

RESIDENTIAL WASTE SEPARATION GUIDE

What Goes Where

GREEN CART

Organics



All food waste
- Meat, fish, poultry, bones, eggs;
- Vegetables, fruits;
- Dairy;
- Grain, pasta, rice;
- Nuts & nut shells;
- Condiments



Cooking oil, grease & lard



Coffee grounds, filters, tea leaves and tea bags



Paper plates & cups (uncoated)



Paper towels & napkins



Parchment paper



Leaf & yard waste

✗ NOT for Green Cart

- Pet waste and kitty litter
- Ashes
- Sodas
- Branches larger than 1 inch in diameter
- Hot/cold beverage cups

If using bin liners, bags must contain this logo



COMPOSTABLE

Biodegradable Products Institute | US COMPOSTING COUNCIL

BLUE BAG 1

Containers & Plastics



All plastic containers (caps on)



NEW Plastic tubes (deodorant, toothpaste, lip balm)



All redeemable beverage containers



All stretchy film plastic (incl. bags)



Milk & juice containers



Glass bottles and jars (metal lids removed but still accepted)



Aluminum foil and plates



NEW Paper containers (ice cream, hot and cold beverage cups, juice concentrate)



Tin/ aluminum food cans

- Ready-to-serve beverage containers (excluding milk) can be returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for a refund.
- All plastic containers and packaging must be clean and contain no residue.

BLUE BAG 2

Paper Products/ Fibre



Boxboard, including frozen pizza outer packaging



Shredded/ intact paper



Paper egg cartons and drink trays



Newsprint and flyers



Catalogues, phone books and magazines



Envelopes (with or without windows)



NEW Multi-layer paper packaging (pet food bags, muffin wrappers, paper plates)



NEW Gift wrap, tags and cards



NEW Gift bags (handles removed)

Corrugated Cardboard

- Includes appliance boxes and pizza boxes
- Must be flattened, bundled and tied larger than **2' x 3' x 8'**.
- Keep separate from paper and boxboard.

GARBAGE

Clear Bags



Feminine hygiene products & diapers



Pet waste, kitty litter & pet shavings



Ashes & fireworks (must be cold)



Dryer lint & used tissues



Bandages, gauze



Broken toys, crayons, pens, pencils & markers



Pots, pans, bakeware & ceramics



Books (soft and hard covered), photos & photo albums



Vacuum bags & filters



CDs, DVDs & VHS tapes (not cases)



Sharp pointy objects including broken glass (secured in box or container & labeled properly)

CALL TO HAUL

A year-round curbside pickup service for large, heavy or bulky waste items.

Eligible properties include:

- Single family dwellings & mobile homes.
- Multi-unit residential dwellings where every unit has street or road frontage.
- Multi-unit apartment buildings to a maximum of six units.

To check eligibility and schedule a pickup, **phone 311** or complete the form at cbrm.ns.ca/calltohaul

All materials must be placed out before **6 a.m.** on your scheduled pickup day.

SOLID WASTE HOTLINE

902-567-1337

Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM - 4 PM

Waste Management Facility (SPAR): Tue-Sat, 8 AM - 4 PM

Northside Public Drop-Off Site and Seasonal Leaf & Yard Drop-Off Sites:

Check opening dates at cbrm.ns.ca/solidwaste

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EVERY WEEK
1 cart per address

- Serial # faces the street
- Keep visible and accessible at roadside
- Don't block the road or sidewalk
- NO Garbage or Blue Bags inside

Damaged Green Cart?

Call the Solid Waste Hotline at **902-567-1337**, or complete the request form at cbrm.ns.ca/forms.

BLUE BAGS

EVERY 2 WEEKS
Unlimited bags

BAG 1: Containers & plastics

BAG 2: Paper & fibre

View the accepted blue bag material list on [Circular Materials](#).



Reminder: Bins must be painted blue or clearly marked in large print with **"BLUE BAGS"**.

GARBAGE

EVERY WEEK
Max. 5 bags

- 1 dark bag may replace 1 clear bag
- **12 kg (25 lb)** max. per bag
- Secure broken glass & sharp objects in a box or container before placing inside a garbage bag

Missed Collection?

Report it to **311** or [chat with 311 online](#).



NS RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Residents can recycle additional materials through provincial recycling programs and participating drop-off locations. Visit the links below for accepted materials and drop-off locations.

- Batteries: recycleyourbatteries.ca
- Beverage Refund Program: divertns.ca/beverage-container
- Electronics: recyclemyelectronics.ca/ns
- Lighting: productcare.org/products/lights/nova-scotia
- Oil and Glycol: uoma-atlantic.com/ns
- Paint & Empty Paint Containers: productcare.org/products/paint/nova-scotia/
- Safe Sharps: pans.ns.ca/pharmacy-services
- Used Tires: divertns.ca/used-passenger-tires
- ENVIRO-DEPOT™ location list: divertns.ca/find-depot

RESIDENTIAL TIPPING FEE

Residential customers are charged a fee when using the Waste Management Facility:

- Under 100 kg: **\$5.00**
- Over 100 kg: **\$8.00** per 100 kg

No charge: Leaf and yard waste and metal.

For information about impacted soil or asbestos, call the Solid Waste Hotline at **902-567-1337**.

COLLECTION REMINDER

Put materials out by:

6 a.m. - Daytime collection

12 a.m. - Overnight collection

Residents are responsible for removing tagged/ uncollected material from the curb.

Use proper disposal programs for:

- Batteries - Drop off at participating locations
- Loose needles or safe sharps - Return to participating pharmacies

Download the CBRM Solid Waste App

Get collection reminders, notifications and sorting tips right on your phone.

App Store



Google Play



RECYCLE MORE WITH CIRCULAR MATERIALS

More materials can be recycled at select drop-off locations across Nova Scotia. Find a participating drop-off location at circularmaterials.ca/NSdepots

New materials include:

- Non-hazardous aerosol containers (hairspray, air freshener, shaving cream, deodorant)
- Flexible Plastics (coffee pouches, chip bags, cereal liner bags, deli meat packaging, plastic wrap)
- Foam Packaging (meat trays, take out trays, foam packaging, product packaging, plates, bowls and cups)

Drop-off requirements:

- Keep these materials separate from refundable beverage containers.
- Sort by material type. Unsorted materials may not be accepted.
- Use clear or transparent blue bags.
- Materials must be clean and dry.
- Aerosol containers must be empty.