



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packaging Applicable Under the Ontario Farm Products Containers Act

Any packaging used to market Ontario grown fruits and vegetables fall under the Farm Products Containers Act with a few exceptions as listed under the Exclusions section. The packaging examples provided here are a guide and do not include all applicable packaging as packaging technology is continually evolving.

Bags

- Bags made of any material used to ship fruits and vegetables to market whether packed in bulk bin or master carton
- Drawstring, wicketed, handled, on rolls, bushel and ½ bushel liner bags
- Mesh sleeves or mesh bags made of any material
- Pouch stand up type bags with or without closure

Baskets and Handles

- Paper blanks (flat and not glued), nested (glued but not handled), glued up or handled
- Wooden baskets, nested or handled
- Plastic baskets, nested with or without handles
- Wooden and plastic handles if sold separately
- Includes punnets (slim-style or tubs made of any material)

Small Fruit Containers

- Wood, Fiber, Cardboard, Corrugated, Paper or Poly containers with or without lids or handles

Clamshell and Top Seal Containers

- Corrugated, cardboard, paper, fibre, wood, poly or styrofoam clamshell type with separate or attached hinged lid
- Top seal material and container made of any material
- All lids used for these types of containers such as netted lids, vex caps, top-seal lids

Produce Trays

- Cardboard, corrugated, styrofoam, fibre or poly tray with or without sleeve
- Sleeve or wrap made of any material used to cover tray

Cartons

- Waxed or unwaxed corrugated or poly corrugated
- Assembled or unassembled
- Includes master cartons that hold baskets, berry boxes, clamshells, trays or bags of product
- Partitions, preformed trays, liners used inside master cartons or trays to protect product in transit

Hampers, Crates and Baskets

- Any size bushels, hampers, crates and baskets shipped to market or sold directly to consumer made of any material

Exclusions

- Shopping bags used by consumers: T-shirt type, Poly produce bags, Paper or Reuseable shopping bags
- Bulk Bins made of any material
- Pallet wrap
- Shrink wrap used as a barrier to prevent dehydration (eg. English type cucumbers)
- Any packaging used for mushrooms or processed fruit or vegetables
- Field boxes and crates used for harvesting
- Rubber bands, twist ties
- Labels
- Assembly or gluing fees