



Let It Loose for Better Recycling.

Bag it? Box it? Please don't. For curbside and multi-family recycling, put accepted paper and plastic packaging loose in your blue cart or shared bin—never inside blue, clear, black bags, or boxes. Bagged or boxed recycling doesn't get sorted properly and can end up at the landfill, which increases contamination and costs. Loose items move through the sorting system more efficiently, helping crews recover more recyclable material and keeping workers safer by preventing hidden garbage or tangles.

Keep plastic bags, overwrap and other soft plastics out of recycling; these belong at a depot, not in your recycling cart or bin. A quick check helps: empty and rinse containers, and keep non-accepted items out.

Not sure where something goes?

Use the What Goes Where tool at penticton.ca/recycling.

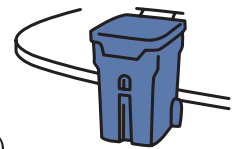
Be Cart Smart

To the curb by
7:00 am

Place your carts properly for collection. Carts improperly placed may not be emptied.

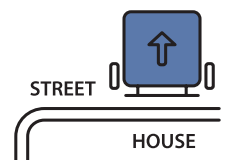
Park it

On the street, with the wheels against the curb, or on the shoulder (if no curb) by 7 a.m.



Point it

Point the arrow on the cart lid towards the road.



Space it

Leave at least an arm's length distance on all sides.



CART Collection Essentials

CARTS	PREPARATION	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
<p>GARBAGE: Black Lid WEEKLY curbside collection of garbage.</p>	<p>Garbage only. Yard and garden waste and recyclables are not permitted in garbage carts.</p> <p>All material must be contained in cart with lid closed.</p> <p>To avoid conflict with animals avoid storing garbage unsecured outside overnight.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular garbage • Kitchen waste • Containers with food • Diapers • Animal waste, loose grit/sawdust (must be bagged) • Broken window glass, mirror, ceramics • Styrofoam peanuts or chips. Take all other Styrofoam to a depot for recycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries, electronics or small appliances (depot) • Bulbs or light fixtures (depot) • Styrofoam or glass (depot) • Liquids • Hot ashes • Wood, drywall, metal, concrete or bricks • Hazardous materials (motor oil, paint, chemicals, pesticides) • Recyclables, incl. cardboard or paper • Yard/garden waste • Needles or medical waste
<p>RECYCLABLES: Blue Lid BI-WEEKLY curbside collection of recyclable materials.</p>	<p>DO NOT place recyclables in any bags. This includes both shopping and black garbage bags.</p> <p>Place all recyclables loosely in cart, and ensure lid can be securely closed.</p> <p>Only recyclables contained within your cart will be collected.</p> <p>Take all refundable beverage containers to a bottle depot. Glass of any kind is not accepted in curbside recycle collection. Glass containers can be recycled at depots. See page 6 for details.</p> <p>DO NOT compact materials into the cart as it may not empty when dumped.</p>	<p>SEE RECYCLING GUIDE FOR LIST OF ACCEPTABLE ITEMS • Page 4 & 5</p> <p>Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard & boxboard • Paper, including newspaper, flyers, magazines, catalogues, gift wrap • Shredded paper (place in paper bag or cardboard box only) • Single-use paper party décor <p>Containers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel and aluminum cans, aluminum foil and lids • Spiral wound paper cans • Dairy and dairy alternative containers (excluding deposit items) • Empty aerosol cans (cooking/ cosmetics only) (non-hazardous only) • Disposable paper and plastic cups • Plastic straws, stir sticks, and utensils • Plastic containers (emptied and rinsed) • Plastic garden pots and trays • Plastic disposable clothes hangers • Pizza boxes (remove food debris and liner) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styrofoam or glass (depot) • Flexible plastics - such as plastic shopping bags, zipper lock bags, chip bags, granola bar wrappers (depot) • Light bulbs or light fixtures (depot) • Batteries, electronics or small appliances (depot) • Clothing or textiles (donate) • Hard or soft cover books (donate or recycle at the library) • Cling wrap or bubble wrap • Scrap metal, wood or renovation material • Pots, pans or cooking utensils • Foil gift wrap • Mirrors, ceramics or glass • Needles or medical waste • Motor oil, chemical containers or paint cans • Diapers • Plastic toys, storage bins, pails larger than 25 L • Propane cylinders, spray paint cans
<p>YARD AND GARDEN WASTE: Green Lid BI-WEEKLY curbside collection of yard and garden waste, March to December.</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to grasscycle and compost.</p>	<p>NO plastic bags, no biodegradable or compostable plastics, no dog or animal waste.</p> <p>ONLY organic materials from your yard are acceptable.</p> <p>DO NOT compact materials into the cart as it may not empty when dumped.</p> <p>Put all yard waste loosely into cart. All material must fit in cart with lid closed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass clippings • Leaves • Weeds • Plant trimmings • Prunings and branches up to 5cm (2in) in diameter AND less than 1m (3ft) long • Pine needles & cones • Fruit droppings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic or compostable bags • Kitchen or food waste • Animal feces or kitty litter • Dirt, sod, rocks or tree stumps • Diapers • Used tissue or paper towels • Regular garbage • Construction or renovation materials • Agricultural or commercial waste • Landscape fabric or plastic edging • Plastic flower pots (recycle in blue lid cart)

**Unlimited Yard Waste Weeks
Spring & Fall: See page 3 for details.**

Collection Solutions

Missing Carts, Moving, Changes or Repairs?

