

SORTING GUIDE

For Households in Westmorland and Albert Counties



RECYCLABLES – BLUE BAG

Collected every second week (alternate with Clear Garbage bag)

Metals	Paper & Cardboard	Plastics	Other Items	
Aerosol Cans (empty) Aluminum (pie plates, foil, etc.) Bottles & Cans (steel, tin & aluminum) Containers Pots & Pans Utensils	Books & Bristol Board Boxboard Boxes Cardboard Cards & Catalogues Cereal Boxes Coffee Cups Drink Trays Egg Cartons Envelopes	Fast Food & Paper Bags Fast Food Boxes & Pizza Boxes File Folders Flyers Newspaper & Magazines Phone Books Plates & Cups Posters Sticky Notes Wrapping Paper	Bottles (caps off) Containers (covers off) Cups & Dishes Hard Plastic Packaging Jugs Medicine Bottles (empty) Milk & Juice Jugs	Electronics – Calculators, cell phones, small kitchen appliances, etc. Frozen Juice Cans Lids, Covers Milk & Juice Cartons Styrofoam (meat trays, cups, plates, etc.)

Tips & Tricks

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 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!

Aluminum – Scrape off excess food and fold or crumple the dirty side in.

Hard Plastics numbered: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7

Plastic Bags (Clean & Dry) – Grocery and other plastic shopping bags, bread bags, clean re-sealable food storage bags, etc. To prevent mechanical sorting equipment from getting entangled, **put all plastic bags in a single bag and tie it.**

ORGANICS – GREEN BAG

Collected every week

Food (including, but not limited to)	Yard Waste	Other Items		
Bones Coffee Filters & Grounds Cooking Grease Dairy Products Expired Food Fish & Shellfish Food Scraps & Leftovers	Fruits & Vegetables Meats Oil & Fat Rotten or Mouldy Food Shells (eggs, shellfish) Tea Bags	Grass Clippings Leaves Plants, Flowers & Weeds Sawdust & Wood Chips Soil Twigs	Branches – 1-inch (2.54 cm) diameter or less, bundled in 2'x2'x2' (0.6 x 0.6 x 0.6 m) bundles	Napkins Paper Towels Tissues Tobacco

Tips & Tricks

Orange and Paper Bags – Although we prefer Green Organics bags, orange and paper bags can be used for leaves and yard waste only.

Compostable Transparent Bags – These bags can be used for curbside if certified under ASTM D 6400 or CAN/BNQ 0017-088 and have both of the following logos visible on the bags:

GARBAGE – CLEAR BAG

Collected every second week (alternate with Blue Recyclables bag)

Household	Bathroom	Kitchen		
Balloons Binders Board Games Candles Carbon Paper Cat Litter Chalk Cigarette Butts Clothes, Linens & Sheets Dirt & Dust Disinfectant Wipes Dryer Lint & Sheets Elastic Bands Fabric	Footwear Furnace Filters Latex & Rubber Gloves Leather Light Bulbs (not CFLs) Markers & Crayons Mirrors Nylons Pencils & Pens Pet Training or “Pee” Pads Pet Waste Photos & Picture Frames Pillows & Pillow Cases	Pottery Rubber Sandpaper Silica Gel Packs Sports Equipment Stickers String & Tape Toys Transparencies Vacuum Bags Vases Wallpaper Yarn	Baby Wipes Bandages & Gauze Brushes & Combs Colostomy & Tube-Feeding Bags Condoms Cosmetics & Cosmetic Wipes Cotton Balls Cotton Swabs Dental Floss Diapers Disposable Razors Feminine Hygiene Products Toothpaste Tubes Towels	Absorbent Pads (from meat tray) Ceramic Dishes Chip Bags Cork Dish Cloths Glass (bottles, jars, containers, etc.) Granola & Candy Bar Wrappers Parchment Paper Plastic Cutlery Plastic Packaging Plastic Wrap & Bubble Wrap Rags Rubber Gloves Scouring Pads & Sponges Single-Use Coffee Cups/Packets Soft Plastic Straws Toothpicks Twist Ties Water Filters & Softener Salt Waxed Paper Wrappers

Tips & Tricks

Diapers – 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.

Pet Waste – This is preferred in the Clear Garbage bag, but may go in the Green Organics bag if there is no plastic attached.

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

Soft Plastic – Any soiled soft plastic, cereal or cracker bags, chip and snack bags, stretch wrap/film, soft plastic packaging, soft plastic wrap and cheese or sandwich meat packaging belong in the Clear Garbage bag.

Special Waste

Never put these items in your regular household waste; bring them to our Depot at the Solid Waste Facility or visit our website for other disposal details.

Household Hazardous Waste

Acids Adhesives & Glue Aerosols (with contents) Antifreeze, Coolants & Glycol Batteries (car & household) Bleach Butane Cartridges Car-Care Products Caulking Chemicals & Cleaning Products Computer Monitors Cooking Oil Driveway Sealant	Fertilizer Flea Powder Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Herbicides & Fungicides Kerosene Light Bulbs (CFL, fluorescent & LED) Lighters (with contents) Medications & Prescriptions Mercury (thermometers & thermostats) Methanol & Mineral Spirits Motor Oil & Filters	Nail Polish & Remover Oven Cleaner Paints Pesticides Pool Chemicals Polish & Wax Propane Tank & Cylinders Rubbing Alcohol Rust Remover Solvents Stains & Varnishes Syringes & Needles (in sharps container)
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Other Waste

Tires – Return to retailer. Visit website or call for details.

Construction & Demolition Waste, Bulky Items & Ashes – Visit website or call for rates.