



Apartment and Condominium Waste Sorting Guide

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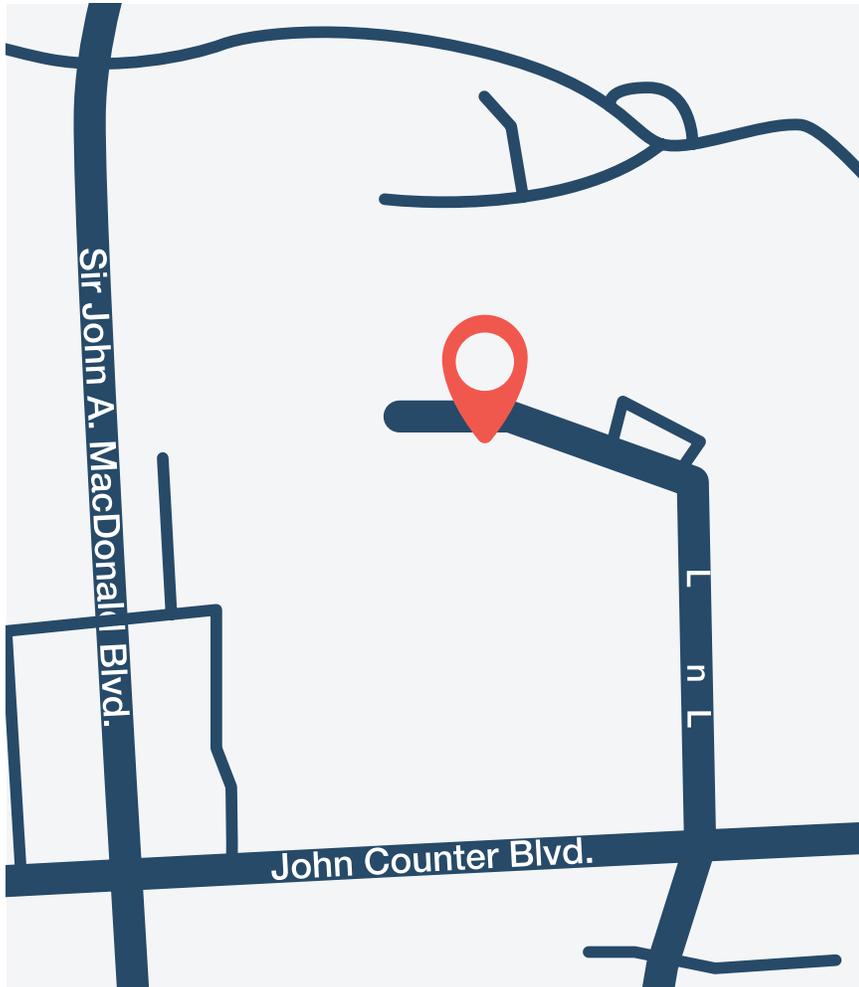
You may have noticed the large, wheeled recycling carts or green bins in your building's garbage room or parking lot. The City collects recyclable items and organics from buildings with seven or more units. Sort your plastic and metal containers, paper, glass and organics into the carts to help divert waste from landfill.



Know the rules for your building

Each apartment and condominium has its own process for garbage and recycling collection. Talk to your building owner or manager to find out how waste is to be handled in your building.

The Kingston Area Recycling Centre (KARC)



The Kingston Area Recycling Centre (KARC) is located at **196 Lappan's Lane.** and is open:

- 🕒 Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm
- 🕒 Saturday, 8am-4pm

The recycling depot, household hazardous waste (April-November) and the leaf and yard waste site are all located there.

Questions? Call Customer Service at 613-546-0000 or email ApartmentRecycling@cityofkingston.ca .



You may pick up a reusable bag to collect recyclables in your unit. These bags are available at KARC free of charge or ask your superintendent/property manager if they have any in stock.



