



# Divert NS Designated Materials Guide

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This document provides guidance and examples of designated materials to be reported under the Nova Scotia Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products Regulations (EPR for PPP).

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The designated materials categories identified within the EPR for PPP regulations are as follows: Paper, Rigid Plastic, Flexible Plastic, Metal and Glass.

As per the EPR for PPP Regulation definitions the following items do not apply to the materials supplied to Nova Scotia consumers and further guidance is available in the information below:

- (i) Materials designated under EPR Regulations that fall under an existing industry stewardship program under Part II of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations under the Act*
- (ii) Packaging designed to contain pressurized gas or a hazardous product*
- (iii) A product designed for the containment of waste (garbage or compost bags)*
- (iv) A health, hygiene or safety product that by virtue of its anticipated use becomes unsafe or unsanitary to recycle*
- (v) Packaging designed and used to contain or transport refillable beer containers, provided the provider meets the management requirements of the designated material as defined in Part V of the EPR Regulations*

In addition, the following items are also not included:

- Materials made from certified compostable plastic or biodegradable plastics that are designed to degrade in a defined period of time and under specific conditions, as a result of natural biological activity into materials found in nature.
- Packaging not made primarily from glass, plastic, metal, paper or any combination therein such as jute bags, burlap fabric cloth bags, wood pallets, wood crates, butcher string, organza bags.

The following tables provide examples of materials included and excluded by material type. This list is not exhaustive but offers a general overview and examples of materials.

Where a product is made up of two or more designated material types and certain components of the packaging or product constitute a small proportion of the of the entire package or product, the producer should review the component threshold rule under Divert NS' Supply Reporting Procedures for determining the appropriate category the designated material would fall into.

	Included	Excluded
<b>Paper</b>	<p><b>Paper Packaging</b> includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Pizza boxes</li> <li>» Direct mailboxes</li> <li>» Moving boxes</li> <li>» Other product boxes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• GABLE TOP CONTAINERS (Polycoated)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Dairy and dairy substitute products</li> <li>» Meal replacements</li> <li>» Molasses</li> <li>» Sugar</li> <li>» Laundry and cleaning products</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ASEPTIC CONTAINERS (Polycoated &amp; foilized boxes / containers)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Dairy and dairy substitutes</li> <li>» Meal replacements</li> <li>» Soups, sauces</li> <li>» Other non-beverage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PAPER LAMINATES               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Spiral wound containers for frozen juice, chips, cookie dough</li> <li>» Coffee</li> <li>» Nuts</li> <li>» Microwave paper container</li> <li>» Paper cups, and bowls</li> <li>» Pet food bags</li> <li>» Polycoated containers such as ice cream</li> <li>» Paper/plastic based wrapping paper and gift bags</li> <li>» Muffin, burger or sandwich wraps</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NON- LAMINATED KRAFT PAPER               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Flour, sugar, oatmeal, potatoes bags</li> <li>» Paper used for mailing packages</li> </ul> </li> <li>• KRAFT PAPER BAGS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Prescription bags</li> <li>» Paper grocery, produce or food delivery bags</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BOXBOARD AND OTHER PACKAGING (Single layered paper/fibreboard with no corrugation and all types of moulded pulp packaging)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Cereal, tissue or shoe boxes</li> <li>» Egg cartons, fibre pots</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years</li> <li>• Any containers that are defined as a designated material in the other recycling programs in Nova Scotia (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program)</li> </ul>

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<b>Paper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Stiff paper board to mount blister packs</li> <li>» Rolls from toilet paper, toweling, tin foil</li> <li>» Newsprint used as packaging material</li> <li>» Clothing hang tags</li> <li>» Tissue paper used for packing</li> <li>» Egg cartons</li> <li>» Take out trays</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Paper Products</b> includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEWSPAPERS</li> <li>• NEWSPRINT               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Flyers</li> <li>» Brochures</li> <li>» Inserts</li> <li>» Circulars</li> <li>» Manuals</li> <li>» Auto publications</li> <li>» Real estate supplements</li> <li>» Promotional information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CATALOGUES (Bound paper, glossy/non-glossy included)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Retail products</li> <li>» Coupons</li> <li>» Real estate</li> <li>» Promotional</li> <li>» Automotive</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DIRECTORIES               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Phone, business directories</li> </ul> </li> <li>• MAGAZINES (Bound periodicals, glossy or non-glossy)</li> <li>• POSTERS, CALENDARS, GREETING CARDS, AND BLANK ENVELOPES</li> <li>• FILE FOLDERS</li> <li>• PLATES, BOWLS, CUPS</li> <li>• MOVING BOXES</li> <li>• GIFT WRAPPING/BOXES, TISSUE PAPER</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A hard or soft-covered book</li> <li>• Reference, literary book or textbook</li> <li>• Hard-covered periodical</li> <li>• Paper products that by virtue of their anticipated use, could become unsafe or unsanitary to recycle such as toilet paper, paper toweling, napkins wipes, cotton buds</li> </ul>

