

CITY OF PITT MEADOWS
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL BYLAW No. 2568, 2012
and amendments thereto
CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY

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Certified copies of the original bylaws should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaws on this subject.

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The bylaw numbers in **bold** at the end of the clause refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw.

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A Bylaw to Provide for the Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste

WHEREAS, Section 8 (3) and 64 (d) and amendments thereto of the *Community Charter* allow a Council by bylaw to regulate and impose requirements respecting the use of waste disposal and recycling services;

AND WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pitt Meadows previously exercised its authority under Section 614 of the *Municipal Act* and adopted "City of Pitt Meadows Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 2458, 2010.";

AND WHEREAS, Council has recently made changes to its solid waste management contract and solid waste collection program that require updates to the regulations provided for in Bylaw No. 2458, 2010; it is appropriate to repeal Bylaw No. 2458 and adopt a new bylaw which will provide for the collection and disposal of solid waste, yard waste, kitchen waste and recyclable material within the City of Pitt Meadows;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Pitt Meadows in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PART I – INTERPRETATION

Citation/Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "City of Pitt Meadows Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw".

Definitions

2. In this bylaw:

Bulk container means a container that has a capacity of 0.75 cubic metres or greater which can be moved and emptied mechanically by solid waste collection vehicles and is equipped with a water tight cover.

Centralized Collection Area means an area within a multi-family complex designated for housing of collection carts and for common use by residents for disposal of waste materials; (*Bylaw 2747, 2017*)

City means the City of Pitt Meadows.

Council means the Municipal Council of the City of Pitt Meadows;

Collection Cart means a garbage, kitchen and yard waste container supplied and owned by the City that is specially designed for semi-automated and automated collection; (*Bylaw 2743, 2016*)

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Construction and Demolition Waste means all earth, debris, rocks, trees, stumps, building materials and anything else originating from the construction and demolition of buildings and structures.

Director means the staff person responsible for Operations & Engineering;
(Bylaw 2743, 2016)

Dwelling means a self-contained residential unit intended for the sole use of family living in either a mobile home, single-family or two-family home or a multi-family building or townhome complex.

Due date means the first business day following the July 1st Statutory holiday in each year;

Extra Bag Tag means an official, perforated and numbered tag that sticks onto extra bags of garbage;

Garbage means any discarded materials resulting from the day-to-day operations of a residential household, but shall not include recyclables, yard waste, kitchen waste, land clearing debris, construction and demolition waste, noxious matter, special waste and biomedical waste, large items, car parts, furniture, items identified as banned or prohibited by Metro Vancouver regional transfer disposal sites (see Schedule 'B') or any other waste prohibited by this Bylaw or other items considered unacceptable by the Director;

Garden suite means a second dwelling unit that is separate from and accessory to a single family residence on the same lot and is registered and licensed with the City.

Kitchen Waste means all items included in Schedule 'C' that may be included in the collection carts.

Land clearing debris means all earth, debris, rocks, trees, stumps and anything else originating from clearing land, landscaping or renovation activities;

Mobile home means a dwelling unit manufactured in a factory and designed to be transported to a site and semi-permanently attached to the site;

Mobile home park means a subdivision of parcel into lots designed for the siting of mobile homes.

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Multi-Material BC (MMBC) means a non-profit organization, financed by industry to manage residential packaging recycling programs in BC; (*Bylaw 2743, 2016*)

Multi-residential premises #1 means a building or part of a building used or intended to be used for three or more dwellings that have individual curbside access or mobile home park;

Multi-residential premises #2 means a building or part of a building used or intended to be used for three or more dwellings where individual curbside access is unavailable;

Noxious matter means any offensive, unwholesome or dangerous matter that may be germ or vermin infested, have an offensive odour, be explosive in itself or when mixed with other substances or be injurious to the health of a person handling it and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes acids, combustible material, animal excrement and similar matter.

Occupier means householders, tenants or owners of a dwelling.

Owner means the person or persons whose name appears upon the Title of the property at the Land Titles Office.

Parcel means any lot, block or other area in which land (or in the case of strata lots, a building) is held or into which it is subdivided, including strata and bare land strata complexes and individual strata lot properties.

Recyclables means clean, dry items that are separated and collected from solid waste as listed in Schedule 'E' attached.

