



2018 Waste Reduction Guide

Helpline 902-895-4777 www.colchester.ca

Paper recyclables must be placed in separate blue bags from container recyclables. Food and yard waste should be placed in your green cart for collection.

Material MUST be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day, as collection times can vary.

All garbage taken to the Balefill Facility MUST be in clear bags.

BANNED FROM LANDFILL DISPOSAL

Recyclable Paper & Textiles

(Blue Bag #1)



newsprint
envelopes
magazines
boxboard
shredded paper
flyers
catalogues
phone books
paper egg cartons
office paper
file folders
loose-leaf
paper towel cores
paperback novels
cardboard bundle
(max 3ft x 2ft x 1ft)
Textiles (DRY clothing,
footwear, bedding, etc.)

**MUST BE CLEAN
AND DRY**

Recyclable Containers

(Blue Bag #2)



aluminum cans
aluminum pie plates
glass bottles & jars
juice cartons & boxes
liquor containers
milk cartons
tin cans
grocery & bread bags
pop bottles
plastic containers
#1 through #7
Styrofoam™



**NO NEEDLES OR
BOTTLE CAPS**

Green Cart Organics



vegetables & fruit
meat, fish & bones
bread & pasta
egg & nut shells
coffee grinds & filters
tea bags
sugar & flour bags
tissues
paper plates
waxed paper
grass & leaves
sawdust
woodchips
pet waste
kitty litter
paper towel

**NO PLASTIC OR
BIODEGRADABLE
PLASTIC BAGS**

MAXIMUM 6 BAGS
(1 Privacy Bag +
Up to 5 Clear Bags)

Regular Garbage



bottle caps
broken glass (safely
packaged)
dirty aluminum foil &
plastic wrap
K-cups
chip & cookie bags
candy wrappers
gift wrapping paper
coffee cups
lightbulbs
diapers
dishes
cereal box liners

**ALL GARBAGE
TAKEN TO THE
BALEFILL FACILITY
MUST BE IN CLEAR
BAGS**

Biodegradable & Compostable Plastic Bags

Biodegradable, compostable and oxo-degradable plastic bags are **NOT** accepted in the green cart program. These bags cause operational issues at the composting facility when placed in the green cart. Carts containing **any** type of plastic will **NOT** be collected at the curb.

Try lining your mini bin with newspaper, flyers, cereal boxes or paper bags as an alternative.
(Note: Plastic cereal box liners should not be used.)

If you choose to line your mini bin with any type of plastic bag, the contents must be emptied into your large green cart and the empty bag placed in the garbage to ensure collection.

Please Note...

Green carts are meant for **organic material only**. Any green carts that are used to store garbage bags for curbside pick up **will not** be collected. Please ensure garbage bags are stored outside your green cart on your collection day.

We can ALL do our part to REDUCE plastic!

Nova Scotians use 300 to 500 million single use plastic shopping bags every year.

At the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility, each working day, we sort and process 3.25 bales of plastic film. This equals 4,940 pounds or 2.24 metric tonnes.

This equals 407,255 plastic bags EVERY day!



The best solution is to CONSUME less.

Use reusable bags and rethink all disposable products.

Refuse a bag when one is not necessary.

Thank you for reducing the use of plastic!



Join Us!

Municipality of Colchester Waste Management Facilities' FREE Open House Event

Saturday September 29th 10am - 2pm

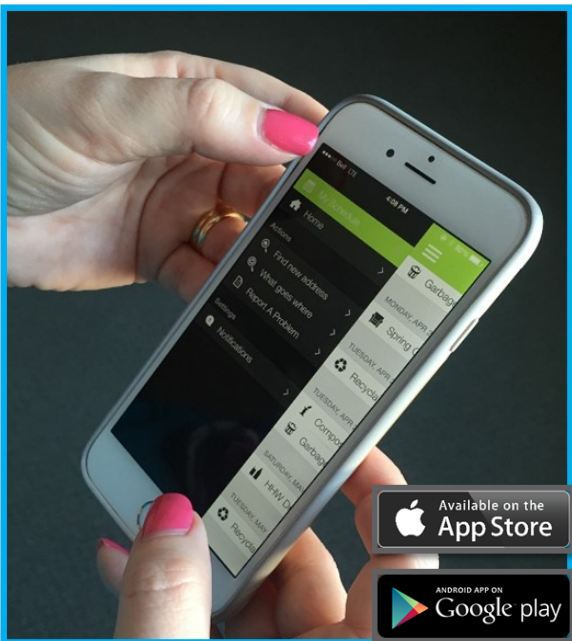
185 Mingo Road, Kemptown, NS

Enjoy a FREE Day Packed with Fun for the Entire Family!

- BBQ & Cake
- Guided Facility Tours - Balefill, Compost & Recycling ♿
- Touch-a-Truck - Bring your Camera!
- Door Prizes
- And much, much more!

Stay up to Date with Us!