Carts are City of Penticton Property

If you sell your property and move, or give up tenancy, your carts must remain at the property. If you purchase a house and would like to change the cart sizes or quantities, you can request a change by visiting penticton.ca/carts, emailing publicworks@penticton.ca or calling 250-490-2500.

Please note that changes to the cart sizes or quantities can only be authorized by the registered property owner. All cart changes are subject to an administration fee. Please consult the most recent fees and charges bylaw for pricing.

If your cart is stolen or damaged and requires repairs, contact the City Public Works Dept. by emailing publicworks@penticton.ca or calling 250-490-2500.

Waste Not Collected?

Not having all your items picked up can be frustrating, but there is often an explanation.

Common reasons for items being left behind:

- Items not set out on time (must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on scheduled collection day).
- Carts must be spaced a minimum of 1 metre/3 feet away from each other, and any obstacles such as vehicles or trees.
- Contamination of recyclables with garbage or yard waste.
- Cart is overfilled or lid is not securely closed.
- Presence of prohibited waste.
- Contamination of yard waste with garbage or recyclables.
- Recycling or yard waste not scheduled for collection that particular week.

Contact Waste Connections of Canada at 250-490-3888 to address missed collections.

Large Item Collection

Place a maximum of 2 items per household for collection April 12-16 (marked in **pink** on the calendar page 8). Items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled garbage day.

- Common items include furniture, large appliances and mattresses.
- **NO** renovation waste, including toilets, plumbing, hot water tanks and doors.
- **Not** accepted are items with a gas motor, automotive parts, or objects made of concrete.
- Max. weight 90 kg/200 lbs per item.
- Return electronics (TVs, computers, etc) to your nearest Return-it Electronics depot. (return-it.ca/electronics)
- Recycle small appliances (toasters, vacuums, hair dryers, etc). See electrorecycle.ca.
- A separate truck will pick up your large items, not your usual collection truck.

Unlimited Yard Waste Weeks

Spring and Fall

Four times per year, on the dates marked in **orange** on the calendar page 8, residents can place unlimited quantities of yard waste at the curb for collection.

After your city-issued cart is filled, excess yard waste can be placed in kraft paper bags or cans clearly marked "yard waste" and branches must be bundled with string or twine and placed out for collection by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.

- A separate truck will collect your extra yard waste after your garbage is collected.
- Additional yard waste can be placed in containers clearly marked as 'yard waste only'.
- Paper bags that are ripped or heavily saturated cannot be collected.
- Branches shall have a maximum diameter of 5 centimeters.
- Bundles shall be less than 1-metre long and weigh less than 25 kg.

Extra Garbage or Yard Waste?

Display a Tag-a-Bag sticker clearly on each extra bag over the cart limit. Place at the curb along with your cart on your regular collection day.



Purchase your tags at City Hall, the Community Centre, or City Yards. For up-to-date pricing, visit penticton.ca or call 250-490-2500.

Essential Contacts

Curbside Service Provider

(Contact for missed collection)

Waste Connections of Canada Inc. 250-490-3888
cspenticton@wasteconnections.com

City of Penticton

Public Works 250-490-2500
publicworks@penticton.ca
penticton.ca/garbage

Recycling Council of BC

www.rcbc.ca 1-800-667-4321

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

info@rdos.bc.ca
rdos.bc.ca
Solid Waste Hotline 250-490-4129
Toll Free 1-877-610-3737

Penticton Wildlife Information

Penticton.ca/wildlife

Ministry of Environment

(to report burning of garbage) 1-877-952-7277

Campbell Mountain Landfill

250-490-4129

Recycle BC

RecycleBC.ca

Recycling Guide

Recycling is collected *every other week* marked in **blue** on the calendar. No need to sort.

Please place materials in loosely, with NO plastic bags.

Accepted Items & How to Prepare

Mixed Paper



Boxboard & Cardboard



Corrugated Cardboard



Paper Containers for Liquids



Newspapers and newspaper inserts, including advertising flyers.