Recycling container means a multi-material recycling container provided by the Recycling Contractor for the holding of recyclable materials;

Secondary Suite means a second dwelling unit that is accessory to a single family residence and is registered and licensed with the City, including garden suites;

Single-Family Residence means any building containing one dwelling unit, but no more than one including a farm help residence. (*Bylaw 2747, 2017*)

Solid waste means garbage, kitchen waste, yard waste and recyclable materials which originate from residential sources.

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Solid Waste container means a garbage cart, recycling container and kitchen waste collection cart;

Special Waste means material that denotes a regulation as “special waste” by the *Environmental Waste Management Act* of the Province of British Columbia.

Two-Family Residence means any building containing two dwelling units, but no more than two, not including secondary or garden suites.

Yard waste means all items included in Schedule ‘C’ that may be included in the collection carts.

Wildlife means birds and any mammals not normally domesticated, including but not limited to bears, cougars, coyotes, wolves, foxes, raccoons and skunks;

Wildlife resistant enclosure means a fully enclosed structure consisting of walls, roof and door(s) of sufficient design and strength so as to prevent access by wildlife, and for clarity, this includes a garage, shed, or other structure that is inaccessible to wildlife.

PART II – PROVISION OF SERVICE

Collection and Disposal System

3. Every owner and occupier of a parcel containing no more than two dwellings and multi-residential premises #1 shall make use of the solid waste disposal and collection services provided by the City and MMBC under Section 8. *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*
4. Every owner and occupier of a multi-residential premise #2 shall make use of the solid waste collection and disposal services provided by the City and MMBC, under Section 9. *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*
5. Representative of a multi-residential premise #1 and #2 may apply to the Director of Operations and Development Services to use bulk container collection and disposal services. The Director shall accept the application if the Director is satisfied that the parcel can be safely, efficiently and legally serviced by the City/MMBC system and if the City’s solid waste contractor agrees. If accepted, the owner shall pay fees according to Schedule A.” *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*

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6. Despite any other provisions in this Bylaw, where the Director may consider that a parcel cannot be safely or efficiently serviced using existing vehicles and equipment, the Director may exclude that parcel from servicing under this Bylaw and, upon notice to the owner of the parcel, the parcel is not permitted or required to receive the City's solid waste disposal services either permanently or for a temporary period described in the notice. For certainty, and without limiting the foregoing, if the Director considers that roadways within a multi-family strata cannot be safely and efficiently serviced, the Director may require that collection carts be placed at the city's roadway outside of the strata property for collection.
7. The City also may establish and operate a system of waste reduction educational programs, composting programs, the use of community recycling depots and such other services as Council may deem appropriate for the reduction and efficient disposal of solid waste (all of which is called the "Other Services").

Services

8. The following services shall be provided by the City or Contractors to each single family residence, excluding the multi residential premise #2, subject to the limits set out in section 10 & 11 (*Bylaw 2747, 2017*)
 - a) garbage collection every other week;
 - b) unlimited recyclable material collection every week by MMBC;
 - c) kitchen/yard waste collection every week.
9. The following services shall be provided by the City or Contractors to a multi residential premise #2 parcel: (*Bylaw 2747, 2017*)
 - a) garbage collection every other week, upon request, as outlined in Section 5;
 - b) unlimited recyclable material collection every week by MMBC;
 - c) kitchen/yard waste collection every week.
10. Solid waste disposal and collection limits per parcel containing no more than two dwellings: (*Bylaw 2743, 2016*)

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- a) one (1) garbage container, with a volume no greater than 120 litres or 240 and with its contents weighing no more than 20 kilograms per dwelling; *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
 - b) one (1) 120 or 240 litre kitchen waste collection cart per dwelling, *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
 - c) unlimited recyclables per dwelling by MMBC.
 - d) If the complex or building has a centralized collection area, the number and size of carts to be determined by the number of units being serviced and layout of the complex *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
11. Solid waste disposal and collection limits per dwelling for multi-residential premises #1 *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*
- a) one garbage containers (1), with a volume no greater than 120 litres and with its contents weighing no more than 20 kilograms per dwelling;
 - b) one (1) cart, 120/240 litre kitchen waste collection cart per dwelling,
 - c) unlimited recyclables per dwelling by MMBC.
12. A representative of a multi-residential premise #1 and #2 receiving services under this Bylaw, may from time to time request in writing to the Director an increase in the size and number (or both) of collection carts to be collected under Section 9 and 11. The owners and or representatives of the multi-residential premise #1 and #2 shall pay the applicable fee under Schedule A with respect to the increased number and size of the carts collected. *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
13. Residents that request a cart change must exchange their existing cart in a clean condition. *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
14. Where a parcel contains two dwelling units and one of the dwelling units is a secondary suite the parcel shall be considered to contain one dwelling unit.
15. The frequency of the provision of the collection services under section 8 and 9 is subject to change from time to time, as determined by the Director.

