



Divert NS Designated Materials Guide

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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This guide provides examples of materials that are supplied to Nova Scotia consumers that are considered designated materials. This guide is not exhaustive but offers a general overview and examples of materials that are both included and excluded.

The designated materials categories identified within the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-like Products (EPR for PPP) Regulations are as follows: Paper, Rigid Plastic, Flexible Plastic, Metal and Glass.

As per the definitions in the EPR for PPP Regulations, the following materials are not included:

- (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.

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.

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

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Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Stiff paper board to mount blister packs » Rolls from toilet paper, toweling, tin foil » Newsprint used as packaging material » Clothing tags » Tissue paper used for packing » Egg cartons » Take out trays 	
	<p>Paper Products includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEWSPAPERS • NEWSPRINT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Flyers » Brochures » Inserts » Circulars » Manuals » Auto publications » Real estate supplements » Promotional information • CATALOGUES (Bound paper, glossy/non-glossy included) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Retail products » Coupons » Real estate » Promotional » Automotive • DIRECTORIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Phone, business directories • MAGAZINES (Bound periodicals, glossy or non-glossy) • POSTERS, CALENDARS, GREETING CARDS, AND BLANK ENVELOPES • FILE FOLDERS • PAPER CUPS • GIFT WRAPPING/BOXES, TISSUE PAPER • DECORATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Paper decorations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A hard or soft-covered book • Reference, literary book or textbook • Hard-covered periodical • 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 • Uncoated paper plates and bowls

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Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAPER USED FOR COPYING, WRITING OR ANY OTHER GENERAL USE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Office paper » Correspondence » Notebooks » Craft paper OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Bank or utility statements, and printed envelopes » Promotional cards sent to residential customers » Product user guides and warranties » Information distributed by municipal, provincial or federal governments » HR-related documents such as T4's and policy documents » Colouring and activity books » Printed information within packaged products » Lottery tickets, scratch cards, fundraiser tickets » Register, debit and credit card receipts » Transportation, transit, recreational guides and schedules » Booklets » Stickers or sticky labels PAPER OF ANY OTHER DESCRIPTION 	
Rigid Plastic (Moulded Plastic)	<p>Rigid Plastic includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » HDPE BOTTLES AND JUGS (Displaying the #2 resin code) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Laundry detergent » Household cleaning products » Shampoo and body wash » Salad dressing and condiments » Dairy and dairy substitutes » Dish soap and mouthwash » PET BOTTLES (Displaying the #1 resin code) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Salad and egg containers » Food trays » Yogurt containers » Muffin or cake containers » Peanut butter containers » Edible oil bottles, dish soap » Mouthwash bottles » PET THERMOFORM CONTAINER (Displaying the #1 resin code) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Muffin or cake containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years Rigid 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) Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program, Used Oil Management Program)

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Rigid Plastic (Moulded Plastic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Egg containers » Salad containers » Trays » EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (Includes all forms of expanded foam packaging used in food and protective packaging applications and may display resin code #6) » Meat trays » Packing peanuts » Cushion packaging » Plastic egg cartons » Clear and opaque clamshell containers » Take-out containers » Trays » Cups, plates, bowls » Yogurt containers » Service packaging Plastic hangers provided as service packaging » NON-EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (Includes all non-expanded polystyrene packaging and may display resin code #6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clamshell containers used for take-out ○ Yogurt containers, rigid trays ○ Service packaging ○ Packaging-like products ○ Plastic hangers provided as service packaging » OTHER PLASTIC PACKAGING (Includes rigid plastics that do not fit in other sub-categories noted, and may display resin code #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, or #7) » Blister packaging » Margarine, sour cream, cottage cheese and yogurt tubs/lids » Candy dispensers » Plastic hangers provided as service packaging » Hand cream tubes » Packaging inserts/ moulds for small appliances, toys or tools » Hand sanitizer bottles and pumps » Pails » Garden pots and seedling trays 	

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Flexible Plastic (Unmoulded plastic)	<p>Flexible Plastic includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> » Carry-out bags » Bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers, producer, dry bulk foods, pre-washed salad, frozen vegetables » Outer bags or overwrap used to package products like beverage containers, toilet paper, toweling » Blue bags for recycling » Sandwich/freezer bags • PLASTIC LAMINATES (Laminated plastic packaging where plastic is the main component) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Coffee or deli pouches » Stand-up pouches » Chip bags » Bubble wrap and envelopes » Cheese wrap » Woven plastic bags used for fruit, nuts, cosmetic supplies » Vacuum packaging » Candy and snack wrappers » Cereal liner bags » Shrink wrap » Gift bags supplied as service packaging • FILM CARRY OUT BAGS (LDPE/HDPE which includes #4 low density polyethylene or #2 high density polyethylene) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Plastic shopping bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years • Products used for containment of waste or compost such as garbage and compost bags • Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container Program, Used Oil Management Program) • 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)
Metal	<p>Metal includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEEL AEROSOL CONTAINERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Food spray » Hairspray » Air fresheners and perfumes » Deodorants and antiperspirants » Shaving cream » Wax and polish spray » Insulating spray foam • OTHER STEEL PACKAGING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Food cans (soup, vegetables, fruit, chili, tuna) including lids and closures on packaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaging intended to be used for long-term storage or protection of a durable product for at least five years • Cylinders under pressure with the exception of aerosol containers • Material identified in other regulations as a designated material (e.g. Nova Scotia Beverage Container)

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