

How To Prepare It

Materials must be curbside by 7:00 am to ensure collection.

Organics Green Cart

Green Cart Program: Households eligible for municipal curbside collection receive a green cart and mini-bin.

Weight Limit: 100 kg (220 lb).

Special Notes:

Cooking oil and fat – Cool, wipe with paper towel, place in green cart.

Storing the cart – Store cart outside in a ventilated area.

Cart Identification – Please record your cart serial number. The cart and mini-bin remain at the property if you move.

Warranty – The cart warranty covers manufacturer's defects – not fire, loss or cart misuse. For repair, call 311.

Leaf and Yard Materials: Grass clippings should remain on your lawn. If you have leaves you cannot use as mulch, place in the green cart. Excess leaves can be placed alongside the cart in colourless clear, orange plastic or heavy paper bags ONLY. There is a 20 bag limit for curbside collection of leaf and yard waste, with a maximum weight of 25 kg (55 lb) per bag.

Branches should be tied in armload-sized bundles – *maximum 5 bundles*. Each bundle not exceeding *34 kg (75 lb)* and no individual piece in the bundle more than 1.2 m long (4 ft) or larger than 0.2 m (8 inches) in diameter. Place beside Green Cart.

Natural Christmas trees (free of plastic, ornaments, metal, stands and tree bags) are collected on your green cart collection day. Place beside your green cart.

Recyclables

Blue Bag Program: Clear or see-through blue bags are required to be used for recyclables. Containers and plastic bags are recyclable in your blue bag.

Plastic Bags: Please stuff all plastic grocery and retail bags into one grocery bag. (Remember to remove paper receipts first). Tie at the top and place in blue bag.

Paper Products: Keep paper separate and dry. Newspaper and other recyclable paper products must be gathered in a *separate grocery bag* and placed alongside the blue bag.

Corrugated Cardboard: Bundle cardboard; flatten and bundle (tied) in armload sizes (approximately **0.6 m x 0.9 m x 0.2 m - 2 ft x 3 ft x 8 in**). Keep dry.

Placement: Keep recyclables separate from garbage or green cart.

Special Notes: Please note that collection of recyclables occurs weekly in urban/suburban areas and every 2 weeks in rural areas.

Garbage

Proper Container: Garbage is to be securely bagged or placed in a secured metal or plastic container. *Scattered garbage due to bags broken by animals, is the responsibility of the householder.*

Bag/Container Limits: Household dwellings with 1 residential unit are permitted up to a total of **6 bags** or containers and 1 bulky item. Homeowners can substitute a bundle of renovation waste for a bag or container. Maximum of 5 bundles.

Buildings with multiple residential units on one property (from 2 to 6 units) are permitted up to **5 bags** or containers per unit. The building is allowed a total of 2 bulky items. Renovation material is not accepted curbside at multi-unit buildings. This category includes homes with basement or upper floor apartments.

Excess Garbage and Renovation Waste: Call 311 for disposal facility location(s), fees and hours.

Weight Limits: Bags (standard size) must not exceed *25 kg (55 lb)*. Full containers must not exceed *34 kg (75 lb)*. Renovation bundles must not exceed *34 kg (75 lb)* and be no more than *1.2 m (4 ft)* in length.

Special Notes: *Tires* (auto, motorcycle, etc) are not accepted at curbside. Contact the RRFB at 1-877-313-RRFB (7732) for information on proper recycling.

Auto Parts are not accepted at curbside. Contact an auto or metal recycler.

Free mandatory CFC removal for all residential fridges, freezers and dehumidifiers prior to curbside collection, call 311 to arrange.

HSW Household Special Waste

Drop-off Depot Schedule: Operates selected Saturdays (9:00 am to 4:00 pm). Please check schedule first by calling 311.

Who is Eligible: Residents of HRM only. No business waste permitted.

Location: Behind the recycling plant at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Bayers Lake Business Park, Halifax.

Paint: If you have empty paint cans or small amounts of paint, air dry or mix with sand or "kitty litter", then place with regular garbage. Do not bring empty paint cans to the HSW depot.

Leftover latex, oil and solvent-based paints including aerosol paint can be returned to any ENVIRO-DEPOT™ in HRM free of charge. Contact ProductCare.org/NS or call 1-877-313-7732.

