

Schedule 'A'

List of Acceptable Materials

(In accordance with Bylaw 4281 – Curbside Collection of Refuse, Recycling, Food Waste & Yard Waste)

FOOD WASTE

- Food (*cooked or raw*)
 - Fruits and vegetables
 - Meat, fish, bones, seafood and shells
 - Oil, fat, grease, butter, margarine
 - Eggs and eggshells
 - Dairy products
 - Pasta, rice, cereals, grains
 - Flour, sugar, salt, herbs & spices, other edible baking products
 - Condiments, sauces, dressings
 - Nuts, seeds, shells, pits
 - Baked goods
 - Any edible food product not listed above (*EXCLUDING vitamins, supplements and medications - contact your local pharmacy for proper disposal of these.*)
- Beverages
 - Tea bags and loose tea (*NOTE: many tea bags are made from synthetic materials. If the content of the tea bag is not known, it is best to throw it in the garbage.*)
 - Coffee grounds and paper filters
 - Drink mix powder
- Paper
 - Non-recyclable paper products (*clean or soiled*)
 - Wax paper, parchment paper, butcher paper (*ONLY if these are Certified Compostable¹ paper, otherwise they may be treated with chemicals or waxes that are not natural substances or compostable. If not labelled as Certified Compostable, please put them in the garbage*)
 - Paper packets (*ex. empty sugar or salt packets*)
 - Paper towel, napkins, facial tissue (*DO NOT put paper used with chemicals or personal care products in Food Waste – put these in the garbage*)
 - Paper drinking straws
 - Food or dirt-soiled paper or cardboard
 - Examples: pizza box, paper/cardboard take-out food containers and bags
 - Shredded paper
 - Accepted in small quantities but must be contained in a paper bag, cardboard box (*cereal box, cracker box etc.*) or Certified Compostable¹ plastic bag
 - Large quantities can be put in your recycling (see Recyclables below for details)
- Other
 - Small wood items such as: toothpicks, chopsticks, popsicle sticks, cutlery
 - Other items made from 100% natural-material, such as: “Potatoware”, “Bambooware” or “Branware”.
 - Certified Compostable¹ plastics (*ex. compostable food waste bags*)
 - House plants and flowers, including bouquets
 - Remove any plastic wrap and non-compostable items
 - Plastic plant pots, saucers and trays can go in your recycling (please rinse)

¹ Refer to Bylaw 4281 for the definition of Certified Compostable

RECYCLABLES

- Printed papers (*CLEAN ONLY – put food-soiled or dirt-soiled paper in Food Waste*)
 - Newspapers, magazines
 - Catalogues, flyers and pamphlets
 - Phone books
 - Residential and miscellaneous printed paper
 - Note pads, loose leaf paper
 - Printer and copier paper
 - Plain and window envelopes
 - Shredded paper (*must be contained in sealed paper bags or cardboard boxes and placed in or beside recycling bins. Loose shredded paper or shredded paper in plastic bags is NOT permitted.*)
- Paper and cardboard party décor (*ONLY paper and cardboard - NO plastics, fabrics, costumes or balloons*)
 - Streamers, decorations, signs, posters and name cards
 - Party hats and masks (*remove strings/elastics and put in garbage*)
 - Piñatas (*ensure contents and non-paper components are removed*)
 - Gift wrap (*ONLY paper - no foil, paper-lined foil or plastic gift wrap*)
 - Gift boxes and bags (*remove any non-paper components such as handles and put in garbage*)
 - Ribbons and bows (*fabric ribbons and bows are NOT accepted*)
 - Table cloths (*ONLY paper tablecloths*)
 - If food-soiled, rip into pieces and put in food waste
 - If there is any type of plastic covering or lining, put it in the garbage
 - If 100% plastic, it can be taken to a Recycle BC Depot and put in the flexible plastics bin
- Corrugated Cardboard (*pizza boxes with food residue should be put in Food Waste*)
 - Maximum dimensions permitted are 76 centimeters x 76 centimeters (30 inches x 30 inches)
 - Cut or fold large cardboard pieces down to this size and stack loose (not tied) in or beside Recyclables Containers
- Other Paper Packaging
 - Boxboard (*ex. cereal, cracker and shoe boxes*)
 - Paper cups (*please rinse*)
 - Paper plates and bowls (*these must be CLEAN, otherwise put them in Food Waste*)
 - Milk and juice cartons (*rinse and remove lids and caps and put in recycling bin separately*)²
 - Aseptic containers (“Tetra-Paks”) (*rinse and remove lids and caps and put in recycling bin separately*)²
 - Molded pulp products (*ex. egg cartons and coffee take out trays*)
 - Kraft and multi-layer paper bags (*ex. paper grocery, sugar and flour bags*)
 - Frozen dessert boxes (*please rinse*)
 - Compressed paper or cardboard hangers (*these may come with purchased clothing*)
- Plastic Packaging (*rinse and remove lids, caps and spray pumps and put in recycling bin separately*)
 - Plastic bottles & jars²
 - Tubs and lids
 - Trays and tops
 - Clamshells
 - Pails
 - Cold drink cups
 - Plastic cup lids
 - Planter and flower pots, saucers and trays (*please rinse*)
 - Plastic food storage containers (*ex. Glad or Ziploc containers*)
 - Plastic hangers that came with purchased clothing as packaging (*NO durable plastic hangers that are purchased specifically for use as a hanger*)

RECYCLABLES CONTINUED

- Metal Packaging (*rinse and remove lids, caps and spray pumps and put in recycling bin separately*)
 - Steel and aluminum cans ²
 - Aerosol cans (*ensure they are empty*)
 - The exception is empty *paint cans* which need to be returned to a paint drop-off location (visit: www.productcare.org/province/british-columbia for locations and information)
 - Spiral wound cans
 - Examples: coffee cans, frozen juice cans and potato chip containers
 - Aluminum containers and foil wrap
 - Foil wrap should be rinsed and made into a ball
 - Foil-lined paper or cardboard containers are NOT accepted – put these in the garbage

² These items include beverage containers that have a refundable deposit. They will be accepted in curbside recycling if you are unable to return them to a Return-it Depot for refund.

YARD WASTE

- Grass and sod
- Lawn and hedge clippings
- Plants and flowers (both garden and house plants, including flower bouquets)
- Weeds (non-invasive)
- Leaves
- Vegetable stalks
- Shrubs
- Shrub and tree branches no larger than 2.5 cm (1 inch) in diameter and 91 cm (3 feet) in length
 - Must be set-out for collection loose in Yard Waste Bags – do not tie in bundles.
- Pumpkins (*if used for Halloween, ensure candles and other décor are removed*)
- Yard Waste does not include:
 - Invasive species plants set out in the Schedule to the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation, B.C. Reg. 144/2004;
 - Plants grown in media that may have been identified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency from time-to-time as infectious and of which notice has been sent to the Regional District or publicized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency; or
 - Plant and tree material from municipal street sweepings.

REFUSE

Any material, substance or object not contained within the categories of Food Waste, Recycling or Yard Waste above may be considered as Refuse. Refer to Bylaw 4281, Schedule 'B' – Solid Waste Not Eligible for Refuse Disposal (Prohibited Materials) for items NOT accepted in the City's curbside collection program.

The City utilizes the Recycle Coach app, which provides detailed “what-goes-where” recycling and disposal information for any type of material or item, along with other useful functionality related to the curbside collection program, such as address-specific collection schedules and City notifications. This app can be downloaded onto a mobile device or can be used on the City's website at www.salmonarm.ca/curbside.

Please contact the City of Salmon Arm at 250.803.4000 or email info@salmonarm.ca for further assistance.