All of our residents have a choice in how they would like to receive their collection calendar!



With our online service, you can print a calendar specific to your own home address, sync with your own electronic calendar, and receive weekly reminders 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 also get in touch with you if collection is postponed due to a storm.

Smart phone or tablet user?

Get the free Colchester Waste App on the App Store or Google Play.

No computer? No printer? No problem!

Call us at 902-895-4777.

We will be happy to mail you a customized printed copy and set this service up for you.

2018 Spring and Fall Clean Up

ALL MATERIAL MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00AM ON THE MONDAY OF YOUR SPECIAL COLLECTION WEEK

Clean up items are only permitted to be placed curbside the weekend prior to your collection week. Unacceptable material must be promptly removed from the curb after all of the trucks have collected from your road. The maximum weight of individual items cannot exceed 50lbs or one cubic meter in size, with the exception of furniture and appliances. The total amount to be set out should not exceed 650lbs (try to picture the amount that could fit into the back of a half-tonne truck). **Smaller items must be placed in clear bags or boxed for collection.** More than one truck will pass by your house collecting various materials, so please be patient as this collection takes place.



What's In

- Bagged Garbage (**CLEAR BAGS ONLY**)
 - Appliances (one of each type)
 - Box Springs and Mattresses
 - Lawn Furniture
 - Tools
 - Broken Glass (safely packaged)
 - Furniture
 - Hot Water Tanks
 - Toys
- **Small amount** of home improvement material (ie: carpet cut at three foot lengths, a sink, a toilet, a door)



What's Out

- Garbage in Non Transparent or Blue Bags
- Construction, Renovation, Demolition Waste
- Commercial Waste*
- Electronics –TV's, Computers, Printers, Stereos, DVD players, VCR's, etc.
- Car Parts and Batteries
- Liquids
- Tires
- Hazardous Waste, Propane Tanks, Paint
- Leaf & Yard Waste & Christmas Trees
- Recyclables and Organics

NOTE: *Commercial waste includes farms, businesses and institutions.

2018 Spring Clean Up Schedule

Town of Truro - April 23rd to 27th

Zone 5 & 6 - April 30th to May 4th

Zone 7 - May 14th to 18th

Town of Stewiacke - May 18th

Zone 8 - May 22nd to 25th

Zone 1 & 2 - May 28th to June 1st

Zone 3 & 4 - June 4th to 8th

2018 Fall Clean Up Schedule

Town of Truro - September 24th to 28th

Town of Stewiacke - September 21st

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Residents of the Municipality of Colchester in Zones 1-8 no longer have Fall Clean Up.

Starting the week of June 11th 2018, within Colchester County ONLY, each household can place one large item curbside on their regular collection day for pick up.

As an enhanced service, Residents will be able to place one large item curbside every collection day until December 14th, 2018.



Colchester County Enviro-Depots

Return beverage containers to your local ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for a refund. Please ensure that caps are removed.

Enviro-Depots also accept leftover household paint (tightly sealed in its original container with the lid and labels left on).

NOTE: Milk cartons are NOT accepted at Enviro-Depots. These should be placed in your blue bag with container recyclables and placed curbside for collection.

**Subway Bottle
Exchange**
25 Pictou Road
Bible Hill
902-893-8312

TNT Recycling
20711 Hwy #2
Shubenacadie
East
902-758-2708

**Tatamagouche
Recycling**
102 Main Street
Tatamagouche
902-657-9201

**John Ross
& Sons**
7 Cummane Street
Truro
902-893-9429

Cell Phone Recycling

RecycleMyCell is a national industry initiative led by the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) along with its members (wireless manufacturers and service providers).

Local wireless service retailers offer drop-off locations within Colchester County to recycle your device – cell phones, smartphones, batteries, pagers, headsets and chargers, regardless of brand or condition. If you can't get to one of the locations, you can send your device through the mail, free of charge.

To print off a free mailing label, or for further information on this initiative, visit www.recyclemycell.ca or call 1-888-797-1740.

Electronics Recycling

Through the Nova Scotia Electronic Products Recycling Association, residents of Nova Scotia are able to recycle old electronic devices that are no longer wanted or no longer able to be used.

Many electronics are now banned from landfill disposal and should not be placed in the garbage or set out for spring and fall clean ups.

In Colchester County, you can drop these items off **FREE OF CHARGE** at:

**Subway Bottle
Exchange**
25 Pictou Road
Bible Hill
902-893-8312

**Tatamagouche
Recycling**
102 Main Street
Tatamagouche
902-657-9201

TNT Recycling
20711 Hwy #2
Shubenacadie
East
902-758-2708

For more information on this program or for a complete list of acceptable items, please call EPRA Nova Scotia toll-free at 1-888-567-4535, email info@recycleMYelectronics.ca or visit the website at www.recyclemyelectronics.ca

Where do they go?

