Recycle BC Depots.

### Other Flexible Packaging



#### STAND-UP & ZIPPER LOCK POUCHES



#### FLEXIBLE PACKAGING WITH PLASTIC SEALS



#### WOVEN & NET PLASTIC BAGS



#### NON-FOOD PROTECTIVE PACKAGING



#### CRINKLY WRAPPERS & BAGS

## Recycle BC Depot Locations

### Abbotsford Bottle Depot

33236 Walsh Avenue  
604-853-7770

### Abbotsford Mission Recycling Depot (AMRD)

33670 Valley Road  
604-850-3551

### Aldergrove Return-It Depot

27482 Fraser Highway  
604-856-2992

### R&T Recyclables & Bottle Depot

Unit 23 - 31550  
South Fraser Way  
604-852-6092

**Note:** Plastic bags, overwrap, foam packaging and other flexible packaging materials are also accepted at both London Drugs locations (Highstreet & West Oaks Mall).

# Special Material

## Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is defined as any household product that is toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive. When incorrectly disposed of, these products can be harmful, dangerous or pose an environmental risk.

Municipal sewage systems and septic systems do not filter or remove HHW from wastewater. These products require special handling and treatment for proper disposal. Please do not pour HHW down the drain or on the ground, discard them into the storm sewer, or place them with your garbage or recycling.

For information on how and where to dispose of HHW, contact the Recycling Council of BC recycling hotline at **1-800-667-4321**.

## Other Hazardous Waste

These items are not included in any current product stewardship program but also need to be dropped off at a depot or other location for proper disposal or recycling. Visit [abbotsford.ca/wastewizard](http://abbotsford.ca/wastewizard) for information on current drop off locations in the City.



**PROPANE**  
(tanks & canisters)



**COOKING OIL**



**NEEDLES & SHARPS**

## Reuse, Donate & Sell

Help local charities with their fundraising and divert waste from the landfill by donating items for reuse.



**CLOTHING & SHOES**



**SPORTS EQUIPMENT**



**HOUSEWARES**  
(furniture, dishes & glassware)



To spot hazardous waste, look for the words "Danger", "Warning", or "Caution" on the product label and any of these symbols.



Always call ahead before donating to ensure the charity accepts the item.

# Quick Recycling Reference



Product stewardship is an environmental management strategy guided by the principle that whoever designs, produces, sells or uses a product takes responsibility for minimizing the product's environmental impact.

- Printed paper, packaging & cardboard
- Containers (household, paper, plastic & metal)
- Glass bottles & jars (non-deposit)
- Film plastic & plastic overwrap
- Foam packaging (Styrofoam™, white or colored)
- Beverage containers (deposit)
- Large appliances (washers, dryers, dishwashers, etc.)
- Small appliances (coffee makers, blenders, radios, hair dryers, etc.)
- Electronics (computers, tvs, DVD players, stereos, cameras, etc.)
- Electrical outdoor power equipment (weed trimmers, lawn mowers, etc.)
- Light bulbs (incandescent, CFL, halogen, LED, Christmas light strings etc.)
- Smoke & carbon monoxide detectors
- Thermostats
- Cell phones
- Batteries (household rechargeable & non-rechargeable)
- Batteries (automotive)
- Paint cans & paint aerosols
- Flammable liquids (paint thinner, paint stripper, degreaser, varsol, etc.)
- Domestic pesticides (liquid & solid pesticides, aerosol containers)
- Gasoline (leftover, stale, old gasoline contaminated with oil or water)
- Propane tanks & canisters (empty)
- Scrap metal
- Cooking oil (vegetable-based)
- Crinkly wrappers & bags (beginning January 1, 2019)
- Zipper lock & standup pouches (beginning January 1, 2019)
- Flexible packaging with plastic seal (beginning January 1, 2019)
- Woven plastic bags (beginning January 1, 2019)
- Non-food protective packaging (beginning January 1, 2019)



Visit [abbotsford.ca/wastewizard](http://abbotsford.ca/wastewizard) for additional information on other drop-off materials and drop-off locations.

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**QUICK  
TIP**

### Clean your recyclables!

Items don't need to be spotless. A quick rinse is all your containers need! This will go a long way towards reducing pests, odours and mess and result in more material being recycled.

- 1  **EMPTY**
- 2  **CLEAN**
- 3  **DRY**



## **Additional Resources**

### **City of Abbotsford**

#### **Engineering & Regional Utilities**

604-864-5514

[eng-info@abbotsford.ca](mailto:eng-info@abbotsford.ca)

[abbotsford.ca/waste](http://abbotsford.ca/waste)

### **Recycling Council of British Columbia**

BC Recycling Hotline 1-800-667-4321

[rcbc.ca](http://rcbc.ca)

### **Recycle BC**

[recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca)

### **BC Recycles**

[bcrecycles.ca](http://bcrecycles.ca)



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