

The National Sword in China has imposed strict restrictions on scrap paper & plastic imports.

This has had a significant impact on North American access to recycling markets. Municipalities' markets and pricing for recyclable materials have also been impacted by new, and currently unattainable, quality standards.

As a result, the recycling program in Morinville will see changes **effective January 1, 2019**.

Items such as glass bottles and jars, single serve 'to-go' coffee cups, styrofoam, some plastics and clamshell containers will **no longer be accepted nor collected in the Blue Bag Recycling stream**. Those items will be required to be disposed of primarily in your waste cart or at a recycling facility.

To learn more about what is accepted in the Blue Bag Recycling and what to do in the event that your blue bag is not picked up, please go to [www.morinville.ca/services/waste-management](http://www.morinville.ca/services/waste-management).

You can also use our "Where Does It Go?" section or play our Waste Sorting Game through our website.

## ACCEPTABLE

- ✓ **Boxboard** (e.g. cereal & crackers)
- ✓ **Books** (with hard and soft covers removed)
- ✓ **Bottle deposit containers** (not including glass)
- ✓ **Flattened corrugated cardboard** (max: 3 ft x 3 ft)
- ✓ **Flattened milk jugs/containers**
- ✓ **Food tin/steel cans** (must be rinsed)
- ✓ **Hard plastic tubs, bottles lids & containers** (Grade 1 & 2 plastic only | must be rinsed)
- ✓ **Magazines & phone books**
- ✓ **Newspapers & flyers**
- ✓ **Office paper, envelopes & craft paper**
- ✓ **Paper egg cartons**
- ✓ **Paper greeting cards, gift wrap and tissue paper** (no foil, glitter or decorations)

## UNACCEPTABLE

- ✗ **Chip cans & spiral wound containers**
- ✗ **Coffee pods & drink pouches**
- ✗ **Electronics and hazardous waste**
- ✗ **Glass bottles, jars, and containers** (accepted at the \*Mike Mitchell Recycling Depot)
- ✗ **Non-deposit tetra pak containers**
- ✗ **Non-packaging plastics** (e.g. lawn chairs, toys)
- ✗ **Plastic bags, wrappers & wrap** (recycling drop off at Sobeys)
- ✗ **Plastic clamshell packaging**
- ✗ **Plastic dishware, ceramics & glassware**
- ✗ **Scrap metal and construction/demolition materials**
- ✗ **Shredded paper, napkins, tissues, paper towels & tissue paper** (accepted in organics)
- ✗ **Single-use cups** (e.g. yogurt, pudding) **and to-go cups** (e.g. coffee, fountain drinks)
- ✗ **Single use plastic straws & utensils**
- ✗ **Styrofoam products**