



Colchester

Solid Waste



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ZERO TOLERANCE



Abusive language or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated.

Anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff will be asked to leave the premises.

Important Facility Reminders!

- All garbage taken by residents to the Balefill Facility, whether residential or commercial, **MUST BE** in clear bags or you will be asked to re-bag into clear bags.
- Ensure that all loads brought to the site are contained using straps, nets, or a secured tarp to prevent unintentional littering. Unsecured loads have a \$20 load surcharge in addition to the applicable tipping fees.
- Cash, personal cheques or interac are accepted as payment. Credit cards are NOT accepted.
- 188 Mingo Road, Exit 18 HWY 104 - Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday 8:00am - 12noon

Be centred here.

Colchester Compost & Balefill Facility



New and Improved Oil Recycling Drop-Off Area!

Accepted Products



Oils



Oil Filters



Automotive Aerosol Cans



Antifreeze (Glycols)



Plastic oil containers



NOW ACCEPTING Electronics!

Drop Off Tips

- Items need to be dropped off loose
- Items must NOT be mixed in garbage bags.

Accepted Products

- Display Devices, Video Game Devices, Electronic Readers
- Phones, Smart Phone Devices, Portable and Vehicle GPS
- Desktop and Portable Computers, Scanners & Printers
- External Storage Drives, Modems and Computer Accessories
- Personal Care, Garment Care Appliances, Clocks and Weight Scales
- Air-Treatment Appliances and Floor/Carpet Care Appliances (excludes air conditioners)
- Vehicle Audio, Home Audio and Portable Audio
- Small Household Appliances and Microwave Ovens (excludes built-in or over-the-range microwaves)

Construction and Demolition Fees

- Asphalt Shingles \$35 per metric tonne
- Scrap Metal \$35 per metric tonne
- Clean Unpainted Drywall \$35 per metric tonne
- Clean Untreated Wood \$35 per metric tonne
- Concrete and Bricks \$35 per metric tonne (Including asphalt, clean fill, rocks etc.)
- Treated Wood \$113 per metric tonne

- Mixed loads of only construction material would go the public drop off bin \$75 per metric tonne
 - Mixed loads of construction and garbage would go to the tipping floor to be sorted \$113 per metric tonne
- www.colchester.ca/colchester-waste-management-park#tipping



Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday – 8am to 4pm, Saturdays – 8am to 12noon

RECYCLABLES

EPR for Paper and Packaging in Colchester

CONTAINER RECYCLING

PAPER RECYCLING

What's New for Colchester County, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a regulatory approach that makes producers responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, especially for take-back, recycling, and final disposal. EPR came into effect across Nova Scotia on December 1, 2025.

The main idea of the EPR program is instead of Government and taxpayers bearing the full cost of waste management, producers such as manufacturers, importers, or brand owners are made responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, especially after the consumer has used them.

Colchester Solid Waste has enrolled into the EPR program, allowing the Municipality to continue managing residential recycling collection. This shift is expected to generate operational cost savings while aligning with broader environmental goals to divert more materials from landfill and reduce waste at the source.

On December 1, 2025, Colchester County, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke partnered with Circular Materials to collect, manage and process recycling material collected by the Municipality or its contracted service providers. This change will bring consistency to what can be recycled throughout Nova Scotian municipalities – provincial sorting list.

New: On of December 1, 2025, new materials that can be recycled curbside are as follows:

Containers Recycling

- Multi-layer containers (ice cream, frozen juice, cups and bowls, coffee cups);
- Plastic tubes (toothpaste, deodorant, hand cream);
- Plastic packaging (candy dispensers, bottles/pumps, pails, garden pots, seedling trays);
- Wire hangers

Paper Recycling

- Laminated paper and gift bags
- Gift wrapping paper
- Coated paper plate (Clean)
- Pizza Box (Clean and empty)

As of December 1, 2025, a few items are longer accepted in the curbside recycling program, these are as follows:

No longer accepted for curbside recycling:

- Books (can be donated including at community library boxes or shared. Otherwise, will be included in the garbage stream)
- Pots and pans (may be donated or are considered scrap metal. Otherwise, will be included in the garbage stream)

There are materials that can be recycled at designated depots.