Fibres Cart

Paper Products and Plastic Bags



Newspapers, flyers and household paper



Boxes, egg cartons and tubes



Cartons, drink boxes and paper coffee cups



Stretchy plastic bags and film

✓ What goes in:

Paper: newspapers, flyers, printer paper, junk mail, telephone books, magazines and envelopes. You may put paper inside an **untied** plastic bag to prevent windblown litter. Shredded paper must be placed in a clear (or translucent), tied bag no larger than 90cmx60cmx20cm (3 feet x 2 feet x 8 inches)

Boxboard: cereal and cracker boxes (liners removed), paper egg cartons and drink trays, toilet-paper rolls and paper-towel tubes. Flatten and stuff inside a larger box, or place loosely in the cart.

Cartons and Cups: milk and juice cartons, juice boxes (tetrapak containers) and paper coffee cups (lids removed and placed in the containers cart). Rinse clean.

Corrugated Cardboard: remove staples, tape and plastic overwrap and flatten. Tie with string in bundles no bigger than 90cm x 60cm x 20cm (3 feet x 2 feet x 8 inches). Note: Wax-coated boxes (like tomato or banana boxes) go in the green bin.

Plastic Bags: Plastic bags that stretch when pulled (like a shopping bag) are recyclable. If it tears when pulled or is crinkly (like a chip bag or pasta package) it is garbage. Examples of recyclable items include shopping bags, rinsed milk bags and produce bags. Place all bags in a single plastic bag and tie shut.

✗ What Stays out:

Greasy Pizza Boxes: Grease makes the cardboard unrecyclable. These can go in the green bin.

Meat Packaging: All meat packaging goes in your garbage, except for clean white Styrofoam trays, which go in the containers cart.

Other items NOT Accepted: gift-wrapping paper and gift cards, cereal/cracker box liners, zipper-style plastic bags, pet-food bags, bubble wrap, plastic food wrap, and crinkly plastic packaging that does not stretch.



Do not place large pieces of unflattened cardboard into the fibres carts.

It makes the carts difficult to empty into the recycling truck.

Instead, flatten and/or cut the cardboard into pieces and tie them together with twine. These bundles can be no bigger than 90cm x 60cm x 20cm (3 feet x 2 feet x 8 inches). These bundles can be placed beside the fibres cart. Speak to your building manager about any specific policies your building may have about cardboard recycling such as a dedicated cardboard collection location.



Containers Cart

Plastic and metal containers



Plastic bottles, jars, trays
and clamshells



White styrofoam



Steel and aluminum
cans, foil and plates



Paper cans with
steel ends



Coffee cup lids

✓ What goes in:

Plastic: food and beverage containers including plastic bottles, jars, tubs, lids, trays, clamshells, blister packs and other rigid plastic packaging. Bring oversized water bottles to the Kingston Area Recycling Centre for recycling (see p. 2 for more details)

Cans: aluminum and steel food and beverage cans, clean aluminum foil and trays, and paper cans with steel ends, such as frozen juice containers.

White Styrofoam: packaging and trays. Pieces must be no longer than 90cm x 60cm x 20cm (3 feet x 2 feet x 8 inches). Remove outer wrap and pads from meat trays.

✗ What Stays out:

Non food or beverage containers or rigid plastic packaging: products such as laundry baskets, plastic storage totes, toys, tool boxes or plastic piping, etc.

Plastic Bags: Stretchy plastic bags go in the fibres cart.

Glass: Glass food and beverage containers go in the glass cart.

Beer and spirit containers can be returned to the Beer Store for a refund of deposit.

Windows, mirrors, drinking glasses, etc are not recyclable. These items are garbage.

Other items for garbage: all meat packaging, 10 liter pails or larger, coloured/dyed Styrofoam, Styrofoam peanuts, pet food bags, bubble wrap, non-stretch plastic packaging such as pasta and chip bags, single use coffee pods.



Make sure all items are clean and place them loosely in the containers cart.

Do not put items in plastic bags as they interfere with processing. **Plastic bags belong in the fibres cart.**



Glass Cart

Clear and Coloured Glass Food and Beverage Containers



Clear glass jars
and bottles



Coloured glass jars
and bottles



What goes in:

Clear and coloured glass food and beverage containers.

Make sure these items are rinsed and place them loosely in the glass cart.

Please place lids in your containers cart.



What Stays out:

Non-recyclable glass:

Windows, mirrors, drinking glasses, etc are not recyclable. These items are garbage.



Beer and spirit containers:

These items can be returned to the beer store for a refund of deposit.



