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# PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

## Waste Sorting Guide

HOTLINE: 1-888-377-9622

*We Recycle - Please do your part!*



### BACKYARD COMPOSTING

PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR BACKYARD COMPOSTER  
Cover Food with Soiled Paper & Yard Waste

#### FOOD WASTE:

- Vegetables, Fruit & Peelings
- Bread & Baked Goods
- Pasta & Rice (No Sauce/Plain)
- Egg Shells (Rinsed)
- Nut Shells
- Coffee Filters & Grounds
- Tea Bags



#### SOILED PAPER:

- Paper Bags, Sugar & Flour Bags (if shredded or torn-up)
- Waxed Paper & Parchment Paper
- Napkins & Paper Towel

#### YARD WASTE:

- Leaves, Grass, Twigs
- Plants, Weeds (no seed heads)
- Sawdust, Shavings, Wood Chips

### 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 & Envelopes
- ◆ 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 & bag)
- ◆ Refundable Beverage Containers ☿
- ◆ Glass Bottles & Jars
- ◆ Metal Food Cans
- ◆ Clean Aluminum Foil & Plates
- ◆ Plastic Household Containers  
ie. dishsoap (cap off)
- ◆ Grocery & Bread Bags



### CARDBOARD:

Empty, Flatten & Bundle for 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
- ◆ Caps & Lids from Bottles
- ◆ Soiled Plastic Wrap
- ◆ Chip Bags
- ◆ Candy Bar Wrappers
- ◆ Dirty Aluminum Foil
- ◆ Netted Bags (ie. onion bags)
- ◆ Frozen Juice Cans (paper/metal mix)
- ◆ Paper Frozen Dinner Trays
- ◆ Broken Glass (wrapped for safety)
- ◆ Incandescent Light Bulbs
- ◆ Pens, Plastic folders
- ◆ Floor Sweepings
- ◆ Cigarette Butts & Cold Ashes
- ◆ Toilet Paper & Diapers
- ◆ Personal Hygiene Products
- ◆ Kitty Litter & Bags
- ◆ Cat & Dog Food Bags
- ◆ Toys, Dishes, Fabric & Shoes (Consider Reuse)
- ◆ All Small Household Appliances (ie. Toaster)
- ◆ Expanded Polystyrene ie. Styrofoam™
- ◆ Empty Aerosols & Paint Cans (lids off)
- ◆ Empty Oil Containers (caps on)
- ◆ Meat, Fish, Bones, Dairy Products
- ◆ Soiled Paper Boxes (ie. Pizza)
- ◆ Soiled Paper Bags (ie. Flour, Potato & Sugar)



### HAVE QUESTIONS

Collection: 1-800-261-0372

Sorting: www.erswm.ca

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 ways 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 prefer to use clear bags without the privacy bag.

### For More Information

**Municipal:** Municipality of the District of St Mary's — 902-522-2049

**Waste Sorting:** Eastern Region Solid Waste Management —1-888-377-9622

**Waste Collection:** Eastern Shore Cartage —1-800-261-0372



Eastern Region  
SOLID WASTE  
Management

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## Recycling—Blue Bag 1 & Blue Bag 2

We are all responsible to sort our recycling right.

### REMEMBER:

- Use a blue bag for Paper recycling and a second blue bag 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 and bundled for collection.
- Some plastic containers will not have the recycling symbol with the number inside. It is okay to put them in the bag for recycling if they are similar to another container with the symbol. Example, apple sauce and yogurt cups.
- All covers and lids must be removed from plastic and glass containers.
- The lid from opened metal cans should be carefully placed into the can. If the lid is still attached it should be carefully pushed down into the can.
- To get your refund, beverage containers must be returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™. Visit [divertns.ca](http://divertns.ca) for a location near you.



## Organics—Backyard Composting

Create a valuable soil conditioner by composting your food and yard waste. Use a small container such as a covered bucket or ice cream container to collect food waste in your home. Each day take the food waste to your backyard composter. Always cover the wet waste from your home with dry paper or yard waste. The pile will need to be turned once a week throughout the Summer and Fall. Then let sit for the Winter and Spring. It is also important to control moisture if using a bin. It should never be wetter than a wrung out sponge. For more information on what can be included and some basic composting tips visit, <http://www.erswm.ca/backyard-composting-basics/>

## 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](http://www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns) or call 1-877-462-8907.

Cell phones — [www.recyclemycell.ca](http://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/](http://www.regeneration.ca/programs/paint/nova-scotia/) or call 1-888-772-9772.

Mercury Containing Products—call 1-877-688-3065 or visit [mercuryns.ca](http://mercuryns.ca).

Automotive Oil—ask your retailer, a drop-off should be provided within 5km.