(See Depot section of the sorting guide)

What is Not Changing for Colchester County, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke

- Residents will continue to sort their recyclables into blue or clear bags and place them at the curb for municipal collection on their regular collection day.
- The Municipality will continue to oversee the collection of recyclables through existing service contracts.
- Residents will continue to contact the Colchester Solid Waste Helpline 902-895-4777, use the Colchester Waste Management App or visit colchester.ca/EPRcolchester for recycling questions and service concerns.
- Businesses may continue to bring recyclables to the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility in Kemptown.

Recycling

Container Bag

Plastic containers & bags
(Empty, lids & caps on)

- ✓ -All plastic containers #1 to #7
- ✓ -All plastic bags
- ✓ -Deodorant, toothpaste & hand cream tubes
- ✓ -Milk, juice cartons & juice boxes



Metals

(Empty, clean, dry, lids & caps on)

- ✓ -Metal (Food cans etc)
- ✓ -Aluminum (Foil, trays, cat food cans, beverage containers)



Glass

(Empty, clean, dry, lids & caps off)

- ✓ -Glass bottles & jars



Laminated container packaging

(Empty, dry, lids & caps off)

- ✓ -Hot & cold beverage cups
- ✓ -Ice cream container, spiral cans & cookie dough package



Paper/Fibre Bag

Cardboard/boxboard

- ✓ -Pizza boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes
- ✓ -Cereal boxes, tissue boxes & paper cores



Paper

- ✓ -Gift wrapping paper & bag
- ✓ -Newsprint, magazines & envelope



Laminated paper packaging

- ✓ -Popcorn bags
- ✓ -Lined paper bags
- ✓ -Coated paper plates



Cardboard flatten 60cm x 60cm (2ft x 2ft), empty

✗ Do not include soft or hard covered books/novels

Depot-Drop Off

Aerosol container

(non hazardous, empty, lids & caps on)

- ✓ -Hairsprays, air fresheners, food spray



Flexible plastics

- ✓ -Candy wrapper, chip & snack bags
- ✓ -Cereal bag liner, bubble wrap



Styrofoam/Foam Packaging

- ✓ -Styrofoam, styrofoam packaging & meat trays



(Empty, remove film wrap & absorbent pads from meat trays)

Subway Bottle Exchange

25 Pictou Road
Bible Hill
902-893-8312

Tatamagouche Recycling

102 Main St.
Tatamagouche
902-657-9201

John Ross & Sons

85 Glassey Ave.
Truro
902-893-9429

TNT Recycling

20711 HWY #2
Shubenacadie East
902-758-2708

- Separate materials from your refundables
- Separate materials (all styrofoam in one bag, all aerosol in one bag and so on)

Compost & Garbage

Compost Cart

All food waste

- ✓ -All food, meat, fish & bones
- ✓ -Vegetables & fruits
- ✓ -Cooking oil & bacon grease (allow to cool)



Used/Wet Paper

- ✓ -Coffee grinds, filters & tea bags
- ✓ -Used napkins & paper towels
- ✓ -Paper plates (uncoated)



Yard Waste

- ✓ -Grass
- ✓ -Leaves & twigs
- ✓ -Pet waste & kitty litter



**✗ No poop bags,
No biodegradable bags,
No compostable bags**

Garbage Bag

- ✓ -Dog poop bags
- ✓ -Cigarette butts
- ✓ -Broken glass (safely packaged)
- ✓ -Plastic straws & cutlery
- ✓ -Wipes (flushable, sanitizing & baby wipes)
- ✓ -Pots & pans
- ✓ -Diapers, gloves, masks & medical tests
- ✓ -Personal & feminine hygiene product



All garbage taken to the Balefill Facility by residents must be in clear bags.

Other Programs

- ### Electronics Recycling
- Subway Bottle Exchange
 - TNT Recycling
 - Tatamagouche Recycling
 - Colchester Balefill

- ### Used Oil Recycling
- Local Garages
 - Colchester Balefill
 - Clean Harbors, Debert

- ### Lightbulbs Recycling
- Subway Bottle Exchange
 - TNT Recycling
 - Clean Harbors, Debert

- ### Paint Recycling
- Subway Bottle Exchange
 - TNT Recycling
 - Tatamagouche Recycling
 - John Ross & Sons

- ### Sharps/Needles
- Your Local Pharmacy

For more information on Recycling Programs visit www.colchester.ca/provincial-recycling



Helpline 902- 895- 4777



Helpline@colchester.ca

Questions or Concerns



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SAVE THE DATES!