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<b>Paper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DECORATIONS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Paper decorations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PAPER USED FOR COPYING, WRITING OR ANY OTHER GENERAL USE               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Office paper</li> <li>» Correspondence</li> <li>» Notebooks</li> <li>» Craft paper</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Bank or utility statements, and printed envelopes</li> <li>» Promotional cards sent to residential customers</li> <li>» Product user guides and warranties</li> <li>» Information distributed by municipal, provincial or federal governments</li> <li>» HR Related documents such as T4's and policy documents</li> <li>» Colouring and activity books</li> <li>» Printed information within packaged products</li> <li>» Lottery tickets, scratch cards, fundraiser tickets</li> <li>» Register, debit and credit card receipts</li> <li>» Transportation, transit, recreational guides and schedules</li> <li>» Booklets</li> <li>» Stickers or sticky labels</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PAPER OF ANY OTHER DESCRIPTION</li> </ul>	
<b>Rigid Plastic</b> (Moulded Plastic)	<p><b>Rigid Plastic</b> includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HDPE BOTTLES AND JUGS (Displaying the #2 resin code)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Laundry detergent</li> <li>» Household cleaning products</li> <li>» Shampoo and body wash</li> <li>» Salad dressing and condiments</li> <li>» Dish soap and mouthwash</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PET BOTTLES (Displaying the #1 resin code)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Salad and egg containers</li> <li>» Food trays</li> <li>» Yogurt containers</li> <li>» Muffin or cake containers</li> <li>» Peanut butter containers</li> <li>» Edible oil bottles, dish soap</li> <li>» Mouthwash bottles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years</li> <li>• Rigid or flexible plastics made from certified compostable plastic or biodegradable plastics (e.g. a type of plastic that is designed to degrade in a defined period of time and under specific conditions as a result of natural biological activity into materials found in nature, such as coffee pods, cups, bowls, and plates)</li> </ul>

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<b>Rigid Plastic</b> (Moulded Plastic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PET THERMOFORM CONTAINER (Displaying the #1 resin code)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Muffin or cake containers</li> <li>» Egg containers</li> <li>» Salad containers</li> <li>» Trays</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (Includes all forms of expanded foam packaging used in food and protective packaging applications and may display resin code #6)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Meat trays</li> <li>» Packing peanuts</li> <li>» Cushion packaging</li> <li>» Plastic egg cartons</li> <li>» Clear and opaque clamshell containers</li> <li>» Take-out containers</li> <li>» Clear rigid trays</li> <li>» Cups, plates, bowls</li> <li>» Yogurt containers</li> <li>» Service packaging beverage cups and plates</li> <li>» Plastic hangers provided as service packaging</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• NON-EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (Includes all non-expanded polystyrene packaging and may display resin code #6)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Clamshell containers used for take-out containers</li> <li>» Yogurt containers, rigid trays</li> <li>» Service packaging</li> <li>» Packaging-like products like beverage cups and plates</li> <li>» Plastic hangers provided as service packaging</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• OTHER PLASTIC PACKAGING               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Blister packaging</li> <li>» Margarine, sour cream, cottage cheese and yogurt tubs and lids</li> <li>» Candy dispensers</li> <li>» Plastic hangers provided as service packaging</li> <li>» Hand cream tubes</li> <li>» Packaging inserts/ moulds for small appliances, toys or tools</li> <li>» Hand sanitizer bottles and pumps</li> <li>» Pails</li> <li>» Garden pots and seedling trays</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program, Used Oil Management Program)</li> </ul>

