

# the heck where? Your guide to sorting garbage and recycling at home

fortstjohn.ca/garbage-recycling

The City of Fort St John is committed to developing sustainable strategies to divert solid waste from landfills.



### It takes

all sorts

We all have a role to play in reducing the amount of waste produced in our region. By working together to reduce, reuse, and recycle, we can build a healthy and prosperous community.

Help us protect the places and the people we all love.



## 25% of all residential garbage in B.C. is food waste

— more than any other type of waste.

### reduce

Reduce your impact on our planet and improve your soil by composting at home. It is easy and quick to make your own compost from organic materials such as kitchen scraps and yard waste.

The City of Fort St John provides a regular yard waste drop-off for residents during the summer months thanks to a partnership with the Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT).

Watch **fortstjohn.ca/yard-waste** for upcoming dates.

#### Put these items in your backyard compost



Yard waste



**Mixed paper** 



Fruit & vegetables



**Cardboard** 



Wood chips, leaves & straw





- → Lay twigs or straw first
- → Add materials in layers, alternating between moist and dry
- → Keep your compost moist

Clothing made of non-biodegradable fabrics can last up to

## 200 years in a landfill.

#### reuse

Support our community and keep waste out of the landfill by donating previously-loved items to a thrift store where they can be given a second chance.

#### Donate these items to your **local thrift store**



Functional electronics, appliances & toys



Furniture, clothing & bedding



Gently used renovation materials

## In 2020, **Solution 1 tonnes of material** was diverted from landfills in Peace River Regional District.

### recycle

You can reduce your carbon footprint and keep your neighbors safe at work by recycling right. The contents of your blue recycle cart are collected bi-weekly, and taken to Recycle-It Resource Recovery where waste workers sort, clean, and process it for use in manufacturing.



#### Please put these items in your **blue cart**



Hard plastics

→ plastics labeled #1-7



Mixed paper

→ shredded paper must be placed in a clear, plastic bag



Boxboard



**Aerosol containers** 



Cardboard



**Gable-top containers** 



Tin & aluminium



Coffee cups





#### Remember to:

- → Empty and rinse all containers
- → Remove lids

- → Flatten or crush containers and boxes
- → Place items directly in your cart, do not bag them (except for shredded paper)



#### Recycle more materials at Recycle-It Resource Recovery



**Glass** 



Soft plastics

→ cut off the plastic zipper from zip lock bags



**Electronics** 



**Styrofoam packaging** 

Return your



Beverage & alcohol containers

to the



Depot

### Canadians 3 million tonnes of plastic each year. Only nine percent is recycled.

### garbage

You can safely dispose of any remaining materials. The contents of your grey garbage cart are collected weekly, and taken to the North Peace Regional Landfill.



#### Put these items in your **Grey cart**



**Mixed material bags** 



**Bathroom products** 



**Pet litter** 



**Lined paper** 



### Meat, dairy, oil & fried foods

→ these materials can be composted, but risk attracting pests



#### Remember to:

→ Bag all garbage items and place them in your cart



#### Dispose of more at North Peace Regional Landfill







**Bulky waste** 

**Wood waste** 

**Demolition &**construction waste





Tires Hunting w



Remember to:

 $\,\,\rightarrow\,\,$  Call 1-800-670-7773 for hours, operations, and acceptable materials

### When in doubt, don't throw it out.

The City of Fort St John is working hard to make recycling easy for everyone.

By providing updated resources and information, we're taking the guesswork out of going green.

**Download the Waste Wise app** to find out what goes where.







For more information, please contact:

City of Fort St John Public Works and Utilities Department 250-787-8150 or 3-1-1 for all City services

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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