

# RECYCLING FAQ

## BLUE BOX COLLECTION PROGRAM EXPANDING ON MAY 19, 2014

### What is changing?

**Starting May 19, 2014 Campbell River residents will be able to put more recyclable items in the blue box at the curbside.**

At this time, businesses that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents will be responsible for collecting and managing recycling of these materials. Multi-Material BC (MMBC), a non-profit organization working on behalf of these businesses, will be responsible for residential recycling programs in many areas across BC, either directly or by working with local governments, First Nations, private companies and not-for-profit organizations.

### Why did Campbell River sign on?

Campbell River signed onto the MMBC program because it saves taxpayers money while expanding the types of items that can be recycled.

### What does this mean for residents and the blue box collection service?

**The existing blue box recycling program will continue with weekly curbside collection by current contractor Emterra Environmental – and more items will be collected. Collection schedules will not change.**

### Will I save money?

Yes. Since a portion of curbside collection will be funded through industry rather than by the City of Campbell River, this year, residents will save \$14 on their garbage & recycling user fee. Savings from the recycling program subsidy will continue each year.

### Does this change what I put in my bin?

Yes, starting on May 19 residents will now be able to recycle a broader range of materials. **Everything currently allowed will continue to be picked up along with new items such as plastic plant pots, hot and cold drink cups, aerosol containers, milk cartons, and more.** A full list of acceptable items is listed on the City website. Visit <http://www.campbellriver.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling-yard-waste>



### What will change at recycling depots?

The recycling depots operated by Comox Strathcona Waste Management are located at the Sportsplex, Strathcona Gardens, and Campbell River Waste Management Centre on Argonaut Road.

As of May 19, the Campbell River Waste Management Centre will accept an more materials, including glass, polystyrene (eg. Styrofoam) and plastic bags/film wrap. The depots at Strathcona Gardens and Willow Point Park will not take any new items, but will continue to be drop-off locations for cardboard, hard plastics, and metals.

The privately run depot at 1580 Willow Street (Island Return-It Centre) will accept all glass products, soft plastics such as bags and plastic wraps, polystyrene (eg. Styrofoam), cardboard and paper.



## Can I still drop off items at the Sportsplex and other multi-material bin locations?

Yes, but there may be changes to bin locations during this transition period. We recommend:

1. Using the curbside blue box service **first** if it's available at your address.
2. Recycling additional items (Polystyrene, soft plastics and glass) at MMBC-approved collector depots.
3. Returning refundables such as Return-It items at local Return-It recycling locations.

To find the most up-to-date list of MMBC-approved collector depots and Return-It depot locations visit [www.cswm.ca/depots](http://www.cswm.ca/depots)

## What about glass?

Deposit glass containers should be delivered to depots for deposit refund. Non-deposit containers will be accepted for recycling by MMBC at participating depots, including Island Return-It Centre on Willow Street and the Campbell River Waste Management Centre on Argonaut Road. Glass will not be collected at the curbside as it can easily break during collection, which contaminates other recyclables and is a safety hazard.

## Why is this change taking place?

In 2011, the Government of British Columbia amended the *Recycling Regulation* to require that, starting May 19, 2014, the businesses that supply packaging and printed paper to residents assume responsibility for managing these items after residents discard them. This is called extended producer responsibility, or EPR, and the provincial government has been introducing EPR regulations for various types of materials (such as drink containers, paint, batteries and electronics) for the past 20 years.

## Who is MMBC?

Multi-Material BC (MMBC) is a not-for-profit agency established by businesses that supply packaging and printed paper to residents. MMBC will be responsible for residential recycling in many areas across BC. In the City of Campbell River, MMBC will work directly with the City and contractors to provide recycling.

## Where can I get more information?

For information on Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Programs in Campbell River visit the Campbell River website: <http://www.campbellriver.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling-yard-waste>

For an list of local depots visit the Comox Strathcona Waste Management site: <http://www.cswm.ca/>

Multi-Material BC: <http://multimaterialbc.ca/>

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