



Water and Waste Department

# The Blue Box Program is Changing

No sorting anymore

Now we recycle

Those plastic containers

We couldn't take before

Like margarine tubs, ice cream pails

Yogurt and cottage cheese

Just toss 'em or squash 'em

And throw 'em in loose

**BUT NO BAGS PLEASE!**

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Recycling Program  
starts Monday  
September 15, 2003



## No More Sorting Makes Blue Box Recycling Easier Than Ever



We've thrown out the rules on sorting. So you can too! Just toss your cans, bottles, jars, plastic containers, papers, magazines and cardboard into your Blue Box, and we'll take it from there. You don't

have to tie or package anything.

**Be loose. Be easy.** From soup cans to news, we'll do all the sorting at our end.

## But remember NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!

Bagging your newspapers was a chore that is now yesterday's news. Since we can't recycle plastic bags, we won't take them. So don't put plastic bags inside your Blue Box, don't put plastic bags outside your Blue Box, don't put your recyclable items in a plastic bag.



**No Bags!**

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## Now You Can Recycle All Your Plastic Containers

Recycling Heaven. We'll take all plastic containers – as long as there is a recycling triangle on the bottom of the container. Mm, mmm! Syrup and ketchup bottles, margarine, yogurt and cottage cheese containers, whipped cream, ice cream, sour cream and topping tubs... they all cut the mustard when it comes to your Blue Box. Crush 'em if you can to make more room in your Blue Box, and toss 'em in.

Just some of the plastics  
you can now recycle



Just  
empty'em  
out and  
toss'em in



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... and it'll have you humming a happy tune as you take your Blue Box out. We'll do all the sorting, bagging, and tying, so you don't have to. Just place your recyclable items loosely in your Blue Box. It couldn't be easier.

- Your recycling collection day won't change, but the collection time might. Simply continue to put your Blue Box out by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- There may be some minor delays in the first few weeks as the drivers become familiar with their new routes. If your Blue Box isn't emptied, just leave it out. We'll collect it by the end of the next working day.
- You need at least one Blue Box to recycle. If you have too many items for your Blue Box, put the rest in any container that is no larger than a Blue Box.
- You can buy Blue Boxes for \$5.00 at Canadian Tire.

### Recycling Tips

- Don't tie materials together.
- Leave lids on containers, caps on bottles, staples in paper, labels on containers, and windows in envelopes.
- Crush bottles, milk jugs and cartons to leave more room in your Blue Box.
- Leave enough space between your Blue Box and your garbage so the workers can tell what to pick up.

**Remember  
NO PLASTIC  
BAGS PLEASE!**



## You Can Now Recycle

- plastic containers, including all plastic bottles, pails, tubs, and jugs with a recycling triangle on the bottom
- aluminum drink cans
- steel (tin) food cans
- milk and juice cartons
- juice boxes
- glass jars and bottles
- newspapers and inserts, flyers, junk mail
- magazines, household paper, shredded paper, envelopes
- cardboard egg cartons and paper tubes
- flattened cardboard, no more than 1 metre in any direction, e.g., cereal, cracker, tissue, laundry, shoe, and packing boxes



**Don't sort 'em. Don't tie 'em. Just empty 'em and toss 'em in loose. AND NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!**

## Common Items You Can't Recycle

- plastic bags, plastic packaging, cellophane
- household hazardous waste containers, such as antifreeze, motor oil, and bleach – you can identify many hazardous waste products by the danger symbol, e.g., corrosive, flammable, explosive, and poison
- aluminum foil, foil pie plates
- takeout food containers, e.g., foil, foam (polystyrene)
- foam packaging (polystyrene)
- mirrors, window glass, light bulbs
- drinking glasses, ceramics, cookware

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**For more information** contact our Customer Service Centre by phone at 986-5858 or by email at [wwd-customer-service@winnipeg.ca](mailto:wwd-customer-service@winnipeg.ca)



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**Recycling is good for  
our city and our planet!**