Sorting your Coins for the Purpose of Sale

If you are selling your coins it is not necessary to package them individually. Rather we prefer the following groups, which can be contained all together in anything from a Ziploc bag to a Mason jar.

*Note that each line represents a separate container.

**Canadian Coins**

Silver Dollars 1935 through 1967  
Silver 50 cent up to 1967  
Silver 25 cent and 10 cent up to 1966  
Silver 25 cent and 10 cent 1967 Centennial  
Silver 25 cent and 10 cent 1968  
Silver 5 cent up to 1921  
5 cent 1922 through 1954  
Large cents

**Tips to help in sorting**  
Use Monarchs instead of squinting at dates. Queen Victoria, King Edward, King George V, King George VI, and the Young Queen Elizabeth with Laurel wreath in her hair are all 1966 and earlier.  
Queen Elizabeth’s second portrait with the tiara must be checked on the date side as they could be 1965 through 1989.  
Use a Magnet while sorting to pick out Canadian Nickel 50 cent, 25 cent, and 10 cent coins; if they stick to the magnet then spend them! (Silver is not magnetic.)  
When sorting 1 cent and 5 cent coins they are all Kings with the exception of 1953 and 1954 nickels which are made in steel (look for a blue tint to the colour and a different sound when dropped)

**Canadian Coins to take to your bank**  
Nickel Dollars 1968 through 1987  
Nickel 50 cent 1968 to present

**Tips**  
Roll the Nickel Dollars 20 to a roll (use plain paper cut to size)  
Roll the Nickel 50 cent 25 to a roll (use plain paper cut to size)  
Do not ask your bank to “exchange” as they are not obligated, however if you DEPOSIT to your account they must accept them at face value and credit your account.
US Coins

Silver Dollars up to 1964
Silver 50 cent up to 1964
Silver Clad 50 cent 1965 through 1969
Silver 25 cent and 10 cent up to 1964
5 cent up to 1938 (V and Buffalo)
1 cent up to 1955 (Indian Head and Wheat Ears)

**Tips to help in sorting**
A magnet will not help with US coins. However if you line them all up in the palm of your hand and look at the reeded edge any coins with the copper band showing in the center are made of nickel and can be spent on your next trip to the US.
In the case of 50 cent clad coins the copper may show faintly through the silver but will not be as bright as on a nickel 50cent coin.

World Coins

All world obsolete or unknown foreign coins
All face value redeemable coin in country of origin (Euro, British Pound, etc)

Canadian Paper Money

Canadian Notes Dated 1954 and later should be in Crisp Uncirculated condition or have an Asterisk (*) before the serial number. If they show signs of wear including major and minor creases, tears, ink marks or missing pieces then you should spend them or put them in the bank.
Notes Dated 1937 may have some signs of wear. These notes may still only have face value but should be checked. If they have tears, ink marks or missing pieces then you should spend them or put them in the bank.
Notes Dated 1935 and earlier may show more signs of wear and could potentially be worth more than face. All of these notes should be checked before they are put in the bank.
1967 Double Dated Notes are common and need to be in Uncirculated condition.

World Paper Money

We purchase all world notes – values may vary according to country of origin, date and condition. Please keep separate from your Canadian Notes.