For more information on these or any other items,
please call our Helpline at 902-895-4777 or check out our Waste Wizard at
www.colchester.ca/sorting-guide

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| Batteries | Batteries can be brought to one of 24 local drop-off locations or to the HHW events for disposal (see last page for HHW info). |
| Car Batteries | Most Enviro-Depots accept car batteries for recycling. They can also be brought to the HHW drop-off depot (see last page for HHW info). |
| CFL's | Curly fluorescent light bulbs can be brought to the HHW drop-off depot for disposal (see last page for HHW info). |
| Clothing/Footwear/Other Textiles | Place in your recycling bag along with your clean and dry paper products. Please ensure they are also clean, dry and odour free! |
| Diapers | Place in a clear bag with your regular garbage. |
| Kitty Litter | Should be placed in your green cart. Please remember, no plastic bags allowed! |
| Medication | Return unused or unwanted medications to your local pharmacy for proper disposal. |
| Needles/Lancets | Sharps should be placed in an approved Safe Sharps container. Pick one up free of charge at your local pharmacy. For more information on this program phone Divert NS at 1-877-313-7732. |
| Paint | Enviro-Depots accept household paint for recycling. Ensure the paint is in its original container with the lid securely fastened. Paint can also be brought to the HHW drop-off depot (see last page for HHW info). |
| Printer toners/cartridges | Follow the manufacturer's suggestions on how to recycle these items. |
| Propane Tanks | Return used propane tanks to any propane retailer. They can also be brought to the HHW drop-off depot (see last page for HHW info). |
| Tires | Return up to four tires at a time to any tire retailer. Ensure that rims are removed. |
| Used Oil | Oil retailers are required to accept used oil for recycling or provide a collection location within 5km of their business. Used oil can also be brought to the HHW drop-off depot (see last page for HHW info). |



GETTING RID OF LEAVES?

Residents are asked to place leaves in their green cart, backyard composter or they can be brought to the Balefill Facility in Kemptown. There is no fee charged for this provided the resident removes the leaves from plastic bags when they arrive on site. (Paper bags do not need to be emptied.)

NOTICE - TOWN OF TRURO RESIDENTS

The Public Works Department within the Town of Truro picks up bagged leaves from residents each fall. Residents are asked to phone the Town Hall at 902-895-4243 to inquire about this program.



Caution! Winter Driving Ahead!

Winter weather in our area can cause some very tricky driving conditions

Please make sure your material is visible for collection crews and that green carts and waste storage containers are accessible.

If collection is cancelled, residents will be informed announcements on the radio, Twitter and at www.colchester.ca. At this time, an alternate collection day may be scheduled.

Want to know the minute changes occur to collection in your neighborhood?

Sign up for our Service Alert at www.colchester.ca or download our 'Colchester Waste' app on your smartphone or tablet!

Christmas Tree Collection

Consult your waste collection calendar to determine when trees will be picked up in your neighbourhood.

Please ensure that your tree is placed curbside the Sunday of your tree collection week.

All trees must be visible (not buried under snow) and free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, stands and must be de-bagged to ensure collection.

Happy Holidays!

Christmas Wrapping Paper

Wrapping paper is NOT recyclable

This is due to the large amount of dye within the paper and the contaminants that accompany it (tape, bows, ribbon, etc.).

Wrapping paper should always be placed in your clear bag for garbage disposal.

As an alternative, try wrapping your gifts in something reusable. A decorative box, scarf or tea towel finished off with a pretty fabric bow makes a great statement!



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal



HHW Drop-Off Location:

Clean Harbors
640 MacElmon Road
Debert
Exit 13, HWY 104

2018

Dates of Operation:

February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th
May 5th
June 2nd
July 7th
August 11th
September 8th
October 13th
November 3rd

Hours of Operation: 9 am - 1 pm

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

2018 Mobile HHW Events

May 12th - Stewiacke Fire Hall

May 26th - Economy Fire Hall

June 9th - North Shore Recreation Centre

Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Annual Compost Giveaway

May 5th to 12th

Colchester Balefill Facility
188 Mingo Road, Kemptown
Monday to Friday 8:30am-3:30pm
Saturdays 8:30am-11:30am



Each household is entitled to shovel 100 kgs of compost into three bags. Bags are provided but remember to bring your own shovel and wear appropriate footwear and gloves.

Community Paper Shredding Events



May 12th - 9am - 1pm
Stewiacke Fire Hall

September 22nd - 9am - 12pm
Rath Eastlink Community Centre

Questions on Recycling or Composting?

Call our Helpline at 902-895-4777
or visit
www.colchester.ca

For all of our latest updates:

Follow us on Twitter! @ColchesterWRM
Like us on Facebook! Colchester WRM

Colchester Balefill Facility

188 Mingo Road, Exit 18, HWY 104

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 8 am to 12 pm

**ALL GARBAGE DELIVERED TO THE
BALEFILL FACILITY
MUST BE IN CLEAR BAGS**

Please note: Cash, personal cheques or Interac are accepted as payment for disposal.
Credit cards are not accepted.