

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If your building does not have a recycling system in place, ask the landlord to see if they will set one up. They can also set up a collection system which can be supported by a curbside collection agency:

- **R3 Residential Recycling:** 250-963-9073
- **Cascades Recovery:** 250-563-0233
- **Blue Jewel Recycling:** 250-960-8531

In the meantime, there are recycling depots that you may access to drop off your recyclables and refundable. Common recyclable items may be dropped off at any of these three transfer stations:

- **Vanway:** 6556 Broddy Rd.
- **Quinn Street:** 18th & Quinn St.
- **RDDFG Regional Landfill:** 6595 Foothills Blvd.

MORE WAYS TO HELP

- Buy cardboard egg cartons instead of nonrecyclable Styrofoam ones. Styrofoam takes over 1000 years to break down in a landfill.
- Visit thrift stores to drop off unwanted used items or to pick up new treasures.
- Take home your groceries in reusable cloth bags. In Canada up to 15 billion plastic bags are used every year.
- Compost your kitchen waste in a backyard composter. Which will make your own fertilizer for your lawns, vegetable and flower beds.
- Donate old magazines to waiting rooms.
- Buy recycled products and close the loop.
- Have your morning coffee in a reusable travel mug.
- Reuse empty yogurt containers as seed starter pots or use as lunch and freezer containers.

RESOURCES

Please visit these websites for more information:

- www.reaps.org
- www.call2recycle.ca
- www.rdffg.bc.ca
- www.myrecyclopedia.ca
- www.recyclebc.ca
- www.rcbc.bc.ca (RCBC has a free iPhone app to find the nearest recycling center)

Recycling Hotlines

Recycling & Environmental Action Planning Society

Phone: 250-561-7327
Website: www.reaps.org

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

Prince George: 250-960-4486
Toll free: 1-800-667-1959
Website: www.rdffg.bc.ca

Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill

Phone: 250-962-8972

BC Recycling Hotline

Toll free: 1-800-667-4321



Location: Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden Campus Ring Road (UNBC) Prince George

Mailing Address: PO Box 444,
Prince George, B.C. V2L 4S6

Phone: 250.561.7327
Fax: 250.561.7324

Website: reaps.org
Email: recycling@reaps.org

Tips for

APARTMENT RECYCLING





BENEFITS

Recycling keeps materials out of the landfills that can otherwise be reused, decreasing landfill volumes and reducing energy consumption. Recycling is beneficial to the environment as less resource extraction occurs, minimizing unnecessary environmental degradation.

Only one quarter of the average household waste should be going to the landfill. The rest can be diverted to be recycled or composted in a composter.

There are also several economic benefits of recycling, including getting money back for your personal recyclables! There are also District-level economic benefits, as revenue generated from recycled material reduces reliance on property taxes by subsidizing a portion of waste management program costs.

ALUMINUM

Aluminum is recycled into new aluminum containers, road signs and window frames. The following items can be recycled in your container bin:

- Aluminum cans and lids used for food
- Aluminum foil wrap and foil take-out containers, including pie plates, food trays, etc. (rinsed)
- Empty aluminum aerosol containers used for food, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray, foam insulation, etc.

WHAT CAN BE COLLECTED?

Accepted at most Recycle Depots:

Full list and descriptions available online.

- Newspapers and inserts
- Office paper, computer paper and writing paper
- Telephone books and paperback books
- Catalogues, glossy flyers and magazines
- Envelopes (with windows is okay)
- Brown kraft paper bags
- Corrugated cardboard (please flatten)
- Boxboard (i.e. cereal boxes)
- Paper packaging (cores for paper towel/toilet paper)
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Dairy containers – plastic and cardboard
- Glass jars and bottles
- Plastic food containers
- Aluminum food and beverage cans (labels removed)
- Glass bottles and jars

Refundable

- Plastic and glass bottles
- Beverage Cans
- Juice boxes and Tetra paks

Plastic Bags and Overwrap

These items are recyclable but are drop-off only. They can be dropped off, free of charge, at a number of depots. These items, once recycled, are turned into new grocery bags, plastic pallets, containers, crates, pipes, decking and park benches. Accepted examples are listed here – full list available online.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER STUFF?

Donations

- Donations can be made to second-hand stores (if still in useable condition): clothing, shoes, textiles, books, DVDs, games, toys, kitchen appliances and accessories, furniture, jewelry, etc.

Electronics

- Televisions, phones, computers, and printers
- Kitchen appliances, and other large appliances

Hazardous household waste

- Paint, solvents, flammable liquids, gasoline, antifreeze, and pesticides
- Printer cartridges
- Propane cylinders
- Batteries and electronics
- Eyeglasses
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Yard waste
- Building materials

For details on where to take these recyclables, visit our website at www.reaps.org and click on the Waste Reduction Directory.

- Bags for groceries or dry cleaning, bread
- Bags for produce, dry bulk foods and frozen vegetables
- Outer bags and wrap for diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues and soft drink can flats
- Bags for water softener salt and garden products
- Overwrap on mattresses, furniture and electronic equipment