



Eastern Region  
**SOLID WASTE**  
Management

## PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

### Waste Sorting Guide

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## Waste Sorting Guide for Tenants



### 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 BLUE BAGS

**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 (bundle for curbside collection)

#### ☿ 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)
- ◆ Hard Cover from Books
- ◆ Plastic Utensils
- ◆ Toys, Dishes, Fabric & Shoes (Consider Reuse)



If you are not sure where an item goes,  
ask your landlord or building manager.

Those with residential curbside collection  
are encouraged to download the  
**Eastern NS Waste Info App**  
on the Google Play or App Store

For more information: [info@erswm.ca](mailto:info@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 reduce their waste and sort items for disposal so that they are sent to the proper facility for processing.

Even small changes that reduce waste and following the sorting guide so that waste items are properly sorted can make a big difference. As consumers we are each responsible to do our part.

**A fine can apply for failing to follow the NS Solid Waste-Resource Regulation and municipal waste management bylaw.**

### Examples of Landlord & Tenant Responsibilities

Tenants are required to properly sort their waste to dispose in the storage bin (location identified by the landlord) for collection. The sorting guide on the reverse side of this document is a common list of items. It's also important for tenants to know that clear bags (no colour) must be used for garbage and blue bags for recycling. Organics can be placed in a paper bag or box or wrapped in a sheet of newsprint before placing in the green card for collection.

Unless other arrangements have been agreed to through a lease; the landlord must ensure that storage bins /locations are provided giving tenants the opportunity to keep their waste items properly sorted into waste streams (organics, recycling and garbage) for collection.

### We're Here to Help!

Eastern Region Solid Waste Management staff are available to help with your waste-resource management questions. We also provide free signage for waste containers from Divert NS, additional sorting guides, advice and 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: [info@erswm.ca](mailto:info@erswm.ca) or Compliance: [compliance@erswm.ca](mailto: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 and containers for recycling in the same bag.
- All containers and plastic bags must be clean for recycling.
- Paper must be clean and dry.
- 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 ENVIRO-DEPOT™. Visit [divertns.ca](http://divertns.ca) to find a location nearest to you.



### Other Provincial Waste Management Programs:



**Enviro Depot™**— NS Bottle Deposit Program, Paint Program and more.

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:

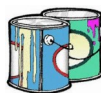
[www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns](http://www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns) or call 1-877-462-8907.



**Cell phones** — [www.recyclemycell.ca](http://www.recyclemycell.ca) or call 1-888-797-1740. Or drop-off at an EPRA NS location



**Automotive Tires**— return up to four tires (off the rim) at one time to a tire retailer or more to the Beech Hill Waste Management Facility



**Paint/Cans/Aerosols**— drop off for recycling at an Enviro Depot™ or the Beech Hill Waste Management Facility. The container must have the original label. For more details and locations visit: [ww.regeneration.ca](http://ww.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](http://uoma-atlantic.com)

### Hazardous Waste & Other Special Waste

**Hazardous Waste Materials** including any chemicals, fuel, aerosols, pressurized containers, etc., must be properly disposed of at an approved facility. Those with residential quantities are directed to Guysborough Waste Management Facility 151 Waste Management Rd Mon-Fri 7:30am to 4:30pm Sat 8am to noon (closed on Holidays)

**Medications**—return to your local pharmacy (remove labels)

**Sharps**—include needles, lancets, injector sets, etc. Ask to pick up a FREE safe sharps containers from your pharmacy to return when full