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# Recycling update

## New Recycle BC depot opens December 1

### *Satellite recycling depots close November 29*

A new Recycle BC depot opens in Quesnel on December 1, 2018 in response to changes in the global recycling market. The new recycling depot, located near the Quesnel landfill, will be a controlled site with an attendant and residents will be able to recycle a broader range of packaging and paper recyclables.

The new site opens as the current recycling depots close at West Park Mall, Maple Park Mall, Sani-loop and the landfill.

By establishing a full Recycle BC depot, the City of Quesnel and Cariboo Regional District recycling programs in Quesnel will be able to continue.

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and printed paper recycling throughout British Columbia.

Recycle BC ensures packaging and paper is collected from households and recycling depots, sorted and recycled responsibly.

The Recycle BC program is funded by over 1,200 businesses, like retailers, manufacturers and restaurants, that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents, to shift recycling costs away from homeowners.

*Read frequently asked questions at [quesnel.ca/recycling](http://quesnel.ca/recycling) or [cariboord.ca/recycling](http://cariboord.ca/recycling)*

## Contamination causes depot closures

Despite the City's education campaigns regarding contamination in the drop-off depot recycling material, the recyclables from these locations continue to be contaminated and are non-marketable in the current global recycling market.

In January 2018, China reduced the level of contamination they accept with recyclables. China will only import the cleanest recyclable material, which makes marketing the contaminated paper and plastic recyclable materials from Quesnel's current depots extremely challenging and costly.

## Hours and location

The current recycling drop-off depots at West Park Mall, Maple Park Mall, Sani-loop and the Quesnel landfill close November 29, 2018.

The new Recycle BC depot will open December 1, 2018 at 8 am. The depot will be located near the Landfill on Carson Pit Road and will open **Tuesday through Sunday from 8 am to 6 pm.**



## Curbside Recycling *(City of Quesnel Residents)*

The new Recycle BC depot will not affect the existing curbside recycling collection. City of Quesnel residents who receive curbside collection can continue to use their blue boxes to recycle packaging and papers. Residents are also allowed to add more recycling bins (22 gallons or less) to their curbside collection. For a list of items that can be recycled curbside, go to [recyclebc.ca/quesnel](http://recyclebc.ca/quesnel). Any inquiries about what can be

recycled at the curb can be made to 250-992-2626 or emailed to [askmebc2@emterra.ca](mailto:askmebc2@emterra.ca).

Residents receiving curbside collection can use the new Recycle BC depot to drop off plastic bags and overwrap; other flexible plastic packaging; glass; and polystyrene foam (Styrofoam). For a full list of these items go to [recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle](http://recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle).

# Recycling at the new depot

All residential packaging and paper recyclables within Recycle BC's program will be accepted at the new depot. Businesses will not be allowed to recycle at this depot.



**Containers** (plastic, aluminum, steel, cartons and paper cups)



**Glass** (Clear or coloured non-deposit glass bottles and jars)



**Paper** (newspapers; shredded paper contained in a paper bag or box; paper bags; cardboard; boxboard; and molded boxboard i.e. egg cartons and take out beverage trays)



**Plastic bags and overwrap** (grocery, produce, bread, frozen food, water softener salt, and wood pellet bags and overwrap for mattresses; furniture; electronics; diapers; paper towels; toilet paper; and flats of drinks and canned goods)



**Foam packaging** (foam egg cartons; meat trays; cups; take out food containers; and cushioning to protect electronics and appliances)



**Flexible plastic packaging** (zipper lock bags and pouches, stand up pouches, cereal bags, cheese wrappers, cellophane, foil bags i.e. chip bags, candy wrappers, mesh bags for produce, bubble wrap, crinkly plastic bags for dry pasta and more).

Visit [recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle](http://recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle) for a complete list.

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