

PLASTIC BAGS & OVERWRAP

can NO longer go in your Recycling Tote



WHY?

When PLASTIC BAGS & OVERWRAP (plastic film/ soft plastic) are collected with other material, it is **difficult to separate**, meaning that less of the plastic film, and less of the other material, is recycled. These INDUSTRY CHANGES are intended to...

- **Increase the amount of plastic film recycled** e.g. by meeting specifications of recycling end market
- **Avoid sending mixed plastic film to Asia** for manual sorting with local disposal of the unrecyclable portion
- **Avoid using plastic film as alternate fuel**
- **Increase recycling rates for other materials** (e.g. aluminum, rigid plastic containers) by preventing plastic bags & overwrap from contaminating these.

NOW WHAT?

You can ensure that plastic film packaging is recycled by **TAKING IT TO A DEPOT:** Carney's Recycling Centre or Landfill Public Depot. Make sure bags are **empty & clean**, remove receipts, leftover food, etc. Stuff **bags inside another bag** and tie top.

Depot Sites in

Squamish:

Carney's Recycling Centre, 38950 Queensway,
Mo-Sat 8:30-4:30,
Landfill Public Depot, Landfill Rd,
Mo-Sun 9:00-6:00.

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MUST BE TAKEN TO RECYCLING DEPOT

WHAT is ACCEPTED AT THE DEPOT SITES?

➡ Empty bags, bag your bags & take to Depot

- ✓ Plastic bags for groceries, dry cleaning, bread, newspapers & flyers
- ✓ Bags for produce, pre-washed salad, dry bulk foods & frozen vegetables
- ✓ Outer bags & wrap for diaper & feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues & soft drink can flats
- ✓ Bags for water softener salt, wood pellets & garden products
- ✓ Overwrap on mattresses, furniture & electronic equipment

What is 'Overwrap'?

Overwrap is the plastic packaging around things like flats of pop, diapers paper towels, etc.

WHAT is NOT ACCEPTED

➡ Place in your garbage tote

- ⊗ Crinkly cellophane wrap, e.g. for tea, floral arrangements
- ⊗ Kitchen stretch wrap or plastic wrap for meat, poultry, fish or cheese
- ⊗ Zipper-lock bags, Chip or snack bags
- ⊗ Plastic shipping envelopes or bubble packaging
- ⊗ Plastic bags labelled biodegradable or compostable
- ⊗ Multi-layer, laminated plastic packaging, e.g. for bacon, deli meats, cheese slices, etc.
- ⊗ Lumber or construction wrap
- ⊗ Garbage bags (all colours)

Why are these materials not accepted?

As of now, for certain types of plastic no recycling market exists therefore they are excluded.

QUESTIONS?

More information on www.recyclinginbc.ca,
www.carneyswaste.ca or call Carney's Office.