



## Separation of Plastic Bags from Mixed Recycling

**T**he Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) can no longer accept plastic bags in its mixed recycling program.

Here's what you need to know:

### WHY THE CHANGE?

Recycling recovery facilities throughout B.C. have been upgrading their sorting lines to efficiently meet the standards of Recycle BC, the provincial product steward. As a result, these facilities are no longer able to process plastic bags in mixed recycling loads.

### WHAT STAYS OUT?

- Bags for groceries or dry cleaning
- Bags for bread, produce, dry bulk foods and frozen vegetables
- Plastic wrap



### WHAT STAYS IN?



Pulp Board/Paper  
Fibre Products



All Printed Paper



Meta/Tin  
Containers



Boxboard



Cardboard



Plastic  
Containers #1-7

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### WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY PLASTIC BAGS?

There are many options:

#### REUSE THEM!

- As garbage bags in smaller garbage cans or in vehicles
  - As grocery bags
  - For pickup/disposal of pet waste
- For padding in parcels

#### RECYCLE THEM!

- Take them to any TNRD Eco-Depot or Transfer Station, to be recycled separately
  - Check with your grocery store to see if they have a “take back” program
    - Ask your local bottle depot if they recycle plastic bags
- OR dispose of them in your household garbage

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information about the TNRD's mixed recycling program, please visit [tnrd.ca](http://tnrd.ca).

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