

There are certain materials that Metro Vancouver disposal facilities do not accept, either because accessible recycling programs already exist, or because the material is hazardous to waste collection workers, operations, the public and the environment. At disposal sites, garbage loads are inspected for banned and prohibited materials.

Banned Recyclable Materials

- Corrugated cardboard
- Recyclable Paper
- Green waste
- Containers made of glass, metal or Banned Recycled Plastic (1, 2, 4 & 5)
- Beverage containers (all except milk cartons)
- Food Waste
- Clean Wood

Starting July 2018, garbage loads with over 20% expanded polystyrene packaging will be subject to a 100% surcharge on the tipping fee. Expanded polystyrene packaging can be recycled instead.

Banned Hazardous and Operational Impact Materials

These materials are hazardous to the environment or workers, or have high operational impacts. There are safe disposal options.

- Agricultural waste;
- Asbestos;
- Automobile bodies and parts;
- Barrels or drums in excess of 205 litres whether full or empty;
- Biomedical waste;
- Coated or uncoated wire and cable exceeding 1% of the total Load;
- Dead animals;
- Excrement, other than amounts of pet excrement that are double bagged and discarded with Municipal Solid Waste and that do not exceed either 5% of the total weight of the Load or 5% of the total volume of the Load;
- Gypsum

- Hazardous waste as defined in the *Hazardous Waste Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 63/88;
- Liquids and sludge;
- Mattresses;
- Propane tanks;
- Refuse that is on fire, smouldering, flammable or explosive;
- Refuse that would cause undue risk of injury or occupational disease to any person at the Disposal Site or that would otherwise contravene the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*;
- Inert fill material including soil, sod, gravel, concrete and asphalt exceeding 0.5 cubic metres per load
- Any other Refuse that the Manager considers unsuitable for handling at the Disposal Site.

Banned Product Stewardship Materials

These materials have provincially regulated recycling programs and accessible recycling options province-wide.

- Antifreeze and Antifreeze containers;
- Gasoline;
- Pesticide products;
- Pharmaceutical products and medications;
- Lead acid batteries;
- Oil, oil filters and oil containers;
- Paint products;
- Solvents and flammable liquids;
- Electronic and electrical products including metal household or commercial appliances as identified in Schedule 3 – Electronic Products Category to *Recycling Regulation*;
- Tires pursuant to Schedule 4 – Tire Product Category to the *Recycling Regulation*;
- Thermostats;
- Fluorescent lights;
- Batteries.

For further information on waste and recycling, please visit the website listed below:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/bylaws-regulations/banned-materials/Pages/default.aspx>