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Collection Carts

16. The collection carts continue to be the property of the City of Pitt Meadows and are on loan to the owner and or occupier of the parcel being serviced under this Bylaw.
17. The collection carts must remain with the parcel to which they were delivered;
18. The City retains the right to inspect, repair, remove and replace the collection carts, from time to time as may be necessary or appropriate.

Excess Garbage

19. Owners or occupiers of a residential premise, excluding multi-residential premises #2, who wish to dispose of an additional bag of garbage, in excess of the one garbage container per week limit, may:
 - a) purchase an Extra Bag Tag from the City at the rate listed on Schedule "A" of this Bylaw; and
 - b) securely affix an Extra Bag Tag to an additional garbage bag in a visible position,

provided that no more than two extra bags of garbage with tags are placed for collection each week.
20. Each Extra Bag Tag is valid for one bag of garbage or one garbage container, with a volume no greater than 120 litres and its contents weighing no more than 20 kilograms.
21. If the occupiers of residential premises wish to dispose of any solid waste in excess of the limits set out in this Bylaw, they shall make their own arrangements to dispose of the solid waste at an approved disposal site.

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PART III – PREPARATION OF GARBAGE & KITCHEN/YARD WASTE AND
RECYCLABLES *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*

Prohibited Waste

22. No person shall place any of the following materials in a garbage container for collection by the City:
- (a) explosives;
 - (b) raw sewage or septic tank sludge;
 - (c) highly flammable material;
 - (d) noxious matter;
 - (e) oversized items of any kind exceeding two (2) feet in any dimension;
 - (f) dead animals;
 - (g) material banned or prohibited by Metro Vancouver (See Schedule 'B').
23. No person shall place any materials identified as banned or prohibited in Schedule D in a kitchen waste collection cart for collection by the City.
24. No person shall place any material identified as banned or prohibited in Schedule F in a recycling container for collection by MMBC. *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*

Duties of Owners and Occupiers

25. Every owner and occupier of a dwelling that receives City solid waste collection and disposal services shall:
- (a) be responsible for placing the garbage containers at the curb which comply with this Bylaw, as required; *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*
 - (b) separate solid waste for collection into appropriate solid waste container as designated;
 - (c) only deposit solid waste generated on the parcel into the appropriate solid waste container;
 - (d) ensure that only garbage is deposited into a garbage container;

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- (e) ensure that only the recyclable materials are deposited into a recyclable container and that such material is dry and clean;
 - (f) ensure that only kitchen waste is deposited into a kitchen waste collection cart;
 - (g) ensure that solid waste has been drained of all liquid and that waste such as ashes, sawdust and other items are separately contained;
 - (h) set out only the amount of waste that will fit into the appropriate solid waste container or collection cart with the lid closed and so as not to exceed the weight limit specified in this Bylaw;
 - (i) maintain all solid waste containers in a clean and sanitary condition at all times;
 - (j) maintain all collection carts as received without modifying the carts or their components;
 - (k) take steps to secure their collection cart against theft or damage. If a collection cart is lost, stolen or damaged the owner is responsible for the costs of replacing or repairing the cart;
 - (l) ensure that solid waste containers and collection carts are stored in wildlife resistant enclosures if attracting wildlife;
 - (m) replace any garbage containers which are damaged or dangerous to persons handling them;
 - (n) keep lids of solid waste containers closed and tie or seal garbage bags to prevent spillage or entry of water;
 - (o) immediately clean up spillage originating from all solid waste containers.
 - (p) comply with section 19, 20 and 21. *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
26. Every owner and occupier of a parcel that receives private solid waste services shall:
- (a) maintain all solid waste containers in a clean and sanitary condition at all times;

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- (b) deposit all solid waste generated on the parcel into the appropriate solid waste containers;
 - (c) not deposit any special waste into a solid waste container;
 - (d) immediately clean up spillage originating from all solid waste containers.
27. Where the owner or occupier of a parcel that receives City solid waste services has not complied with any part of this Bylaw, the Director may, at their reasonable discretion refuse to collect any or all solid waste from that parcel.

