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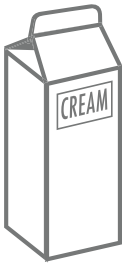
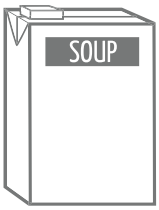
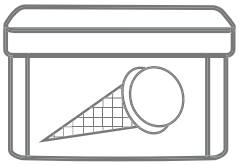
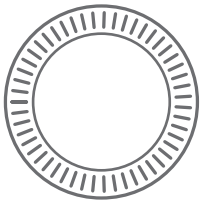
| | **Paper cups**<br><br>For hot and cold beverages<br><br>Empty and rinse cups. Remove lids and place loose with container recycling. Recycle paper sleeves separately. | Items that are not single use, or compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-degradable plastics |
|  | **Gable-top cartons**<br><br>For cream, substitute eggs, sugar, molasses, etc.<br><br>Empty and rinse cartons. | Paper towels or napkins (include with green waste, if applicable), tissues |
|  | **Aseptic boxes or cartons**<br><br>For cream, soup, broth, sauces, etc. | Stand-up pouches |
|  | **Frozen dessert boxes**<br><br>For ice cream, frozen yogurt, etc.<br><br>Empty and rinse cartons. | |
|  | **Paper plates**<br><br>Coated paper plates<br><br>All plates must be rinsed clean for recycling. | Uncoated paper plates, or plates that are soiled with food leftovers, plates labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable |

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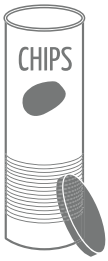
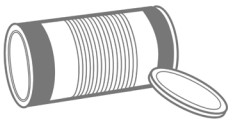
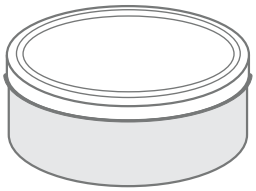
|  | **Spiral wound cans and metal lids**<br><br>For frozen juice concentrate, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula, etc. | Paper towels or napkins (include with green waste, if applicable), tissues, etc. |
|  | **Steel cans and lids**<br><br>For food including pet food, tins for cookies, tea, chocolates, etc., include metal lid<br><br>Empty and rinse cans. Labels are OK. | Steel paint cans, coat hangers, pots, pans and baking trays, propane cylinders, metal toys, appliances, metal hardware or other scrap metal, wiring or metal cords, extension cords |
| | **Aluminum cans and lids**<br><br>For food including seafood, pet food, etc.<br><br>Empty and rinse cans. Labels are OK. | Propane tanks or propane canisters |
|  | **Metal storage containers**<br><br>Thin-gauge metal tins | Durable storage containers (e.g., metal food storage containers) |

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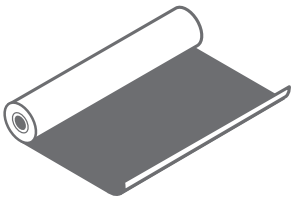
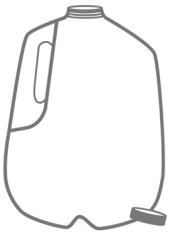
| | **Aluminum foil disposables**<br><br>Aluminum pie plates, baking dishes and trays, etc.<br><br>Materials must be clean for recycling. | Durable storage containers such as glass or metal food storage containers |
|  | **Aluminum foil**<br><br>Foil wrap used for food storage<br><br>Foil wrap must be rinsed clean for recycling. | Wax paper or parchment paper |
|  | **Plastic jugs with screw tops**<br><br>For cooking oil, laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning solutions, cleaning products, body care products, windshield washer fluid, etc.<br><br>Empty and rinse jugs. Labels OK. | |
| | **Plastic clamshells**<br><br>For baked goods, fruit, produce, eggs, etc.<br><br>Containers are clear with hinged or click-closed tops. Empty and rinse containers for recycling. Labels OK. | Compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics |

