



# Adding cartons to your blue box program and positively sorting them into their own grade

## Possible, advantageous and timely!



<sup>1</sup> It is expected that food and beverage cartons will be included in the new Blue Box program's common collection system that will be implemented throughout the province by January 1, 2026.

# Approximately 90% of households in Ontario already have access to carton recycling through the blue box programs of their municipalities, some of whom just recently began to accept them.

Many MRFs of all sizes throughout the province then sort cartons into their own grade, including: Township of North Glengarry (R.A.R.E); Cascades Recovery Ottawa; Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre; City of Kingston; Quinte Waste Solutions; Northumberland County; City of Peterborough; Niagara Recycling; City of Hamilton; Region of Waterloo; City of London; and Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority.



## North Glengarry

**Population: 10,000**  
**Materials handled yearly:**  
**1,200 tonnes**

“In 2022, we decided to reintegrate cartons back into our recycling program. Since we are a small MRF with limited space, we restructured a bunker by separating it in two, which allowed us to segregate all cartons. We also perform a positive sort of the material, which leads to better quality and less contamination.”

**Jessica MacDonald**  
MRF General Manager



## Brockville

**Population: 22,000**  
**Materials handled yearly:**  
**1,600 tonnes**

“Once we were made aware by our recycling processor and the Carton Council that all cartons were in fact recoverable in a single-stream program like ours, we added them in and notified our residents. We believe they were very happy with the news, as many had inquired about recycling them.”

**Jean-Paul Laflamme Briggs, C.E.T.**  
Solid Waste Officer



## Kingston

**Population: 132,000**  
**Materials handled yearly:**  
**11,500 tonnes**

“Significantly more cartons have been coming through in recent years. We collect them as part of the fibre stream so they don't compete with other 3D materials and sort them by hand. Five to six loads a year are produced in this way, which is well worth our effort to keep them out of the landfill.”

**Adam Mueller**  
Supervisor, Solid Waste Disposal

## Other resources on our website

- [Detailed description of support available for MRFs](#)
- [Carton Recycling Primer](#) (information, data and best practices concerning carton recycling, collection, sorting and marketing)
- [Lists of carton end markets and brokers](#)
- [Carton identification poster for MRFs](#)
- [Image and advertisement bank](#) (customization possible)

## We can help! Contact us. Our services are free.

- Consulting services to set up or optimize the positive sorting of cartons
- Possibility of financing for audits, pilot projects and equipment
- Connections with buyers of carton bales
- Financing of recycling awareness campaigns and communication tools

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