Placement of Containers

28. Every owner of a parcel and occupier of any premises on a parcel that receives services under this Bylaw shall:
- (a) keep on the parcel at all times all solid waste containers supplied to the parcel by the City, except when set out for collection as provided for by this Bylaw;
 - (b) place all solid waste containers out for collection between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., and as close to 8:00 a.m. as practicable on collection day;
 - (c) remove all solid waste containers, once emptied, from the public street or lane, within twelve (12) hours of the collection on the collection date.
29. On the collection day, occupiers shall place solid waste containers in full view and as close as possible to the edge of the travelled way serving the property, without obstructing traffic Yellow bags should be placed between the grey and blue box with 1 m (3 ft) between recycling containers, green bin and garbage bin. *(Bylaw 2743, 2016)*
30. The City shall not be responsible for the replacement or repair of any garbage container which may be damaged or lost for any reason.

Bulk Containers

31. No person shall place or install a bulk container for the disposal of solid waste without the prior written approval of the Director, who may permit such containers, if in their opinion their placement will not be detrimental to the surrounding neighbourhood.

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PART IV – FEES AND CHARGES

32. The owner of real property shall pay, in addition to all other rates and charges for the use of the solid waste collection system, the amounts specified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
33. The rates, charges and fees set out in Schedule "A" are payable by owners of real property for services provided to each dwelling under this Bylaw payable at the office of the City on or before the due date. Such rates are payable whether or not:
- a) The dwelling(s) on a parcel are occupied; or
 - b) Any owner or occupier of a parcel makes use of any of the service or;
 - c) The service is interrupted or altered in any manner.
34. Upon issuance of a building permit to construct a dwelling that will be serviced under this Bylaw, excluding a multi-residential premise #1 and 2, the owner of the subject parcel shall pay, in advance,
- a) the price per collection for garbage and organics cart per dwelling unit set out in Schedule "A", and *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*
 - b) the per diem rate set out in Schedule "A" for the balance of the year following 120 days after building permit issuance.
35. Upon issuance of a building permit to construct a multi-residential premise #1 that will be serviced under this Bylaw, the owner of the subject parcel shall:
- a) pay in advance the price per collection cart per dwelling set out in Schedule "A"; and
 - b) deposit cash or irrevocable, standby letter of credit, with the office of the City for service, in advance, as set out in Schedule "A".
36. Upon issuance of a building permit to construct a multi-residential premise #2 that will be serviced under this Bylaw, the owner of the subject parcel shall deposit cash or irrevocable, standby letter of credit, with the office of the City for service, in advance, as set out in Schedule "A".
37. Prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for a multi-residential premise #1 and #2, the owner of the subject parcel shall pay, in advance, the per

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diem rate set out in Schedule "A". The amount due shall be deducted from the deposit provided for in section 34 and 35. Any shortfall owing the City shall be paid prior to issuance of an occupancy permit and any surplus owed by the City to the owner shall be paid within 30 days. *(Bylaw 2747, 2017)*

38. When any rates or charges due by any person under this Bylaw remain unpaid on the 31st of December, the same shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears in respect of the property for which the service was provided and such sum shall be recoverable under the provisions of the *Local Government Act*.

PART V – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement

39. The Director and their assistants are authorized to enforce this Bylaw.
40. The Director and their assistants may enter, at all reasonable times, on any property subject to the provisions of this Bylaw, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Bylaw are being observed.

Penalty and Offence

41. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw commits an offence and is liable to summary conviction.
42. Every person guilty of an offence under this Bylaw shall, upon summary conviction, be liable to a penalty of not less than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars and not more than Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars per offence and each day that a violation of this Bylaw continues shall be deemed to be a separate offence.

Repeal

43. Bylaw No. 2458, cited as the "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw", is hereby repealed.

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**SCHEDULE "A" – FEES AND CHARGES
(Bylaw No. 2946, 2023)**