Green Bin

Food waste and soiled-paper products



Tea bags and coffee grounds



Grain and dairy products



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Meat, eggs, seafood and bones



Soiled paper products



Dryer lint, popsicle sticks

✓ What goes in:

Food Scraps: All food scraps and leftovers can go in the green bin, including: fruit and vegetable scraps; tea bags and coffee grounds; meat, poultry, bones, fish, shellfish and shells; dairy products, butter, margarine, lard and grease (allow to solidify in paper cups); bread, baked goods, rice, pasta, grains, and cereals; mayonnaise, gravy and sauces, eggs and eggshells.

Soiled-paper products: facial tissues, paper towels, greasy pizza boxes, microwavable popcorn bags, paper plates, paper napkins.

Other accepted items: dryer lint, flowers, hair, small houseplants, popsicle sticks, sawdust and wood chips (in paper bags) and nail clippings

✗ What Stays out:

Yard waste and brush that will not fit in the green bin with the lid closed, plastic and oxo-degradable bags, liquid wastes, diapers, feminine hygiene products, dryer sheets, disposable duster cloths, gravel, stones and dirt. Plant roots must be free of soil.



Q. My building does not have green bins. How do we get them?

A. All multi-residential properties in Kingston are eligible to use the green bin program. This program is offered free of charge.

Participation in the green bin program is at the discretion of ownership/management. Let your Property Owner/Manager know that you are interested in having green bins at your building. They can reach out to the City to get this program started.

Q. What liners and bags can I use in the green bin?

A. If you wish to use a liner to help contain organics and absorb liquid in your kitchen container or green bin, use paper food waste bags (available at local retailers), newspaper, or any other paper products. Using a liner helps ensure waste does not stick or freeze to the bin.



Certified compostable bags bearing the biodegradable products institute logo or compostable logo (see below) are also accepted. Plastic bags and oxo-degradable bags are not acceptable.

Household Hazardous Waste



Hazardous materials should NOT be put in the garbage

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open every Thursday from 8a.m. to 5p.m. and every Saturday from 8a.m. to 4p.m. April through November inclusive – located at KARC, 196 Lappan's Lane. Bring proof of residency (i.e. Driver's licence).

Acceptable Items:

Adhesives, aerosol containers, antifreeze, batteries, driveway sealer, fertilizer, fire extinguishers, fluorescent lights and ballasts, gasoline, mercury containing devices (such as switches, thermostats and thermometers), oil, oil filters, paint, pesticides, propane tanks and cylinders, solvents and stains.

Bring items in their original containers whenever possible and never mix materials.

Batteries: single use and rechargeable batteries may be dropped year round in containers in the lobbies at various City facilities.

Non-Acceptable Items:

Asbestos and smoke alarms. To dispose of explosive, flares or ammunition, please contact Kingston Police.

Pharmaceuticals and syringes: Local pharmacies will accept these items; visit www.healthsteward.ca to find locations near you. Call ahead as certain restrictions may apply.

Local retailers accept some waste items too. A list of local retailers who accept some hazardous items is available at www.makethedrop.ca and www.regeneration.ca

Other Diversion Options



Electronics: Several retail locations in Kingston accept electronic waste for recycling (televisions, computers, cell phones and their peripherals, etc.) Visit www.recycleyourelectronics.ca for locations and accepted items.

Metal items: Large metal items such as appliances, hot water tanks and filing cabinets can be recycled. Visit www.cityofkingston.ca/DisposalAlternatives for disposal locations.

Small metal items can be dropped off in the scrap metal bin at KARC.

Donate/Sell Items: Consider donating gently-used items such as furniture, building materials, mirrors, sporting equipment, window panes, clothing, toys and working appliances to charities.

Garbage



What is garbage?

Garbage is anything that cannot be diverted in the recycling carts, green bin, or other diversion programs. This includes: diapers, pet waste and litter, dryer sheets, vacuum bags, large plastic products such as lawn chairs or toys, hygiene products, gift wrap, single use coffee pods and non-stretchy plastic bags.

