



The City Of Nelson's recycling will be collected in blue bins (not blue bags) starting on the collection week of June 29th - other than that, the recycling program stays the same.

There is lots of valuable information below about the new bins. Keep this handy through the transition.

Why are we moving from blue bags to blue bins?

- Across the province, Recycle BC is no longer accepting recycling in blue bags.
- The City of Nelson is working with Recycle BC and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to make the transition to blue bins.

When will blue bins be required?

- For the collection week starting on Monday, June 29, 2020, place your loose recyclable materials in the blue bin as blue bags will no longer be accepted. Do NOT line the bin with a bag.

How much will the container hold?

- The 121 litre container will hold the contents of 2 to 4 average blue bags, depending on how well recycling in the blue bin is prepared.
- Flattening containers, milk jugs and cardboard, will save space.
- Larger pieces of corrugated cardboard boxes should be flattened, cut down to a reasonable size (2' x 3' approx), bundled and set beside the blue bin.

Can residents get more than one bin?

- The City is providing one bin per residence that receives collection which should be sufficient for most homes.
- Properties with a legal suite will be receiving an extra bin.

What if residents would like an extra bin?

- Additional blue bins, purchased by residents, must be:
 - designed for manual collection
 - have a capacity no greater than 121 litres
 - have two graspable handles
 - have a tight-fitting lid
 - be blue in colour
 - be light weight – no more than 3.4 kg (7.5 lbs) (without the lid)

What if the property is a short or long term rental?

- We ask that landlords make their tenants/ renters aware of the switch to blue bins and what the program requirements are.
- Please contact our Green Ambassador for questions specific to rental units.

Be sure to label your bin.

- Write your street address on the blue bin with a permanent marker.

Planning to move?

- The blue bin stays with the property.

What can go in the blue bin?

- **WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE HAS NOT CHANGED.** Materials that can go in the blue bin are the same as what can be placed in the blue bag.
- Refer to the quick guide located inside your bin when delivered.
- More information is available on the City's website at nelson.ca/recycling.

How residents are expected to prepare their materials

- Please make sure containers are emptied and rinsed before placing them in the blue bin.
- Cardboard can be placed in the blue bin - additional amounts can be tied up and placed next to the blue bin.
- Please consult the enclosed Recycling Guide for collection limits and information on what can be included in the bin.

Where else can I bring my recyclables?

- You can bring them to the RDCK Grohman Narrows Transfer Station. It is located just off the highway halfway between Nelson and the Taghum bridge (turn by Pacific Insight)

Why wasn't my blue bin emptied?

- There were non-compliant items in the bin.
- There will be a sticker on the bin with the reason(s) why the blue bin wasn't emptied.

Collection Schedule

- The Waste & Recycling Collection Schedule that was provided to each residence earlier this year has **NOT** changed. Visit nelson.ca/waste to view collection schedule.
- Garbage and recycling is collected at the same time.

Who does what?

- **City of Nelson** – collects residential recycling on behalf of Recycle BC
- **RDCK** – operates the recycling transfer stations on behalf of Recycle BC
- **Recycle BC** – overarching body responsible for the beneficial use of residential packaging and paper product recycling in the province.

Who is Recycle BC?

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling throughout British Columbia. Approximately 186,000 tonnes of packaging and paper products are collected annually from over 1.8 million households (or over 98% of BC).

Why it's important to recycle

Landfills being filled with recyclable materials consumes valuable landfill space. In addition, when products are dumped in a landfill, the energy used to produce them is lost. Recycling helps us recover some of this energy, and in turn, reduces our greenhouse gas emissions.

For questions on recycling:

- The BC Recycling Hotline at 1-800-667-4321
- The City's Green Ambassador - (250) 352-8102 / gambassador@nelson.ca

Thank you for doing your part in keeping recyclables out of the landfill.