Magazines, catalogues & inserts

Office/computer paper & envelopes (window style accepted)

Coated paper plates, bowls and cups

Compressed paper hangers

Greeting cards & non-foil wrap (including paper flower wrap)

Phone books

Paper bags (grocery, lunch bags, prescription bags)

Kraft or multi-layered paper bags

Pet food bags, flour and sugar bags (no foil or plastic lined bags)

Single-use paper party décor

Shredded paper:

accepted only if inside a paper bag or cardboard box and placed in recycle cart.

Boxes for cereal, tissues, shoes, pizza, laundry detergent, etc.

Box trays for bottled water, soft drinks, cans, etc. (recycle plastic overwrap at depot)

Cardboard rolls from toilet paper and paper towel

Corrugated cardboard (moving boxes, banking boxes)

Cardboard egg cartons, take-out beverage trays

Paper-based flower pots

Paper gift bags or boxes

Flatten boxboard and place directly into recycle cart.

Clean, dry cardboard (unwaxed)

Pizza boxes: remove food debris and liner
Staples and packing tape are accepted

Flatten and place in recycle cart.

ONLY cardboard placed inside of recycle cart will be collected.

Paper beverage cups

Gable top cartons for milk-type beverages, cream, substitute egg sugar, molasses (also accepted in the Return-It deposit program)

Aseptic (Tetra-Pak™-style) boxes for soup/broth, milk-type beverages, sauces

Boxes for frozen food, including ice cream, desserts, frozen pizza, entrees

Non-durable paper food containers

Empty and rinse all cartons; remove lids and recycle separately in cart.

NOT Accepted

Plastic bags used to wrap newspapers (depot)

Paper towels, tissues or serviettes

Hard cover or paperback books

Musical greeting cards, ribbon or bows

Loose shredded paper

Photographs or negatives

Plastic overwrap (depot)

Foil-lined bags (depot) (e.g. chips)

Paper towels or tissues

Residue in pizza boxes or flower pots

Paper straws or non-paper insulating cup wraps

Plastic-lined pet food bags

Waxed cardboard boxes (e.g. produce shipping boxes)

Plastic overwrap (depot)

Stand-up pouches (depot)

Paper straws

Foil, foil-lined or plastic-lined bags (e.g. pet food)

Remember to recycle cup and cartons in your recycle cart.

Accepted Items & How to Prepare

Metal Tins / Cans Aluminum Foil / Cans



Aluminum or steel cans for food, pet food, etc.

Aluminum foil and foil containers including foil take-out containers

Metal-rimmed spiral cardboard containers for frozen juice, dough, potato chips, baby formula, etc.

Empty and rinse. Drop lid into can and squeeze top slightly. Labels and lids accepted.

Take deposit return items to a bottle depot.

Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Jars & Cups



Clean, dry plastic packaging with hard sides including:

- **plastic bottles & jars** for food, soap, shampoo, household cleaners, laundry products, vitamins & pills, cosmetics, etc.
- **plastic jugs** for cooking oil, detergent, cleaning products, windshield washer, etc.
- **plastic cold beverage cups**
- **plastic straws, plastic stir sticks, plastic utensils**

Spray, pump and pull-up tops accepted. Do not need to remove lids. Empty and rinse thoroughly.

Plastic Tubs, Trays & Clamshells



Clean, dry plastic packaging with hard sides including:

- **clamshells** for baked goods, fruit, eggs, etc.
- **tubs & pails** for margarine, dairy products (yogurt, sour cream, ice cream, etc), detergent, etc.
- **trays** for deli chicken, single-serve meals, prepared foods
- **microwaveable** bowls/cups
- **housewares and hardware packaging**, including for screws, picture hangers, etc.
- **plastic garden pots and trays**
- **plastic tape dispensers, plastic dental floss containers**

Containers with clear or black bottom with clear domes are accepted. Empty and rinse containers. Do not need to remove lids.

Aerosol Cans & Caps



Aerosol spray cans for food, air fresheners, shaving cream, hair spray, deodorant, etc.

Aluminum pie plates and baking trays

Aluminum foil

Thin-gauge metal tins

Empty cans only. Remove caps and recycle separately in recycle cart.

NOT Accepted

Coat hangers

Pots, pans or baking trays
Scrap metal, hardware or wiring

Paint cans (depot)

Foil gift wrap, foil-lined chip bags or foil-backed paper

Metal toys

Appliances

(See bulky item collection or electrorecycle.ca)

Propane cylinders

Stand-up pouches (depot)

Beverage bottles or jugs
(take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund)

Return milk and plant-based beverage containers
(take to Return-It Depot for deposit refund)

Containers for motor oil, vehicle lubricant or antifreeze products (see rbc.bc.ca)

VHS tapes, CD's, or DVD's

Foam trays (depot)

Plastic wrap (depot)

Toys or furniture

Packaging labelled 'biodegradable' or 'compostable'

'Blister packs' (gum, pills)

Tarps, string or rope

Plastic paint cans

Pails larger than 25L

Pails for lubricants or oils

Lawn edging or garden hoses

Ceramic plant pots

Spray paint cans (depot)

Propane cylinders

Cans with any contents remaining inside

Furniture spray polish

Automotive products

Check productcare.org for safe disposal of many of these items. (1-877-592-2972)

Recycling Depots



You can recycle **even more than ever!**

The following items are **not** accepted for curbside collection.