Waste Reduction

Minimizing the amount of waste you produce helps prevent landfills from filling up and helps limit climate change by reducing the amount of greenhouse gasses released into the atmosphere. By taking a look at your garbage, recycling and compost, you can identify the main sources of your waste and make changes in your habits. Small changes such choosing products with little to no packaging or remembering to bring a reusable bag to the grocery store can help reduce the amount of waste you create. This will save space in the landfill and in your home. Another way to reduce waste is to rent or borrow items you don't use often or buy second-hand for what you must own. This prevents the need to create new items and may also help you save money! Integrating small changes like these into your routine will help you gradually reduce your waste.



Use **#WasteNotYGK** to share your waste reduction tips on Twitter.

Waste Index

Use the alphabetical waste index to quickly identify how to properly dispose of just about anything. Look up the waste item, find its colour-code, then flip to that section of this booklet.



Grey = in your grey box.



Blue = in your blue box.



Yellow = in the glass cart



Green = in your green bin.



Red = to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.



Orange= disposal alternatives.



Black = in your garbage bag and to the landfill.



Item	Colour	
Acid	Red	
Adhesives, caulking, silicone	Red	
Aerosol containers - empty, full or partially full	Red	
Air conditioners	Orange	
Alcohol - containers	Orange	
Aluminum foil and trays	Blue	
Aluminum food and beverage cans	Blue	
Ammonia	Red	
Answering machine	Orange	
Antifreeze	Red	
Appliances	Orange	
Bags - paper	Grey	
Bags - plastic	Grey	
Baked goods	Green	
Ballasts	Red	
Batteries - single use, rechargeable, auto	Red	
BBQ's	Orange	
Bed frames	Orange	
Berry containers (plastic)	Blue	
Bicycles	Orange	
Bleach	Red	
Bones	Green	
Bottles (food and beverage)	Blue	
Boxboard	Grey	
Bread	Green	
Bread bags	Grey	
Broken glass	Black	
Bubble wrap	Black	
Butcher paper	Green	
Butter and margarine	Green	

Item	Colour	
Cake	Green	
Cans (food and beverage)	Blue	
Candles	Black	
Candy	Green	
Cardboard	Grey	
Carpets	Orange	
Catalogues	Grey	
CD/DVD cases	Black	
Cell phones	Orange	
Ceramics	Black	
Cereal	Green	
Cereal box	Grey	
Cereal box liner	Black	
Cheese	Green	
Chip bag	Black	
Christmas lights	Orange	
Clamshell container	Blue	
Cleaning solvents	Red	
Cloth or material	Black	
Clothes	Orange	
Coffee filters	Green	
Coffee grounds	Green	
Coffee cups (paper)	Grey	
Compact fluorescent bulbs	Red	
Computers	Orange	
Computers monitors	Orange	
Concrete	Orange	
Construction waste	Orange	
Cookies	Green	
Corks	Black	

Item	Colour	
Corn cobs and husks	Green	
Couches	Orange	
Cracker box	Grey	
Cups (paper)	Grey	
Cups (styrofoam)	Blue	
Dairy products	Green	
Dehumidifiers	Orange	
Deli clamshell containers (plastic)	Blue	
Diapers	Black	
Dirt (dust, household dirt)	Black	
Dough	Green	
Drain cleaners	Red	
Drink trays (paper)	Grey	
Drinking glasses	Black	
Driveway sealer	Red	
Dryer lint	Green	
Dryer sheets	Black	
Egg carton (plastic)	Blue	
Egg carton (paper)	Grey	
Egg carton (white Styrofoam)	Blue	
Eggs and egg shells	Green	
Electronics	Orange	
Envelopes	Grey	
Fabric softener bottles	Blue	
Facial tissue	Green	
Feathers	Green	
Feminine hygiene products	Black	
Fertilizer	Red	
Filing cabinets	Orange	
Fire extinguishers	Red	
Fish and fish parts	Green	

