







Categories and Materials Covered Under the Blue Box Program Plan

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Printed Material All Printed Materials for use by consumers distributed through retail distribution, subscriptions and mass mail delivery	Newsprint CNA/OCNA members	Includes only newspapers that are listed Canadian Newspaper Association (CNA) or Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) members in good standing as of January 1st of the obligation year.
	Other Newsprint Non CNA/OCNA members	Includes all newspaper titles that are not listed as a member of either the CNA or OCNA and other newsprint materials. <u>Examples:</u> Non CNA/OCNA member newspaper publications, newsprint inserts and flyers, newsprint park guide, newsprint auto or real estate supplement <u>Excludes:</u> Newspaper used as product packaging would be included in the boxboard and other paper packaging subcategory
	Magazines and catalogues	Magazines (bound periodicals printed on glossy paper that typically include a masthead), catalogues (bound glossy paper containing product lists), or other similar printed and bound material (light or medium weight coated paper). <u>Examples:</u> Weekly magazine, retailer seasonal catalogue, travel magazines, bounded glossy promotional brochures and guides <u>Excludes:</u> Posters, Purchased calendars
	Directories	Includes printed directories of residential and/or business information such as telephone numbers, postal codes and websites. Typically these are distributed annually. <u>Examples:</u> Phone book <u>Excludes:</u> Product manuals (this would be included in the other printed materials subcategory)
	Other Printed Materials	Includes all other printed paper/materials that may be distributed to homes, and is not included in the paper categories above. <u>Examples:</u> Blank and printed envelopes; Promotional inserts within envelopes; Printed information found within packaged products such as assembly instructions, user guides, promotional information, warranty cards, product safety information and coupons; Annual policy information including policy documents, statements; Monthly, quarterly or annual statements; Investment fund reports, fund prospectus; Contracts; Free promotional calendars; Lottery tickets and fund raising tickets; Cash register receipts <u>Excludes:</u> Soft or hard covered fiction or non-fiction books or textbooks; Purchased copier/printer paper; Greeting cards purchased individually or in bulk; Blank envelopes purchased in bulk; Day timers; Personal medical records; Notebooks; Purchased calendars; Clothing hang tags (this would be included in the boxboard and other paper packaging subcategory)
Paper Packaging	Gable top containers	Includes polycoated cartons. <u>Examples:</u> Milk cartons, juice cartons
	Aseptic containers	Includes polycoated and foilized boxes. <u>Examples:</u> Juice boxes, soup containers
	Paper laminants	Includes laminated paper packaging that is in majority paper (51% by weight) but has more than 15% by weight of non-paper. This includes metalized foil/paper/plastic laminants where paper represents the greatest percentage by weight. In the event that there are 2 or more components, 60% of packaging has to be paper for the material to be considered a paper laminant. <u>Examples:</u> Fiber cans (with metal/plastic bottom and lid), fiber pots, granola bar wrappers, battery blister package, paper hot drink cup, paper ice cream carton

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	Boxboard and other paper packaging	Includes boxboard or fiber board containers, molded pulp paper packaging as well as other paper packaging which contain less than 15% by weight of other closely bonded, impregnated or laminated materials that cannot easily separated. <u>Examples:</u> Cereal boxes, egg cartons, formed trays, tissue paper box, clothing hang tags, newspaper used as packaging material (i.e. in shoes or gift packaging)	
Plastic Packaging	Resin Codes		
	PET bottles	 PET	Includes #1 <u>bottles and jars only</u> . All other forms of PET should be entered as Other Rigid Plastics. <u>Examples:</u> soft drink/water bottles, salad dressing bottles, peanut butter
	PET bottles > 5 Litres*	 PET	Includes #1 <u>bottles and jars only</u> that are > 5 Litres. PET Bottles < 5 Litres should be entered as PET Bottles. All other forms of PET should be entered as Other Rigid Plastics or Other Rigid Plastics > 5 Litres. <u>Example:</u> water bottles
	HDPE bottles and jugs	 HDPE	Includes #2 <u>bottles, jugs and jars only</u> . All other forms of HDPE containers should be entered as Other Rigid Plastics. <u>Examples:</u> Laundry detergent, bleach, vinegar
	HDPE bottles and jugs > 5 Litres*	 HDPE	Includes #2 <u>bottles, jugs and jars</u> > 5 Litres. HDPE Bottles and Jugs < 5 Litres should be entered as HDPE Bottles and Jugs. All other forms of HDPE should be entered as Other Rigid Plastics or Other Rigid Plastics > 5 Litres. <u>Examples:</u> laundry detergent, bleach
	Polystyrene	 PS	Includes all rigid forms of #6 plastic and foam. <u>Examples:</u> Hot drink cup, clamshell containers, foam packaging (i.e. for appliances), foam packing "peanuts"
	Other rigid plastic		Includes all formed rigid plastic containers that are not included in the PET, HDPE or Polystyrene categories. These include #1, #3, #4, #5 and #7 jugs, tubs, lids, closures, trays, bottle pumps, cups, tubes etc. <u>Examples:</u> Margarine tubs, hand cream tubes, 'microwaveable' trays, pudding cups, plastic blister packaging

