

CITY OF WOODSTOCK RECYCLING PROGRAM

HINTS & TIPS

✓ THE STRETCH TEST

If you can stretch a plastic bag (without much effort) and it does not tear, it is recyclable and belongs in your container box.

There are three (3) exceptions: saran wrap, Ziploc bags and bubble wrap.

✓ KEEP'EM LOOSE

Put all your containers loose into your containers box in order to make the process easier at the recycling centre. If you tie them in a bag, someone has the extra step of ripping them open so the materials can be sorted properly.

✓ PACKAGING GUIDELINE

If it contained something dry (cereal box), it can be placed in your fibres box. If it contained something wet (milk/juice carton) it belongs in your containers box.

✓ REMOVE THE LIDS – ALL OF THEM

Remove all lids from all containers. Leaving the lids on traps air inside the containers and they end up taking up too much room in the collection truck – trapped air cannot be compacted.

The following lids go in your containers box:

- metal “caps” or “lids”
- plastic “caps” or “lids” that are the same size (or larger) than the container itself (e.g. sour cream container lids, margarine container lids, glass bottle lids, glass jar lids)

The following lids go in the garbage:

- plastic twist off caps
- any other plastic “cap” or “lid” that is smaller than the container itself (e.g. pop bottle caps, milk/juice carton caps, laundry detergent bottle caps)

✓ KEEP FIBRES AND CONTAINERS SEPARATE

The recycling trucks are equipped with “split” bodies – they have a wall inside that keeps fibres and containers separate. So if you see a collector toss everything into the same truck – know that they are not being mixed together.