Item	Colour	
Flour	Green	
Flowers	Green	
Fluorescent tubes/bulbs	Red	
Flyers	Grey	
Food scraps and leftovers	Green	
Food wrap - plastic	Black	
Freezer/food storage plastic bags	Black	
Frozen food box	Grey	
Frozen juice containers	Blue	
Fruit and vegetables	Green	
Fruit and vegetable peelings	Green	
Furnace filters	Black	
Furniture	Orange	
Fuels	Red	
Gasoline	Red	
Gift wrap	Black	
Gift wrapping paper tubes	Grey	
Glass bottles and jars	Yellow	
Glass - broken	Black	
Grains	Green	
Gravy and sauces	Green	
Grease/lard/fat	Green	
Greeting cards	Grey	
Grocery bags - plastic	Grey	
Hair	Green	
Hard cover books (cover/binding removed)	Grey	
Hot water tanks	Orange	
Ice cream container (paper)	Grey	
Ice cream container (plastic)	Blue	

Item	Colour	
Jars (Glass)	Yellow	
Jars (plastic)	Blue	
Juice cartons and boxes	Grey	
Junk mail	Grey	
K-Cups	Black	
Kitty litter	Black	
Laundry detergent bottles	Blue	
Lightbulbs (compact fluorescent)	Red	
Lightbulbs (incandescent)	Black	
Lumber	Orange	
Magazines	Grey	
Mattresses	Orange	
Mayonnaise	Green	
Meat, meat products, skin and bones	Green	
Meat packaging (except styrofoam tray)	Black	
Mercury switches	Red	
Metal food and beverage cans	Blue	
Microwaves	Orange	
Microwave popcorn bags	Green	
Milk bags - plastic	Grey	
Milk cartons	Grey	
Mirrors	Orange	
Motor oils and containers	Red	
Nail polish remover	Red	
Needles and syringes	Orange	
Newspaper	Grey	
Newspaper sleeves	Grey	
Nuts and nut shells	Green	
Oatmeal	Green	
Oil (motor oil and container)	Red	
Oil filters	Red	

Item	Colour	
Oven cleaners	Red	
Paint and paint cans	Red	
Paper plates	Green	
Paper towel tubes and toilet paper tubes	Grey	
Paper towels	Green	
Pasta	Green	
Pasta packaging	Black	
Peanut butter	Green	
Pesticides and containers	Red	
Pet food bags	Black	
Pet hair	Green	
Pet litter	Black	
Pet waste	Black	
Perfume bottles	Black	
Pharmaceuticals	Orange	
Photographs	Black	
Pizza	Green	
Pizza boxes - soiled and greasy	Green	
Pizza boxes - clean (liners and crusts removed)	Grey	
Plants - household	Green	
Plastic bags	Grey	
Plastic flower pots (clean)	Blue	
Plastic paper towel packaging	Grey	
Plywood	Orange	
Pool covers	Black	
Potato bags	Grey	
Pressure treated wood	Orange	
Q-tips	Black	
Rags	Black	
Reusable rigid plastic food containers	Blue	
Rubber	Black	

Item	Colour	
Rugs	Orange	
Salads	Green	
Sanitary products	Black	
Sawdust (in paper bags)	Green	
Scanners	Orange	
Scrap wood	Orange	
Shampoo bottles	Blue	
Shellfish	Green	
Shingles	Orange	
Shower curtain	Black	
Shredded paper	Grey	
Single-use coffee pods	Black	
Sinks	Orange	
Small appliances	Orange	
Smoke alarms	Black	
Soft cover books	Grey	
Soiled-paper products	Green	
Solar blankets	Black	
Solvents	Red	
Sporting equipment	Orange	
Straws	Black	
Steel food and beverage containers	Blue	
Stereos	Orange	
Stoves	Orange	
White Styrofoam (but not coloured/dyed)	Blue	
Styrofoam coloured/dyed	Black	
Styrofoam peanuts	Black	
Sugar	Green	
Suitcases	Orange	
Syrup	Green	

Item	Colour	
T-Discs	Black	
Tea bags	Green	
Telephone books	Grey	
Television	Orange	
Tetra Pak containers	Green	
Toilets	Orange	
Toothpaste tubes	Black	
Toothpicks	Green	
Toys	Orange	
Tupperware containers	Blue	
Vacuum cleaner bags and contents	Black	
Vegetables	Green	
VHS tapes	Orange	
Video cameras	Orange	
Vinyl siding	Orange	
Wax cardboard	Green	
Wax paper	Green	
Weeds	Green	
Window blinds	Orange	
Wood stain	Red	
Yogurt	Green	
Yogurt container	Blue	
Zipper-style plastic bags	Black	



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