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Plastic Packaging (continued)	Other rigid plastic > 5 Litres*		Includes all rigid plastic containers that are not included in the PET or HDPE > 5 Litre categories. These include #1, #3, #4, #5 and #7 jugs, tubs, pails & lids > 5 Litres. <u>Example:</u> Pails
	LDPE/HDPE film		Includes polyethylene film/wrap only, where film is not less than 95% by weight. It is typically stretchy and more porous than other types of film. All other film that is not LDPE/HDPE should be allocated to the Plastic Laminants category. <u>Examples:</u> frozen vegetable bag, milk bag, shrink wrapped products (i.e around 24 water bottle tray) <u>Excludes:</u> Foam wrap and expanded film
	LDPE/HDPE film carry-out bags*		Includes polyethylene film carry-out bags only (similar to cling wrap with some differences in thickness). It is typically stretchy and more porous than other types of film. All other film that is not a LDPE/HDPE film carry-out bag should be allocated to the LDPE/HDPE film category. <u>Example:</u> plastic shopping bag
	optional LDPE/HDPE film carry-out bag units*		Includes polyethylene film carry-out bags units only. <u>Example:</u> plastic shopping bag units
	Plastic laminants		Includes other flexible plastic wraps, bags liners, expanded foam and wrap including PET, PVC, PP, multi-layered and laminated flexible packaging. Includes metalized foil/paper/plastic laminants where plastics represent the 50% or more by weight. <u>Examples:</u> Pouches for fresh pasta, dry pasta packaging, candy wrappers, coffee pouches, cheese wraps, cereal liner bags, pre-packaged deli meat pouches, bubble wrap
	Biodegradable plastic film*		Includes film consisting of natural or a combination of natural and synthetic polymers that is largely based on renewable resources. These include packaging made of starch, cellulose, sugarcane, Polylactic Acid or Polylactide (PLA), Polyhydroxyalcanoates (PHA), etc. <u>Examples:</u> shopping bag, vegetable bags, food films, mailing films
	Biodegradable rigid plastic containers*		Includes containers consisting of a natural or combination of natural and synthetic polymers that is largely based on renewable resources. These include packaging made of starch, cellulose, sugarcane, Polylactic Acid or Polylactide (PLA), Polyhydroxyalcanoates (PHA), etc. <u>Examples:</u> trays, pails, lids
	Natural and synthetic textiles		Includes natural and synthetic based textile packaging, whether woven, beaten, knitted or otherwise manufactured. <u>Examples:</u> Butcher string, ribbons, cloth bags; synthetic garment tags

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Steel and Other Metal Packaging	Aerosol containers	Includes all aerosol containers that are more than 50% by weight of steel. <u>Examples:</u> Air freshener cans, paint and solvent spray cans, deodorant and hairspray cans
	Paint cans	Includes all sizes of paint cans that are more than 50% by weight of steel. <u>Examples:</u> Paint cans, driveway sealant cans, rust coating cans
	Other steel and metal containers and packaging	Includes all other containers that are more than 50% by weight of steel or other metal. <u>Examples:</u> Food cans (i.e. soup), large juice cans, lids and closures
Aluminum Packaging	Aluminum food & beverage cans	Includes sealed, rigid containers lids for food products and beverages. Does not include aluminum aerosol containers (this would be included in the foil & other aluminum packaging subcategory) <u>Examples:</u> Single-serve juice/soft drink cans, pet food cans, sardine cans
	Foil & other aluminum packaging	Includes semi-rigid foil trays, lids, seals and aluminum tubes, caps, screw on lids and aluminum aerosol containers that are at least 95% aluminum <u>Examples:</u> Foil wrap, pie plates, yogurt/sour cream seals, frozen lasagna trays, aluminum mousse or hair spray cans
Glass Packaging	Clear (flint) glass	Includes clear glass container packaging that is 50 % or more of glass by weight with the exception of Pyrex, ceramics or crystal. <u>Examples:</u> Pickle jars, salsa jars
	Coloured glass	Includes coloured (e.g. green, brown, blue etc.) glass container packaging that is 50% or greater of glass by weight with the exception of Pyrex, ceramics or crystal. <u>Examples:</u> Olive oil bottles, balsamic vinegar

Note: weight of LDPE/HDPE carry-out bags units is to be included in LDPE/HDPE film carry-out bags