Solid Waste Dates & Events

2026/2027

March 2026

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MON

Early Bird Registration OPENS: Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up

Register at: <https://www.colchester.ca/colchester-clean>

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MON

Early Bird Registration CLOSED: Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up

April 2026

22

WED

Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up STARTS

Clean up ENDS on May 2, 2026

May 2026

02

SAT

Spring Compost Giveaway

188 Mingo Road, Kemptown

Mon - Fri 8:00am to 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am to 11:30am

02

SAT

Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up ENDS

Submit your Data Card: <https://www.colchester.ca/colchester-clean>

04 - 09

MON - SAT

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SAT

Community Paper Shredding Event

Time: 9:00am - 12noon, Rath Eastlink Community Centre, 625 Abenaki Road, Truro

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SAT

Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, Economy Fire Hall, 3340 NS - 2, Economy

June 2026

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SAT

Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, North Shore Recreational Centre, 30 Blair Avenue, Tatamagouche

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SAT

Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, Stewiacke Fire Hall, 111 NS - 2, Stewiacke

Community Paper Shredding Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, Stewiacke Fire Hall, 111 NS - 2, Stewiacke

October 2026

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SAT

Fall Compost Giveaway

188 Mingo Road, Kempton

Mon - Fri 8:00am - 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

19 - 24
MON - SAT

Fall Compost Giveaway

188 Mingo Road, Kempton

Mon - Fri 8:00am - 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

Compost is available for bulk sale from our facility year round while supplies last! The cost is \$3.00 per bag and \$35.00 per metric tonne. You are allowed to come out with your truck and trailer to purchase bulk compost.



Residential Leaf Collection



MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER RESIDENTS

Residents can place up to three (3) bags of leaves on their garbage collection day as long as the leaves are in PAPER leaf and yard waste bags. Reminder: Leaves can also be placed in your green cart for collection.



TOWN OF STEWIACKE RESIDENTS

This leaf program in the Town of Stewiacke starts on October 23, 2026 and ends on November 20, 2026. Residents can place up to six (6) bags of leaves on their garbage collection day as long as the leaves are in PAPER leaf and yard waste bags. Reminder: Leaves can also be placed in your green cart for collection.

For more information on Leaf Collection in the Town of Stewiacke call 902-639-2231.



TOWN OF TRURO RESIDENTS

Residents can place up to three (3) bags of leaves on their garbage collection day as long as the leaves are in PAPER leaf and yard waste bags. Reminder: Leaves can also be placed in your green cart for collection.

For more information on Leaf Collection in the Town of Truro call 902-893-6078 or visit <https://www.truro.ca/solid-waste-collection.html>

SAVE THE DATES!

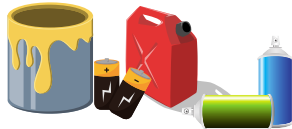
Solid Waste Dates & Events

2026/2027

Household Hazardous Waste

Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Clean Harbors
640 MacElmon Rd
Debert, NS, B0M 1G0



February - 7th
March - 7th
April - 11th
May - 2nd
June - 6th

July - 4th
August - 8th
September - 12th
October - 3th
November - 7th

This is a FREE service for residents of the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke and the Municipality of Colchester.

For information on acceptable materials visit
<https://www.colchester.ca/special-events#hazardous>

No commercial material.

Holiday Tree Collection



Colchester County Residents

Holiday tree collection will begin on January 12 and end on January 22, 2027. Please place your tree curbside by 7:00 a.m on your regular collection day, starting January 12, 2027, to ensure it is collected.

Towns of Truro & Stewiacke Residents

Town of Truro - January 5-8, 2027
Town of Stewiacke - January 8, 2027

All trees must be visible (unburied), free of lights, ornaments and stands. Trees must be debagged and NOT frozen to the ground to ensure collection.

Stay Up To Date With Us!

With our online service, you can print a calendar specific to your own address, sync with your own electronic calendar, & receive weekly reminds about collection by phone, email or twitter at

www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling

This service gives you all the sorting and collection information at your fingertips. Once you sign up, we can notify you when collection is interrupted.

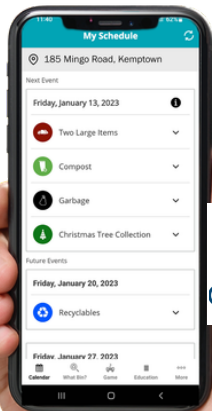
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