Toronto Recyclables & Non-Recyclables
ref http://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/58/101000038858.html

Some examples of plastics accepted in the Blue Bin are:

- milk bags (inner pouches and outer bag)
- select types of bread bags (non-foil)
- sandwich bags (ie. re-sealable type bags)
- bulk food bags
- produce bags
- dry cleaning bags
- newspaper / flyer bags
- garden soil, manure or compost bags
- road salt bags
- diaper and feminine hygiene outer bags
- frozen fruit bags (not stand-up pouch type)
- frozen vegetable bags (not stand-up pouch type)
- transparent recycling bags
- over-wrap from toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, water and soft drink packaging

Residents can put the following items in their Blue Bin (recycling bin). No sorting of recyclables is required. You can mix containers (e.g. bottles and cans) and paper products together in your Blue Bin. You may either bundle your bags inside one bag or put bags in loose. However, you should empty and rinse all containers/bags to remove residue prior to placing them in the Blue Bin. Recyclables which are not rinsed clean will contaminate other items in the bin and could attract pests.

Acceptable Recyclable items:

- **Cardboard Cans:** Such as refrigerated dough, frozen juice, chips, nuts, powdered drink mix, baby formula & powdered cleanser containers. Put loose metal end inside cardboard can and pinch closed. Discard plastic pull-off strip and/or peel-off seal
- **Mixed rigid plastic:** clamshell containers, clear fruit and vegetable containers, clear takeout containers and molded bakery-item trays, plastic egg cartons, disposable plastic plates and cups, clear compact disk cases (empty).
- **Plastic food jars, tubs & lids:** such as margarine, yogurt, ice cream, cottage cheese & sour cream containers
- **Plastic bottles & jugs:** with lids securely fastened
- **Milk/Juice Cartons**
- **Empty paint cans & lids:** lids must be separated from the can
- **Metal cans:** put lid inside can and pinch closed
- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **LCBO alcohol beverage containers** - but you will forfeit the deposit (10 or 20 cents) that you paid at the time of purchase
- **Rigid aluminium** trays, pie plates & roasting pans
- **Drink boxes:** Remove & discard straws
- **Corrugated cardboard:** clean, unwaxed, flattened & placed in bin
- **Plastic grocery & retail bags**: without drawstrings, metal detailing or hard plastic handles. Remove receipts and put bags in one bag & tie handles closed
- **Foam polystyrene:** such as protective packaging, meat trays, takeout food containers, plates, egg cartons & coffee cups. (The City sends Polystyrene to Canada Fibers Ltd.)
- **Household paper:** includes junk mail, writing paper, computer paper, flyers & envelopes. Shredded paper put in clear plastic bag & tie closed & place in the blue bin (this is the only exception where recycling can be placed in a clear bag)
- **Paper gift wrap & cards** - remove ribbons and bows
- **Paper egg cartons, rolls & bags**

- **Empty aerosol cans:** remove & discard lids
- **Boxboard boxes:** such as cardboard, cereal, tissue & detergent boxes. Remove liners, plastic windows & flatten boxes
- **Newspapers & telephone directories, magazines, catalogues & books**

Recyclable paper - Most paper should be placed in the blue bin for recycling. These items include:

- **Corrugated cardboard** - clean unwaxed, flattened & placed in the bin
- **Pizza Boxes** must be empty
- **Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories, books (soft & hardcover)** - plastic covers removed
- **Boxboard boxes** such as cardboard cereal, tissue, and detergent boxes - remove liners, plastic windows, and flatten
- **Household paper:** junk mail, writing paper, computer paper, flyers & envelopes
- **Shredded paper:** place in a clear plastic bag & tie closed and place in the Bin. (this is the ONLY exception for the use of clear bags)

Learn what to do with your waste materials, search the Waste Wizard for proper disposal methods. Please refer to the 25 proper waste disposal tips.

Note: Drywall is accepted as recycling **ONLY at depots that accept recycling** (note Bermondsey, Commissioners and Ingram are the only depots that accept drywall: http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/depots.htm) You cannot place drywall in your blue bin.

Prohibited items:

- biodegradable plastic containers and film (i.e. compostable plastic bags)
- any type of black coloured plastic
- laminated plastic film (i.e. chip bags and stand-up resealable pouch bags)
- snack food bags (potato chips, peanuts, cookies)
- foil gift wrap
- aluminum foil
- coffee pods - both regular and compostable (i.e. Keurig, Tassimo, etc.)
- wallpaper
- paper that is soiled or wax-coated
- meat wrapping paper (butchers paper) should be placed in the garbage bin
- Plastic pre-packaging for meat and cheese (plastic is not soft, stretchy)
- Household cling wrap (is made of PVC - poly vinyl chloride, which is not a recyclable product)
- cellophane (ie. gift basket wrap)
- cereal liners
- pool covers
- shower liners
- boat wrap
- plastic bubble wrap
- candy bar wrappers
- waxed cardboard (must be placed in garbage)
- paper items that are wax coated (many frozen food boxes) or soiled with food (e.g. paper towels/tissues, coffee filters, sugar/flour bags, etc.) belong in the green bin.
- other items that should be placed in the green bin are soiled paper fast food wrapping (no foil), paper plates & ice cream boxes