



# SORTING GUIDE

## WELCOME TO THE OCEAN PLASTIC DEPOT

This depot is one of the first of its kind in Canada created to collect and recycle select ocean plastics and marine debris materials from cleanup efforts as well as legacy equipment from the marine sector.

Thank you to all the volunteer cleaning efforts that are an integral part in solving this plastic pollution crisis.

Canada 



Fisheries and Oceans  
Canada

Pêches et Océans  
Canada



OCEAN  
LEGACY  
FOUNDATION

# WE DO ACCEPT



## OYSTER BASKETS & CRAB POTS

- Perfect condition, reusable oyster baskets



## FOAM FLOATS



## HARD PLASTIC BUOYS



## HARD PLASTIC & FRAGMENTS



+HDPE PIPE



## BEVERAGE BOTTLES



\*Can be returned locally or through our depots.



## NETTING



## ROPE



## BARRELS



## TIRES WITH STYROFOAM



## STYROFOAM



# WE DO NOT ACCEPT



## BIOFOULED ITEMS

Please thoroughly clean all items as best as possible. Severely biofouled items will not be accepted.



## PIPE/TUBING PVC/ABS



## LIGHTERS, TENNIS BALLS



## FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

\*Plastic bags/overwrap, crinkly snack wrappers, woven/net plastic bags, flexible single use plastic.



## METAL



## GLASS & FIBREGLASS



## WOOD



## HAZARDOUS ITEMS/LIQUIDS



**DO NOT LEAVE LOOSE ITEMS!**

All items must be placed in a provided storage bag unless it is too big to fit into a bag.



No standing water. Please empty all water from all items if possible before placing them in a storage bag.



Do not leave your item in the wrong category or on the ground. Help us keep things organized!

If you do not see your item included in a category then we unfortunately are not yet able to recycle your item or your regional district has a local recycling option in place.

# WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

**400 MILLION  
TONS OF PLASTIC**

... IS PRODUCED EVERY  
YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

**SINGLE USE  
PLASTICS ACCOUNT FOR**

... A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF  
MISMANAGED PLASTICS.

**8-12 MILLION  
TONS ENTERS THE OCEAN**

... EVERY YEAR KILLING MARINE WILDLIFE,  
COMPROMISING HUMAN AND OCEAN  
HEALTH, THREATENING FOOD QUALITY AND  
SAFETY AS WELL AS COASTAL TOURISM;  
CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBAL CLIMATE  
CHANGE..

**ONLY 9%  
IS RECYCLED**

... MUCH OF IT ENDING UP IN  
LANDFILLS OR WATERWAYS.

**MICROPLASTICS**

... THREATEN OUR ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM. THE PARTICLES  
ARE IN OUR FOOD, WATER AND ARE NOW A PART OF OUR  
WEATHER SYSTEMS. PREVENTING PLASTIC FROM  
ENTERING THE OCEAN HELPS PREVENT ITS EVENTUAL  
BREAKDOWN INTO MICROPLASTICS.

## DEPOT BENEFITS

- Diverting landfill waste
- Reducing oceanic plastic pollution
- Reducing our carbon footprint by making recycled sources of plastic available
- Stimulating the Canadian plastic circular economy
- Creating safer and cleaner marine environments for all to enjoy



Please carefully read the category and picture signs that are provided next to each storage bag located either in or beside the depot containers.

To use the Ocean Plastic Depot, please message us using the contact form on our website at [oceanplasticdepot.ca](http://oceanplasticdepot.ca) or email us at [info@oceanplasticdepot.ca](mailto:info@oceanplasticdepot.ca).