

# QUICK SORTING GUIDE



**What goes where?**

**When is my collection day?**

Download the Chestermere Recycles app to get collection day reminders and search where items should go.

You can also access Sorting Central online at [chestermere.ca/sorting-central](http://chestermere.ca/sorting-central).

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ITEM	GARBAGE	COMPOST	RECYCLE
Aerosol cans (paint, hairspray, scents, etc.)	DEPOT		
Aluminum foil (clean)			
Aluminum foil (dirty)			
Batteries (alkaline all sizes, vehicle batteries all sizes)			DEPOT
Branches (less than 15 cm. diameter - excess can be taken to Eco Centre)		DEPOT	
Candy wrappers, chip bags, fast food foil-like wrappers			
Cardboard (including frozen pizza boxes)			
Charcoal			
Cell phones & accessories			DEPOT
Cereal bags (including the liners in cereal boxes)			
Cigarette, cigar butts & wrappers			
Cleaning wipes (chemical soaked)			
Coffee grounds, paper filters, tea leaves, tea bags			
Coffee paper cups (takeout - Starbucks, Tim Hortons, McDonald's, etc.)			
Coffee pods (single serve coffee)			
Computers (including printers, laptops)			DEPOT
Containers lined with aluminum or plastic coating			
Cooking oils, fats, grease			
Cotton balls & swabs (chemically soaked, eg. nail polish remover)			
Dairy products, including spoiled items			
Dental floss			
Deodorant container			
Diapers and baby wipes			
Dog & cat food bags			
Dryer lint			

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Dryer sheets			
Eggs, egg shells, egg products			
Facial tissue			
Fast food containers made of paper/ cardboard with wax cover			
Feminine hygiene & personal hygiene products			
Food items (leftovers, plate scraps, spoiled foods)			
Fruit, cuttings, trimmings, cores, pits, skins, etc.			
Furnace filter			
Glass containers (rinsed)			
Grain products (breads, noodles, rice, beans incl. moldy or spoiled items)			
Grass clippings (excess can be taken to Eco Depot)			
Hair (human or pet)			
Household incandescent and halogen light bulbs, ballasts ( <i>wrap and label "sharp" with a permanent marker</i> )			
Meat, fish, shellfish (including bones)			
Microwave popcorn bags			
Mixed paper material (dry)			
Paper napkins, plates, containers, cups (soiled, must be labelled compostable)			
Paper towels			
Pet waste (dog and/or cat waste - bagged in compostable or paper bag)			
Pizza box (soiled)			
Plastics (numbered 1 - 7)			
Plastic bottles, food/liquid containers (rinsed clean)			
Plastic corks (from wine bottles)			
Plastic cutlery, stir sticks & straws			
Plastic drinking cups & lids (rinsed)			
Plastic bags (clean & bundled in a clear plastic bag)			
Plastic bags (dirty)			
Plastic food storage/resealable bags (clean & bundled in a clear plastic bag)			
Plastic wrap (rinsed clean & bundled in a clear plastic bag)			
Popsicle, frozen treat wooden sticks			
Prescription/medication bottles (EMPTY)			
Small appliances (microwaves, toaster ovens, toasters, deep fryers)			DEPOT
Styrofoam			
Tea bags			
Tin and cans (rinsed clean)			
Vacuum canister contents (dust, fur, etc.)			
Wax paper/parchment paper			
Yard waste (grass clippings and leaves - excess can be taken to Eco Centre)		DEPOT	
Yogurt cups (rinsed clean)			