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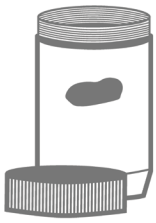
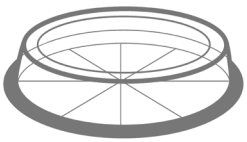
|  | **Plastic jars and lids**<br><br>For peanut butter, jam, nuts, condiments, vitamins and supplements, personal care products and cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, etc.<br><br>Plastic jars have wide mouths with screw top lids. Empty and rinse jars for recycling. Labels OK. | Stand-up pouches |
| | **Plastic bottles and caps**<br><br>For food, dish soap, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners and other personal care products, pills and vitamins, laundry products, household cleaners, automotive cleaners (e.g., glass cleaner, windshield washer fluid, etc.)<br><br>Plastic bottles can have screw caps, spray pumps or pull-up tops. Empty and rinse bottles for recycling. Labels OK. | Stand-up pouches, containers for motor oil, vehicle lubricant, or antifreeze products |
|  | **Plastic trays and tops**<br><br>For deli chicken, single-serve meals, prepared foods, baked goods, housewares and hardware (e.g., screws, picture hangers, etc.)<br><br>Containers are clear or have black bottom trays with clear domes. Empty and rinse trays for recycling. | White, black or colour foam trays (take to Recycle BC depot), soft plastic packaging for perishable foods (e.g., meat, poultry, fish or cheese, etc.), plastic/foil packaging for items like chewing gum and pills |

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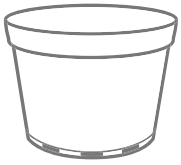
| | **Plastic tubs and lids**<br><br>For margarine, spreads, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream, etc.<br><br>Empty and rinse tubs. For single-use coffee and tea pods: Empty and rinse pods. Remove lids and not include lids with recycling. Grounds can be composted. | Packaging labelled compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable plastics or foil lids from coffee and tea pods, coffee grounds (include with green waste, if applicable) |
| | **Plastic cold drink cups with lids**<br><br>Beverage cups<br><br>Empty and rinse cups for recycling. Separate straws. | Foam cups (take to Recycle BC depot), plastic packaging labelled compostable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable, napkins (include with green waste, if applicable) |
|  | **Plant pots and saucers**<br><br>Plastic only | Ceramics or items that are not packaging-like products, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable |
| | **Plastic pails**<br><br>For laundry detergent, ice cream, pet food, etc.<br><br>Recycle BC accepts pails that are less than 25 litres. Larger pails should be disposed of through a commercial hauler. | Plastic paint cans, plastic pails larger than 25L, pails for lubricants and oils |
| | **Microwavable bowls and cups**<br><br>For soups and entrees<br><br>Remove lids and place loose in recycling container. | Bowls with metal rims, napkins (include with green waste, if applicable) |

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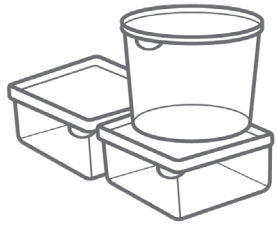
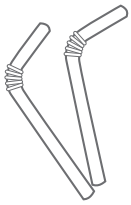
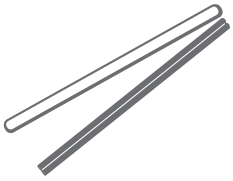
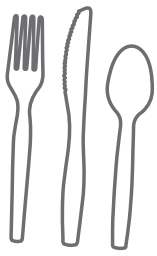
|  | **Non-durable plastic food containers**<br><br>Plastic lunch containers | Durable storage containers such as glass or metal food storage containers, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable |
| | **Disposable hangers**<br><br>Plastic – lightweight (included with clothing) | Durable hangers (e.g., wire, sturdy plastic, metal, or wood), plastic labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-degradable |
|  | **Plastic straws**<br><br>Plastic drinking straws | Paper or metal straws |
|  | **Plastic stir sticks**<br><br>Plastic stir sticks used for coffee | Wooden stir sticks |
|  | **Plastic cutlery**<br><br>Plastic spoons, forks, and knives commonly provided with take-out meals<br><br>Plastic cutlery must be rinsed clean for recycling. | Wooden cutlery, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable |

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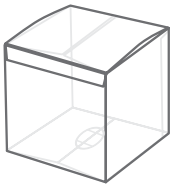
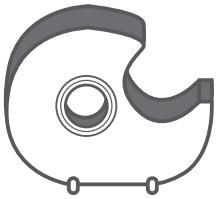
|  | **Plastic gift boxes**<br><br>Plastic boxes purchased for gift giving | Items that are not packaging-like products, bags and boxes with glitter and rope handles, or items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable |
|  | **Plastic tape dispensers**<br><br>Plastic casing used to hold household tape | Items that are not packaging-like products, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable plastic |
| | **Plastic dental floss container**<br><br>Plastic case used to hold dental floss | Items that are not packaging-like products, items labelled compostable, biodegradable, or oxo-compostable plastic, used dental floss |

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