

## **Common Cross-Contamination Problems**

Waxed cardboard in the blue bins. Waxed cardboard is not considered recyclable at the OVWRC. The two predominant items are tri-walls and fresh fruit / vegetable boxes. Waxed cardboard must be disposed in Red Bins.

Steel in Red bins / blue bins – steel has been banned from the landfill at OVWRC for years as condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence. All steel must be recycled in the black bins for identified items and in the bulk steel lugger style bins located at workshops and unit lines.

Cardboard in the red bins / black bins. Cardboard has been banned from the landfill at OVWRC for years as condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence. This means you cannot dispose of waste in cardboard boxes. All waste must be in clear bags. All cardboard must be disposed in Blue Bins.

Tires in any dumpsters. Tires have been banned from the landfill at OVWRC for years as condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence. Non-military pattern tires from DND Base Maintenance can be disposed at the Bulk Waste Site. Military pattern tires are not accepted in dumpsters or bulk waste site.

Wood in any dumpster. Wood has been banned from the landfill at OVWRC for years as condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence. Wood can be disposed at the bulk waste site.

Sand / gravel and yard wastes in any dumpster. A small amount of grounds waste in clear bags may be disposed in red bins but often during base clean ups huge amounts of sand are placed in the bins. This is not acceptable and the user will have to remove. Please make arrangements for your sand and gravel disposal as part of your clean up plan. A good idea is to put back on the gravelled areas. Additionally, the Base pays by the tonne to dispose waste and why would we want to pay huge dollars to dispose of sand.

E-waste in any dumpster. E-waste has been banned from the landfill at OVWRC as a condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence effective 01 April 2010. Currently BCE does not accept e-waste. Users must coordinate with 2 ASG Sigs and 2 SVC Bn R & D for disposal. Please see list of items in Items Not accepted in BCE waste disposal process link.

Medical waste in any dumpster. BCE does not accept any form of medical waste. This includes pharmaceutical, biological, pathological, sharps. Please see list of items in Items Not accepted in BCE waste disposal process link. Contact Base Sup or the Base Surgeon for more information.

Liquid waste in any dumpster. BCE does not accept any liquid waste in any bins. The bins are not constructed to hold or transport liquid waste. Many liquid wastes are hazmat and Hazmat must be properly disposed through Base Supply. Hazmat waste has been banned from the landfill at OVWRC for years as condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence. Other liquids such as paint, grease, cooking oils must not be disposed in any dumpsters or at bulk Waste site.

Hazmat in any dumpster. BCE does not accept any hazmat in any bins. Hazmat has been banned from the landfill at OVWRC for years as condition of their Ontario Ministry of Environment operating licence. Hazmat must be disposed through Base Sup. Please see list of items in Items Not accepted in BCE waste disposal process link.

Black or green garbage bags in any dumpster. BCE will strictly enforce the use of clear bags for all waste disposal in the dumpsters and at the bulk waste site effective 01 January 2011. No exceptions. At that time users will be required to remove all waste from the green bags and re-bag in clear for compliance inspection purposes.