



# SORTING GUIDE

Starting September 18, 2017 for residents of Region 8 participating in RSC8 Solid Waste services


## RECYCLABLES – BLUE BAG Collected every second week (alternating with clear garbage bags)

Metals	Paper & Cardboard	Plastics	Other Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerosol Cans (empty)</li> <li>Aluminum (pie plates, foil, etc.)</li> <li>Bottles and Cans (steel, tin and aluminum)</li> <li>Containers</li> <li>Pots and Pans</li> <li>Utensils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Books and Bristol Board</li> <li>Boxboard</li> <li>Boxes</li> <li>Cardboard</li> <li>Cards and Catalogues</li> <li>Cereal Boxes</li> <li>Coffee Cups</li> <li>Drink Trays</li> <li>Egg Cartons</li> <li>Envelopes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast Food and Paper Bags</li> <li>Fast Food Boxes and Pizza Boxes</li> <li>File Folders</li> <li>Flyers</li> <li>Newspaper and Magazines</li> <li>Phone Books</li> <li>Plates and Cups</li> <li>Posters</li> <li>Sticky Notes</li> <li>Wrapping Paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bottles (caps off)</li> <li>Containers (covers off)</li> <li>Cups and Dishes</li> <li>Hard Plastic Packaging</li> <li>Jugs</li> <li>Medicine Bottles (empty)</li> <li>Milk and Juice Jugs</li> </ul> <p> <b>Hard Plastics</b> numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7</p> <p><b>Plastic Bags (Clean and Dry)</b> Grocery and other plastic shopping bags, bread bags, clean re-sealable food storage bags, etc. To prevent mechanical sorting equipment from getting entangled, <b>put all plastic bags in a single bag and tie it.</b></p>
<p><b>Tips &amp; Tricks</b></p> <p><b>Pizza Boxes</b> – Remove any crusts or left over cheese and place the box in the blue Recyclables bag and the paper in the clear Garbage bag.</p> <p><b>Food Containers</b> – Empty and quickly rinse metal and plastic containers with cold water; it only takes a second or two. As long as nothing will leak, drip or spill out onto the rest of your recyclables, it's clean enough for us!</p> <p><b>Aluminum</b> – Scrape off excess food and fold or crumple the dirty side in.</p>			<p><b>Electronics</b> (calculators, cell phones, small kitchen appliances, etc.)</p> <p>Frozen Juice Cans Lids, Covers Milk and Juice Cartons Styrofoam (meat trays, cups, plates, etc.)</p> 

## ORGANICS – GREEN BAG Collected every week

Food (including, but not limited to)	Yard Waste	Other Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bones</li> <li>Coffee Filters and Grounds</li> <li>Cooking Grease</li> <li>Dairy Products</li> <li>Expired Food</li> <li>Fish and Shellfish</li> <li>Food Scraps and Left overs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruits and Vegetables</li> <li>Meats</li> <li>Oil and Fat</li> <li>Rotten or Moldy Food</li> <li>Shells (Eggs, Shellfish)</li> <li>Tea Bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass Clippings</li> <li>Leaves</li> <li>Plants, Flowers and Weeds</li> <li>Sawdust and Wood Chips</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Twigs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tips &amp; Tricks</b></p> <p><b>Compostable Transparent Bags</b> – These bags can be used for curbside if certified under ASTM D 6400 or CAN/BNQ 0017-088.</p>		<p><b>Branches</b> – (1 inch diameter or less, bundled in 2'x2'x2' bundles)</p> <p>Napkins Paper Towels Tissues Tobacco</p> 

