

## **Zero Waste project**

### **Reduce Reuse Recycle - If it doesn't go in the Blue Bin, where does it go?**

There are many other household items that don't go in your blue bin that can also be recycled.

Waste containers can be in this way:

- curbside recycling
- recycling that needs to be dropped at the depot
- a small box for batteries
- a small box for printer cartridges
- a pail for compost, we will talk about compost in the next article
- a bag for the thrift or consignment store
- a box for all other items that may be more complicated

and lastly a garbage can, which can be lined with newspaper and then use paper bags to collect garbage.

So, what goes to the recycling depot? It is so important that all recycling be clean before it can go into the larger bins. The recycling depot in Golden is across from Jita's cafe, right behind Body Quest Gym.

They accept and will refund your deposits on your refundable bottles and cans.

The depot has bins for non-deposit glass except for drinking glasses and cookware. They do not take ceramic products or light bulbs and light fixtures. They accept plastic bags and overwrap except saran wrap, biodegradable or compostable bags, lumber or construction wrap, and coloured garbage bags. This includes grocery bags, produce and frozen vegetable bags, wrap for diapers, paper towels and other products, bags for water softener salt, garden products and wrap from furniture and electronics.

Foam containers such as trays used for meat and produce, foam egg cartons, clamshells, cups and bowls for take-out food and foam cushion packaging are all accepted there. Not accepted are the liquid absorbing pads in your meat trays, labels, tape and cardboard on the foam packaging, foam peanuts, packing chips or noodles, insulation, squishy or flexible foam or furniture cushions.

Ziplock bags from frozen food, stand up pouches from food, bags for potato chips, wrappers for cheese slices and candy bars, cereal bags, packaging for dry pasta, pre-wrapped deli meats, net bags from onions and oranges, padded shipping envelopes and plastic seals from containers such as yogurt are all accepted at the recycling depot.

Recycle BC ([recycleBC.ca](http://recycleBC.ca)) has extensive printable lists of what is accepted or you can call the Recycling Council of BC at 1-800-667-4321 to find out if an item is recyclable and where to take it.

Please feel free to email [Golden@wildsight.ca](mailto:Golden@wildsight.ca) to give feedback on this article and share your ideas and questions regarding Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.