

# Changes to the Recycling Program

## Household Tin & Aluminum



## Rigid Plastics #1 to #7



## Mixed Paper & Cardboard



## Plastic Grocery Bags



## Stretchable Plastic Film



Until 2018, China was the main recipient of the world's recyclable plastics. But the country has stopped accepting almost all foreign materials - including that of Canadian municipalities.

This means that plastic film/stretchable plastic is no longer a recyclable material.

As of April 2018, residents in North Battleford are asked to please put all items made out of stretchable plastic into the black garbage bin instead of the blue recycle bin. This material will now be disposed of at the local Waste Management Facility.

Stretchable plastics include: Plastic Grocery bags, re-sealable zipper storage bags, bread bags, pre-packaged fruit and vegetable bags, saran wrap, bubble wrap and packaging air pillows.

Even if the material has a plastic recycling symbol on it - if the material is stretchable, it now goes into the black garbage bin.

How can you help to reduce litter?

- Use re-usable bags or cardboard boxes for grocery shopping
- Use paper or mesh bags
- Switch to jars, plastic containers, paper or bee's wax paper for storage

