



Eastern Region
SOLID WASTE
Management

PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE
Waste Sorting Guide
HOTLINE: 902-863-4949

*Waste Sorting Guide
for Businesses*



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
- Paper Plates
- Napkins & Paper Towel
- Waxed & Parchment Paper
- Sugar & Flour Bags
- Potato Bags (netting removed)
- Paper Fast Food Packaging & Boxboard (ie. Fry Boxes)
- Cardboard Pizza Boxes & Trays



**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
- ◆ Coffee Trays
- ◆ Books (Hard Covers Removed)
- ◆ Cash Register Receipts



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
- ◆ Expanded Polystyrene (ie. Styrofoam™)
- ◆ Bags, Shrink Wrap & Bubble Wrap



CARDBOARD:

Empty and flatten. Small amounts can go in the paper bag. (Businesses - Ask your hauler)

☿ REFUNDABLE CONTAINERS:

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



GARBAGE CLEAR BAGS ONLY



A LIST OF EXAMPLES:

- ◆ Broken Glass (wrapped for safety)
- ◆ Cigarette Butts (cold)
- ◆ Candy Bar Wrappers
- ◆ Chip Bags
- ◆ Dirty Aluminum Foil
- ◆ Soiled Plastic Wrap
- ◆ Floor Sweepings
- ◆ Gloves/Masks/Disposable Wipes
- ◆ Personal Hygiene Products
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Hot & Cold Drink Cups & Straws
- ◆ Incandescent Light Bulbs
- ◆ Netted Bags (ie. onion bags)
- ◆ Plastic Strapping off Boxes
- ◆ Plastic Utensils
- ◆ Toys, Dishes, Fabric & Shoes (Consider Reuse)



Construction & Demolition Debris & Special Waste including Hazardous Waste may require special handling. More details are on the back. If you are unsure, phone your waste collector for more information or give us a call us at 902-870-2817.

We Can Register Your Address To Gain Access To Waste Sorting Info Online & through the Eastern NS Waste Info App
Just give us a call at 902-870-2817 or email nicole@erswm.ca.

Recycling & Organics Separation - It's the Law!

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 who sort their waste so that it is sent to the proper facilities for processing.

Small changes can make a difference. Consider ways to reduce waste, through products purchased, reuse and proper sorting at your work place.

A fine can apply for failing to follow the provincial and municipal waste management program rules. Clear bags must be used for garbage. Ask questions to learn more.

All properties are required to provide their tenants, employees and customers access to containers to properly sort organics, recycling (paper & containers) and garbage. Containers must be properly labelled and accessible to all.

Tenants and employees are required to separate their waste in their unit or work area. The sorting guide is provided on the reverse side of this document to assist with a common list of items. If in doubt give us a call.

We're Here to Help!

Eastern Region Solid Waste Management offers FREE advice and other resources to businesses and commercial properties. Resources include: presentations and staff training on the proper separation of waste, waste audits, custom sorting guides, free signage for waste containers from Divert NS and much more.

For More Information:

Eastern Region Solid Waste Resource Management

Toll Free: 1-888-377-9622 * Office: 902-232-2563 * Mobile: 902-870-2817
Email - Education: nicole@erswm.ca or Compliance: compliance@erswm.ca



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Recycling—Blue Bag 1 & Blue Bag 2 & Refundables ¢

We are all responsible to sort our recycling right.



REMEMBER:

- Never mix paper & container recycling 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.
- Styrofoam™ excludes: packing peanuts & spray foam—these items are garbage.
- All covers and lids must be removed from plastic and glass containers.
- To get your refund, beverage containers must be returned to an

Other Provincial 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, telephones, radios, CD & VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, video game systems, microwaves, etc.
- More details at: www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns or call 1-877-462-8907.
- Cell phones — www.recyclemycell.ca or call 1-888-797-1740.
- Automotive Tires— return up to four tires (off the rim) at one time to a tire retailer or to the Beech Hill Waste Management Facility.
- Paint/Cans/Aerosols— dropped off for recycling at any ENVIRO-DEPOT™. The container must have the original label. For more details and locations visit: www.regeneration.ca or call 1-888-772-9772.
- Automotive Oil/Glycol & Containers— call 1-833-222-8662 for a list of local drop-off locations or visit uoma-atlantic.com
- Sharps— includes needles, lancets & injector sets. Pick up a FREE safe sharps container at your pharmacy and return when full

Hazardous Waste & Other Special Waste

Hazardous Waste Materials including any chemicals, fuel, aerosols, pressurized containers, etc., must be properly disposed of by consulting with a hazardous waste handling company. Check the YellowPages™ for local companies.

Ammunition & Flare disposal—contact your local RCMP office.

Grease Trap & Cooking Oil—refer to your YellowPages™

Medications—return to your local pharmacy (remove labels)

Construction & Demolition Debris

Includes all waste that was once part of a building frame (the structure itself and coverings). It should not contain household garbage, cardboard or recyclables. If self hauling to the waste facility the load must be tarped. Contractors for demolition and removal can be found in the YellowPages™.