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PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

Waste Sorting Guide

HOTLINE: 1-888-377-9622

We Recycle - Please do your part!



ORGANICS GREEN CART

PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN
YOUR ORGANICS GREEN CART

ALL FOOD WASTE:

- Vegetables, Fruit & Peelings
- Meat, Fish & Bones
- Bread & Pasta
- Solid Dairy Products
- Egg, Fish & Nut Shells
- Coffee Filters & Grinds
- Tea Bags
- All Leftover Food (table scraps)



SOILED AND NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER:

- Paper Bags
- Sugar & Flour Bags
- Paper Plates
- Waxed Paper
- Paper Fast Food Packaging (ie. Fry Boxes)
- Restaurant Pizza Boxes
- Soiled Paper Products (ie. Napkins & Paper Towel)



**No Plastic, Metal, Glass,
Cigarette Butts or Ashes.**

RECYCLING

Recycling & Cardboard

MUST BE CLEAN & PROPERLY SORTED

BLUE BAG # 1 — PAPER ONLY

ALL PAPER MUST BE CLEAN & DRY.

- ◆ Newspapers & Flyers
- ◆ Boxboard & Paper Boxes
- ◆ Office Paper
- ◆ Magazines & Catalogues
- ◆ Egg Cartons
- ◆ Books (Hard Covers Removed)
- ◆ Cardboard (Small Amounts)



BLUE BAG #2:

CAPS & LIDS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL.

- ◆ All Milk Containers (jugs, cartons & bags)
- ◆ Refundable Beverage Containers ♻️
- ◆ Glass Bottles & Jars
- ◆ Metal Food Cans
- ◆ Clean Aluminum Foil & Plates
- ◆ Plastic Containers (caps off)
- ◆ Expanded Polystyrene (ie. Styrofoam™)
- ◆ Grocery & Bread Bags



CARDBOARD:

Empty, Flatten & Bundle for curbside collection.

♻️ REFUNDABLE CONTAINERS:

Deliver to an Enviro Depot™ to receive the refund. Or place in Blue Bag #2 for recycling.



CLEAR BAG FOR GARBAGE



A LIST OF EXAMPLES:

- ◆ Hot & Cold Drink Cups & Straws
- ◆ Soiled Plastic Wrap
- ◆ Chip Bags
- ◆ Candy Bar Wrappers
- ◆ Dirty Aluminum Foil
- ◆ Netted Bags (ie. onion bags)
- ◆ Frozen Juice Cans
- ◆ Broken Glass (wrapped for safety)
- ◆ Incandescent Light Bulbs
- ◆ Floor Sweepings
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Personal Hygiene Products
- ◆ Kitty Litter
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Toys, Dishes, Fabric & Shoes (Consider Reuse)
- ◆ All Small Household Appliances (ie. Toaster)



HAVE QUESTIONS

Information on waste management programs, collection schedule and a waste sorting wizard can be found at:



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**Antigonish & Guysborough
Counties Waste Info**

A Goal for All Nova Scotians ...

Nova Scotians have achieved tremendous success by improving our environment and economy through recycling and composting. This success is due to the efforts of those at home and work who strive to sort their waste so that it is sent to the proper facilities for processing.

The Province of Nova Scotia has challenged Nova Scotians to further reduce waste disposed to 300kg/capita. To achieve this we need to reduce all waste disposed in a landfill by approximately 20%. Small changes can make a difference. Consider way to reduce waste and reuse by donating your unwanted clothes and other textiles to a local charity or clothing bin in your community.

It's also the Law!

Remember proper recycling and composting is the law throughout Nova Scotia at home, work and while on-the-go. A fine can apply for failing to follow the waste management program rules identified through provincial regulation and municipal by-law. Ask questions to learn more about the importance of the program. Let's turn our waste into a resource by sorting it right everyday!

Businesses & Residents MUST use Clear Bags for Garbage

You can place one privacy bag no larger than a kitchen catcher (20 x 22") into each clear garbage bag, that is no larger than 26" x 36". All other garbage must be loose in the bag. The garbage bag must not contain any recyclable or organic materials. Businesses may not require a privacy bag

For More Information

Eastern Region Solid Waste Management—1-888-377-9622



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Recycling—Blue Bag 1 & Blue Bag 2

We are all responsible to sort our recycling right.

REMEMBER:

- Use blue bag #1 for Paper recycling and blue bag #2 for Other recycling (lists on the other side). Never mix in the same bag.
- All containers and plastic bags must be clean for recycling.
- Paper must be clean and dry.
- Cardboard boxes must be empty, clean & flattened for collection.
- Plastic containers with a recycling symbol and a number inside should be placed in bag 2 with other containers.
- Recycle foam polystyrene, i.e. Styrofoam™, by placing it in blue bag #2. Excludes: packing peanuts and spray foam—place in garbage.
- All covers and lids must be removed from plastic and glass containers.
- To get your refund, beverage containers must be returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™. Visit putwasteinitsplace.ca for a location near you.



Organics

Food waste collected from the carts is composted into a valuable soil conditioner. Use a small container such as a covered bucket, ice cream container or cereal box to collect food waste. Food must be removed from its package before being placed in the cart. Always drain excess liquid from food. Smelly food waste such as meat and fish can also be wrapped in a sheet of newspaper or placed in a paper box such as a cereal box (roll down the top of the box before placing in the cart). Waste food should be emptied each day into your green cart. If you use a kitchen container, rinse and wash with dish soap after each use. If you want a bag to line your kitchen container, only use paper liners or starch bags that are compostable and biodegradable. Look for this logo:

Plastic, Glass, Metal and Ashes are not permitted in the green cart. Carts with these items can be rejected for collection.



Other Waste Management Programs:

Enviro Depot™— Find a depot near you. <http://divertns.ca/recycling/find-a-depot>

EPRA NS — Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers, scanners, fax machines, telephones, radios, CD and VCRs and DVD players, camcorders, etc. www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns or call 1-877-462-8907.

Cell phones — www.recyclemycell.ca or call 1-888-797-1740.

Tires— return up to four tires at one time to a tire retailer.

Paint—unwanted paint can be dropped off for recycling at any ENVIRO-DEPOT™.

The can must have the original label. More details visit ReGeneration at www.regeneration.ca/programs/paint/nova-scotia/ or call 1-888-772-9772.

Mercury Containing Products—call 1-877-688-3065 or visit mercurysns.ca.