## GARBAGE – CLEAR BAG Collected every second week (alternating with blue recyclable bags)

Household	Bathroom	Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balloons</li> <li>Binders</li> <li>Board Games</li> <li>Candles</li> <li>Carbon Paper</li> <li>Cat Litter</li> <li>Chalk</li> <li>Cigarette Butts</li> <li>Clothes, Linens and Sheets</li> <li>Dirt and Dust</li> <li>Disinfecting Wipes</li> <li>Dryer Lint and Sheets</li> <li>Elastic Bands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fabric</li> <li>Footwear</li> <li>Furnace Filters</li> <li>Latex and Rubber Gloves</li> <li>Leather</li> <li>Light Bulbs (Not CFL's)</li> <li>Markers and Crayons</li> <li>Mirrors</li> <li>Nylons</li> <li>Pencils and Pens</li> <li>Pet Training Waste Pads</li> <li>Pet Waste</li> <li>Photos and Picture Frames</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pillows and Pillow Cases</li> <li>Pottery and Pyrex Rubber</li> <li>Sandpaper</li> <li>Silica Gel Packs</li> <li>Sports Equipment</li> <li>Stickers</li> <li>String and Tape</li> <li>Toys</li> <li>Transparencies</li> <li>Vacuum Bags</li> <li>Vases</li> <li>Wallpaper</li> <li>Yarn</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tips &amp; Tricks</b></p> <p><b>Diapers</b> – They are preferred in the clear Garbage bag, but may go in the green Organics bag on weeks the clear Garbage bags are not collected.</p> <p><b>Pet Waste</b> – This is preferred in the clear Garbage bag, but may go in the green Organics bag if there is no plastic attached.</p> <p><b>Ropes, Cables Wire</b> – To prevent mechanical sorting equipment from becoming entangled and breaking, place these items in the clear Garbage bag.</p> <p><b>Soft Plastic</b> – Any soiled soft plastic, cereal or cracker bags, chip and snack bags, stretch wrap/film, soft plastic packaging, soft plastic wrap, cheese and sandwich meat packaging belong in the clear Garbage bag.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absorbent Pads (from meat tray)</li> <li>Ceramic Dishes</li> <li>Chip Bags</li> <li>Cork</li> <li>Dish Cloths</li> <li>Glass (bottles, jars, containers etc.)</li> <li>Granola and Candy Bar Wrappers</li> <li>Parchment Paper</li> <li>Plastic Cutlery</li> <li>Plastic Packaging</li> <li>Plastic Wrap and Bubble Wrap</li> <li>Rags</li> <li>Rubber Gloves</li> <li>Scouring Pads and Sponges</li> <li>Single Serve Coffee Pods and Single-Use Coffee Packets</li> <li>Soft Plastic</li> <li>Straws</li> <li>Toothpicks</li> <li>Twist Ties</li> <li>Water Filters and Softener Salt</li> <li>Waxed Paper</li> <li>Wrappers</li> </ul> 

## Special Waste Never put these items in your regular household waste, visit our website at [www.rsc8.ca](http://www.rsc8.ca) to check the dates for our Household Hazardous Waste day held every spring and fall.

### Household Hazardous Waste

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acids</li> <li>Adhesives and Glue</li> <li>Aerosols (with contents)</li> <li>Antifreeze, Coolants and Glycol</li> <li>Batteries (Car)</li> <li>Batteries (Household)</li> <li>Bleach</li> <li>Butane Cartridges</li> <li>Car Care Products</li> <li>Caulking</li> <li>Chemicals and Cleaning Products</li> <li>Computer Monitors</li> <li>Cooking Oil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driveway Sealant</li> <li>Fertilizer</li> <li>Flea Powder</li> <li>Gasoline and Diesel Fuel</li> <li>Herbicides and Fungicides</li> <li>Kerosene</li> <li>Light Bulbs (CFL, Fluorescent and LED)</li> <li>Lighters (with contents)</li> <li>Medications and Prescriptions</li> <li>Mercury (Thermometers and Thermostats)</li> <li>Methanol and Mineral Spirits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor Oil and Filters</li> <li>Nail Polish and Remover</li> <li>Oven Cleaner</li> <li>Paints</li> <li>Pesticides</li> <li>Pool Chemicals</li> <li>Polish and Wax</li> <li>Propane Tank and Cylinders</li> <li>Rubbing Alcohol</li> <li>Rust Remover</li> <li>Solvents</li> <li>Stains and Varnishes</li> <li>Syringes and Needles (in Sharps container)</li> </ul>
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# 3-BAG WASTE SORTING SYSTEM PROGRAM BASICS

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## Recyclables

In blue transparent bags  
(See flip side for list of examples)



Electronics & Cell Phones Paper Cardboard



Styrofoam Metal & Aluminum Milk & Juice Cartons Hard Plastic



## Organics

In green or certified compostable transparent bags  
(See flip side for list of examples)



Food & Yard Waste



## Garbage

In clear transparent bags  
(See flip side for list of examples)



Everything Else



## Bags may not be picked up for the following reasons:

- Wrong colour of bag for the week
- Waste not placed in acceptable bag
- Bag contains hazardous waste
- Bag is too heavy
- Homeowner is clearly not making an effort to properly separate their waste

## Tips & Tricks

**Paper towels, napkins and tissues are compostable** – Please place them in your green Organics bag.

**Pizza Boxes** – Remove any crusts or leftover cheese and place the box in the blue Recyclables bag and the paper in the clear Garbage bag.

**Food Containers** – Empty and rinse metal and plastic containers with cold water and place in the blue Recyclables bag. **As long as nothing will leak, drip or spill out onto the rest of the recyclables, it's clean enough for us!**

## Want to help do more for the environment and divert more from landfill?

**Ropes, Cables, Wire** – To prevent mechanical sorting equipment from being entangled and breaking, place these items in the clear Garbage bag.

**We prefer diapers and pet waste in the clear Garbage bag** – However, in weeks with no clear Garbage bag pickup, these can be placed in the green Organics bag.

**Download the FREE RSC8 app today** – Get personalized collection schedules, reminder and a 3-stream sorting tool on your phone. For link, go to: [www.rsc8.ca/solid-waste](http://www.rsc8.ca/solid-waste)