

Proper waste disposal tips:

1. Empty aerosol cans go in recycling. Caps/lids are garbage. If aerosol cans still have product in them, these are collected as household hazardous waste. Take them to a Drop-off Depot that accepts household hazardous waste.
2. Only aluminum and steel cans are accepted in Peel's Blue Bin recycling program. Other metal items (e.g. scrap metal, tools, etc.) are collected separately. Take them to a Drop-off Depot.
3. Household batteries (including rechargeables) must not go in recycling or the garbage. Save the environment by properly disposing of batteries. Take them to a Drop-off Depot that accepts household hazardous.
4. Binders do not go in recycling. Offer them to someone for reuse or put them in the garbage.
5. Cardboard cans (e.g. frozen juice, refrigerator dough, chips, nuts, powdered drink mix, etc.) can be recycled. Put plastic pull off strips in garbage. Place metal ends inside cardboard can and pinch closed.
6. Cassettes, CDs, DVDs do not go in recycling. Put them in the garbage. Some electronics stores accept these items for recycling.
7. Compact fluorescent light bulbs and tubes contain small amounts of mercury which is dangerous. Save the environment by properly disposing of these items. Take them to a Drop-off Depot that accepts household hazardous waste.
8. Coffee cups can only be recycled if they are made of foam polystyrene. Plastic lids and stir sticks are garbage. Paper cups and sleeves are garbage.
9. Cooking oil is now accepted as household hazardous waste at Drop-off Depots. Cooking oil should be delivered in a sealed container.

Cooking oil should never be poured down the sink, drain or toilet because it can negatively impact sewer pipes systems in your home and neighbourhood, causing sewer backups. Small amounts can go in the Green Bin if soaked up with a paper towel or frozen/hardened.
10. Flatten containers such as boxboard, cardboard boxes; juice, milk and soup cartons. This will make more room in the building's recycling containers.
11. Recycle foam polystyrene including meat, fruit and vegetable trays. Put the meat tray liners and over-wrap in the garbage. Rinse the foam trays before recycling.

12. Glass bottles and jars can be recycled but metal lids are garbage. Rinse to remove residue.
13. Household hazardous waste includes cleaning supplies, bleach, paint, batteries, medications, motor oil, etc. must be disposed of properly. Take them to a Drop-off Depot that accepts household hazardous waste.
14. Expired medication and vitamins should **not** be flushed down the toilet or put in the garbage. Take them to a Drop-off Depot or your pharmacy for proper disposal.
15. Empty paint cans with lids separated go in recycling.
16. Clean pizza boxes can be recycled. Make sure all food is removed. Greasy or soiled pizza boxes go in the garbage.
17. Plastic retail and grocery shopping bags without drawstrings, metal detailing or hard plastic handles can go in recycling.
18. Propane/helium tanks and cylinders, even when empty, are a dangerous hazardous waste, regardless of supplier claims. These must **never** be put in recycling or garbage and must be taken to a Drop-off Depot for proper disposal.
19. Recycling – Do it Right! Rinse all containers (foam, glass, plastic).
20. Put shredded paper in clear bags before putting it in the recycling bin.
21. The Peel Region's web site has an online search tool, lists over 1,500 items and how to properly dispose of them. Search it at <http://www.peelregion.ca/waste> or call 311.