	Class of Property	Charge
A.	Combined Solid Waste Services (Garbage and Green Waste)	
	1. Single family and two-family residence, per dwelling unit	\$223.00
	2. Multi-residential premise #1, per dwelling unit	\$223.00
B.	Green Waste Services only (curbside)	
	3. Mobile home park, per mobile home	\$ 135.00
	4. Multi-residential premise #1(curbside), per dwelling unit	\$ 135.00
C.	Bulk Container Green Waste	
	5. Multi-residential premise #2 (Central Collection), per dwelling unit	\$ 23.00
D.	Garbage (Curbside) and Bulk Container Green Waste	
	6. Garbage (curbside) and Central Collection Green Waste	\$ 110.00
E.	Per Diem Rates provided for in Section 34 and 37	
	7. Single family and two-family residence, per dwelling unit	\$0.61/day
	8. Mobile home park, per mobile home	\$0.37/day
	9. Multi-residential premise #1 (Curbside), per dwelling unit	\$0.37/day
	10. Multi-residential premise #2 (Central Collection), per dwelling unit	\$0.06/day
F.	Multi-residential Deposit provide for in Section 35	
	11. Multi-residential premise #1 and #2, per dwelling unit	\$100/unit
G.	Extra Bag Tag Charge	
	12. Price per tag	\$5.00
H.	New and or Replacement Collection Cart Charge	
	13. Price per 240 Litre Collection Cart	\$72.00 + taxes
	14. Price per 120 Litre Collection Cart	\$64.00 + taxes
	15. Convert from standard 120 Litre garbage collection cart to 240 Litre garbage collection cart	\$96 – Annual fee pro-rated
	16. Delivery Charge	\$50

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Schedule "B" – METRO VANCOUVER BANNED AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Banned Materials:

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

Prohibited Materials:

- Agricultural waste
- Automobile bodies and parts;
- Barrels or drums in excess of 205 litres (45 gallons) whether full or empty
- Batteries
- Biomedical waste
- Dead animals
- Electronics and electrical products
- Excrement
- Fluorescent lights
- Gypsum
- Hazardous waste
- Hospital office waste
- Inert fill materials including soil, sod, gravel, concrete and asphalt in quantities exceeding 0.5 cubic metres per load
- Lead acid batteries

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- Liquids and sludge
- Oil containers, oil filters, paint products, solvents and flammable liquids
- Metal household or commercial appliances
- Pesticide products
- Pharmaceuticals
- Radioactive and reactive waste
- Refuse that is on fire, smoldering, 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
- Thermostats
- Tires
- Any single object weighing more than 100 kilograms or measuring more than 2 metres (in size in any direction)
- Any other Solid Waste that Metro Vancouver considers unsuitable for handling at the Disposal Site

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Schedule "C" – ELIGIBLE YARD AND KITCHEN WASTE MATERIALS

Yard waste

- House plants
- Weeds
- Leaves
- Wood chips, sawdust and cold wood ashes
- Grass, hedge and plant clippings
- Twigs, branches or other tree trimmings (3 inches in diameter or less and less than 40 inches long)

Kitchen waste

- Meat, fish & shellfish (including bones) Raw fruits and vegetables
- Cooked fruits and vegetables
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags and leaves
- Sauces, dressings, syrups, peanut butter, jams & jellies
- Bread, cereal, baked goods and pizza
- Pasta, rice, flour & grains
- Nuts and nutshells
- Eggs and eggshells
- Dairy products
- Fats and cooking oils, gravy, butter and margarine
- Food soiled paper products and paper packaging
- Popsicle sticks and toothpicks

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Schedule "D" – BANNED AND PROHIBITED KITCHEN WASTE MATERIALS

- Plastic bags and containers, Styrofoam
- Metal, aluminium foil or glass
- Waxed paper, waxy lined paper cups and milk cartons
- Cotton swabs and balls
- Soiled diapers, baby wipes
- Cigarettes and butts
- Vacuum contents and bags
- Pet feces or litter

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Schedule "E" - ELIGIBLE RECYCLING MATERIALS

1) Fibre

- Newsprint
- Catalogues
- Coated book stock
- Coloured ledger
- File stock
- Magazines
- Mixed waste paper (flyers, brochures, envelopes)
- Office paper
- Corrugated and non-corrugated cardboard, flattened, bundled and tied.
- Phone book
- White ledger
- Clean pizza boxes
- Any other 100% paper fibre products

2) Plastic

- Plastic bags and plastic containers marked 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 or 7
- Rinsed and flattened plastic milk jugs

3) Other

- Aluminium cans (Aluminum packaging is added to this products bale.)
- Glass clear (Flint)
- Glass green (Mix)
- Tin and aluminum cans
- Tetra-pak juice containers

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Schedule "F" – BANNED AND PROHIBITED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

- Any plastic container not marked with approved codes
- Waxed paper or waxy milk cartons
- Coded paper cups
- Styrofoam
- Unwashed plastic, glass or tin
- Wet or soiled paper
- Paint
- Oil