Looking to Enhance Your Recycling Skills?

Visit penticton.ca/recycling for comprehensive guides on recycling items like books, glass, shredded paper, clothing, scrap metal, electronics and small appliances. You'll find downloadable brochures, information sheets and the family-friendly Recycle Hero Activity Book. Print versions of all educational materials are also available at City Yards.

Are you a strata, apartment resident or local organization that would benefit from an in-person recycling education session? The City's recycling team is ready to visit your location and share best practices for recycling and waste disposal. To learn more or book a presentation, contact the team at solidwaste@penticton.ca or 250-490-2500.

Not sure how to dispose of a particular item? The **What Goes Where** tool is here to help at penticton.ca/recycling. Simply enter the name of the item and the tool will provide you with local and convenient disposal options.

Please take these items to your nearest depot for safe recycling:

NOT Accepted

Flexible Plastics

Stand-up and zipper lock pouches for granola, coffee, frozen berries or vegetables, baby food.

Crinkly wrappers including bags for chips, dried pasta, candy, and cereal; wet wipe dispensers; snack and chocolate bar wrappers.

Flexible packaging for fresh pasta, pre-packaged deli meats, pre-packaged cheese.

Woven and net plastic bags for produce, fruit.

Non-food protective packaging such as plastic shipping envelopes, plastic air packets, bubble wrap.

Plastic bags for groceries, dry cleaning, bread, newspapers/ flyers, produce & salad, frozen vegetables and outer milk bags.

Plastic overwrap from water and pop flats; bulk paper towel or toilet paper packages, and hygiene product packaging.

Bags & overwrap from garden products, water softener & road salt; mattresses, furniture and electronics.



- Biodegradable or Oxo plastics
- Plastic squeeze tubes
- Plastic-lined paper
- Plastic strapping
- 6-pack rings
- PVC/Vinyl
- Squishy foam packaging
- Paper-lined plastic

Glass

Non-deposit glass bottles and jars

Clear or coloured.

Empty and rinse containers.

Recycle metal or plastic lids in your recycle cart.



- Beverage containers (take to a *Return-It Depot* for deposit refund)
- Glasses, dishes, cookware or ceramic
- Window glass or mirror

Polystyrene Foam Packaging

Foam containers and trays, e.g. meat, egg cartons, take-out clamshells, cups and bowls.

Moulded foam cushion packaging

for protecting electronics, small appliances, etc.

Empty and rinse food containers. Remove liners and plastic wrap from meat /food trays.



- Foam peanuts, packing chips or noodles
- Blue or pink foam board insulation
- Liquid absorbing pads or liners
- Shrink wrap for meat or other food

White and coloured foam products must be separated at the depot.

Always check the websites below, or the RCBC Recyclepedia, for an up-to-date list of depots and accepted items.

rbc.bc.ca, 1-800-667-4321

Campbell Mountain Landfill

1765 Reservoir Road • 250-490-4129

Hours: March 1 – November 30

Monday to Sunday*: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

*December, January & February: Closed Sundays

Closed all Statutory Holidays and Boxing Day

Also accepts:

- Household hazardous waste - productcare.org
- Light fixtures & bulbs - productcare.org
- Small appliances & power tools - electroRecycle.ca
- Used motor oil, filters & containers - usedoilrecycling.ca
- Glass bottles and jars, styrofoam, flexible plastic packaging, hard cover books

J & C Bottle Depot

310 Dawson Ave. • 250-492-5144

Annual Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Holidays

Also accepts:

- Beverage containers & glass jars - return-It.ca
- Electronics - return-It.ca
- Household hazardous waste - productcare.org
- Light fixtures & bulbs - productcare.org
- Small appliances & power tools - electroRecycle.ca
- Batteries

Test your



waste

knowledge online.



Learn more:
penticton.ca/waste-collection

Collection Schedule

July 2026 - June 2027

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Collection Legend:

- Garbage Collection Only (no yard waste)
 - Recycling
 - Large Item & Recycle Collection
 - Yard and Garden Waste
 - Unlimited Yard and Garden Waste
- (See page 3 for details)

Garbage is collected weekly. Recycling and other pickups occur on your regular garbage collection day during the weeks as marked.



Holiday Collection:

Regular Collection Day:
 Friday, Dec. 25
 Friday, Jan. 1

Pick Up Changed To:
 Saturday Dec. 26
 Saturday, Jan. 2