HSW materials are not collected curbside.

Used Motor Oil: Contact your oil retailer for a used oil drop-off site near you.

For more information about HSW materials, see our web page: halifax.ca/recycle



See other side for additional information.

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Organics Green Cart

Collected every 2 weeks (even if not full)

Place the following items in your organics green cart:

All Food Waste: Fruit and vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, dairy products, cooking oil and fat (cool, wipe with paper towel, place in green cart), bread, rice, pasta, bones, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, eggshells.

Use boxboard or one sheet of paper to wrap wet food waste.

Yard Waste: Excess leaves, brush and plants.

Boxboard and Soiled Paper: Cereal boxes (remove liner), shoe, cracker and cookie boxes, paper towel rolls, soiled paper, food napkins, kitchen paper towels and tissue boxes (remove plastic).

Other: Sawdust and wood shavings.

Not for the Green Cart:

- No ashes
- No waxed/film packaging (e.g. microwave dinner)
- No corrugated cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes)
- No plastic bags (including 'biodegradable')
- No cans, bottles or glass
- No decorations or wire wreaths
- No newspapers, magazines or shredded paper
- No paper, coffee or styrofoam cups
- No milk containers
- No rocks, logs or tree trunks
- No soil/sods
- No pet or animal waste

Blue Bag Recycling Paper Recycling

Urban/Suburban: Collected every week
Rural: Collected every 2 weeks



Blue Bag Recyclables:

Put in clear or see-through blue bag:

- All deposit bearing containers*
- All plastic containers - No styrofoam
- Glass bottles and jars*
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Clean aluminum foil and plates
- All milk containers*
- Mini Sips and Tetra Juice Paks
- Plastic bags including: grocery, retail, bread, dry cleaning and frozen food bags, bubble wrap. Remember to empty and remove all receipts. Please stuff all bags inside a grocery bag, tie and place in blue bag.

*Place all caps in garbage

Paper Recyclables:

Place in a grocery bag, retail or clear bag:

Dry and clean paper, newspapers, flyers, glossy magazines, catalogues, envelopes, paper egg cartons, paperbacks, phonebooks and shredded paper.

Corrugated Cardboard:

(e.g. appliance boxes, pizza boxes)

Fold boxes flat. Tie in bundles approximately 0.6 m x 0.9 m x 0.2 m (2 ft x 3 ft x 8 inches).

Paper and corrugated cardboard is placed next to blue bag recycling.

Garbage

Collected every 2 weeks

Place for collection in a secured garbage bag or container



- Aerosol cans, empty
- Aluminum foil, soiled
- Ashes (cold)
- Broken glass (wrapped)
- Bulky items: furniture, stoves, etc.
- Carbon paper
- Ceramics
- Coffee cups, disposable
- Diapers, disposable
- Dishes
- Floor sweepings
- Frozen juice cans
- Latex gloves
- Motor oil containers (empty)
- Packaging, non-recyclable
- Paint cans, empty or dry
- Pet/animal waste
- Plastic wrap, soiled
- Potato chip bags
- Styrofoam
- Tissue
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toys, broken
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Wallpaper

Certain electronics are not accepted for curbside collection. TVs, computers, monitors, printers, telephones, fax machines, cell phones and audio/video playback systems must be taken to a drop-off site for recycling. For more information www.recycleMYelectronics.ca.

HSW - Household Special Waste

HSW Depot Drop-Off open selected Saturdays, (call 311 for schedule) 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Bayer's Lake Business Park.



Take these items to the HSW Depot:

- Batteries of all types
- Leftover corrosive cleaners
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Gasoline
- Fuel oil
- Solvents and thinners
- Pharmaceuticals and drugs
- Aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- Leftover liquid paint* (see below)
- BBQ propane tanks
- Small propane cylinders (e.g. camp fuel)
- Motor oil (or contact your oil retailer for a used oil drop-off site near you)

Special Notes: HSW materials are not collected at the curbside.

*Left over liquid paint should be returned to the ENVIRO-DEPOT™ in your neighbourhood. Contact ProductCare.org/NS or call 1-877-313-7732.

Householders disposing of needles can pick up a sharps container and return it to their local pharmacy or contact the Canadian Diabetes Association.



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