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<b>Flexible Plastic</b> (Unmoulded plastic)	<p><b>Flexible Plastic Packaging</b> includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLASTIC FILM (LDPE/HDPE made from low density, linear low density, and high density polyethylene and may display resin code #2 or #4)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Carry-out bags</li> <li>» Bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers, producer, dry bulk foods, pre-washed salad, frozen vegetables</li> <li>» Outer bags or overwrap used for beverage containers, toilet paper, toweling</li> <li>» Blue bags for recycling</li> <li>» Sandwich/freezer bags</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PLASTIC LAMINATES (Laminated film and laminated flexible plastic packaging comprised of multiple plastic resin types and/ or combinations of plastic resins and metalized foils, wax, and/ or paper. This could also include mono material such as those made from PET, PP, PVC, EVA and other films that do not meet the definition of LDPE/FILM or PLA, PHA, PHN – Plastic film)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Coffee or deli pouches</li> <li>» Stand-up pouches</li> <li>» Chip bags</li> <li>» Bubble wrap and envelopes</li> <li>» Cheese wrap</li> <li>» Woven or non-woven plastic bags intended for more than one use when provided as packaging</li> <li>» Net bags used for citrus fruits, nuts or cosmetic samples</li> <li>» Vacuum packaging</li> <li>» Candy and snack wrappers</li> <li>» Cereal liner bags</li> <li>» Shrink wrap</li> <li>» Gift bags supplied as service packaging</li> </ul> </li> <li>• FILM CARRY OUT BAGS (LDPE/HDPE which includes #4 low density polyethylene or #2 high density polyethylene)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plastic shopping bags</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years</li> <li>• Products used for containment of waste or compost such as garbage and compost bags</li> <li>• Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program, Used Oil Management Program)</li> <li>• Plastics made from certified compostable plastic or biodegradable plastics (e.g. a type of plastic that is designed to degrade in a defined period of time and under specific conditions as a result of natural biological activity into materials found in nature, such as shopping bags, coffee pods, cups, bowls plates and utensils)</li> </ul>
<b>Metal</b>	<p><b>Metal Packaging</b> includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEEL AEROSOL CONTAINERS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Food spray</li> <li>» Hairspray</li> <li>» Air fresheners and perfumes</li> <li>» Deodorants and antiperspirants</li> <li>» Shaving cream</li> <li>» Wax and polish spray</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years</li> <li>• Cylinders under pressure with the exception of aerosol containers</li> </ul>

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<b>Metal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Insulating spray foam</li> <li>• OTHER STEEL PACKAGING               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Food cans (soup, vegetables, fruit, chili, tuna) including lids and closures on packaging</li> <li>» Lids and closures</li> <li>» Tins (candles, cookies, coffee, tea)</li> <li>» Wire hangers when provided as service packaging for clothing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ALUMINUM AEROSOL CONTAINERS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Air freshener spray cans</li> <li>» Hair products spray cans</li> <li>» Food spray cans</li> <li>» Deodorant and similar product spray cans</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ALUMINUM FOOD CONTAINERS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Pet food</li> <li>» Food cans</li> <li>» Sardine cans</li> <li>» Shoe polish can</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OTHER ALUMINUM PACKAGING               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Foil wrap</li> <li>» Pie plates</li> <li>» Yogurt/sour cream seals</li> <li>» Frozen food trays</li> <li>» Lids and closures for beverage and non-beverage containers</li> <li>» Tea light candle holders</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program, Used Oil Management Association)</li> </ul>
<b>Glass</b>	<p><b>Glass Packaging</b> includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLEAR GLASS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Clear food containers (pickles, salsa, tomato sauce, jams)</li> <li>» Ketchup bottles</li> <li>» Cosmetic containers for creams</li> <li>» Spice bottles</li> </ul> </li> <li>• COLORED GLASS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Olive Oil bottles</li> <li>» Balsamic vinegar bottles</li> <li>» Cosmetic containers for creams</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging intended to be reused or refilled, or used for long term storage for at least five years</li> <li>• Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program, Used Oil Management Association)</li> <li>• Containers that are Pyrex, ceramic or crystal</li> </ul>