



Colchester

Waste Resource Management

2021 Waste Sorting Booklet

What goes where?

Organics Green Cart



All food waste

- Coffee filters & grinds
- Fish & bones
- Meat
- Sugar & flour bags
- Soiled napkins, tissues & paper towels
- Vegetables & fruits
- Bread & pasta
- Pet waste & kitty litter

Yard waste

- Leaves
- Grass

NO PLASTIC
NO BIODEGRADABLE -
PLASTIC BAGS
NO COFFEE CUPS

Recycling Bag 1 No Paper



Blue Bag Recyclables

- All plastic containers #1 through to #7
- All plastic bags
- Aluminum cans
- Glass jars & bottles
- Clean aluminum foil & pie plates
- Milk & Juice cartons
- Steel (tin) cans
- Pop & water bottles
- All styrofoam
- Juice boxes
- All liquor containers

NO NEEDLES
ALL RECYCLABLES
MUST BE CLEAN & DRY

Recycling Bag 2 All Paper Products



Paper & Cardboard

- Newsprint & Flyers
- Envelopes
- Paper egg cartons
- Catalogues & magazines
- Shredded paper & file folders
- Loose-leaf & Office papers
- Boxboards
- Paperback books & Paper towel cores
- Cardboard bundles (max 3ft x 2ft x 1ft)
- Textiles (Clothing, footwear, bedding, hats etc)

NO MILK & JUICE CARTONS
NO COFFEE CUPS
ALL MATERIALS
MUST BE CLEAN & DRY

Garbage Clear bags only



Regular Garbage

- Chip & cookie bags
- Coffee cups
- Lightbulbs
- Cigarette butts
- Broken glass (safely packaged)
- Diapers
- Wrapping papers
- Candy wrappers
- K-cups
- Chewing gum
- Cereal box liners
- Dirty aluminum foil & plastic wraps

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

Why MUST my Recyclables be clean?

Dirty recyclables contaminate clean ones. At the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility, every piece of recycling is touched by a worker. If it is dirty it slows the sorting process and if not removed, it lowers the quality of the material going to market.



How to dispose of corrugated cardboard



Corrugated cardboard can be set beside your blue recycling bags. It should be broken down and bundled in armload sizes approximately 3ft x 2ft x 1ft.

Materials must be curbside before 7:00 am on your collection day to ensure collection



One residential household is allowed:

Garbage

5 clear bags & 1 black bag for privacy
(or 6 clear bags)



Recycling

12 blue bags



Organics

1 green cart



Two bulky items

For residents of the Municipality of Colchester & the Towns of Truro & Stewiacke one household can place two large items curbside on their regular garbage collection day. Example:



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Sharps

1. Pick up a free Safe Sharps container at your local pharmacy.
2. Place your used sharps into the container.
3. When the container is full, return it to your local pharmacy for free.



Lab/Medical Waste

Most items found in the home for medical care should be placed in the garbage:

- Wound dressing
- Catheters
- IV tubing
- Trays
- Draining bags
- Gauze
- Incontinence products
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Petri dishes
- Blister packaging
- Pouch packaging



Stay up to Date with Us!!

All of our residents have a choice in how they could 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, & 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 notify you when collection is interrupted.

No computer? No printer? No problem!

Call us at 902-895-4777

We will be happy to mail you a printed copy.



Are you a smart phone or tablet user?

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



Illegal Dumping is against the LAW!



Illegal Dumping is the dumping of waste in the woods, on someone else's property or using someone's dumpster without permission.

Under the "Municipal Solid Waste Bylaw" an offender could face a fine of up to **\$5000**.

If you see or know of someone illegally dumping waste, please call our **Helpline at 902-895-4777** or visit our website

www.colchester.ca/collection-schedules and under collection schedule and below the green bar you can fill out a "report littering or illegal dump" form.

Construction & Demolition Waste



Asphalt Shingles

\$35 per metric tonne

(Asphalt shingles are ground into flakes for energy and traction sand).



Clean, Unpainted Drywall

\$35 per metric tonne

(Clean, unpainted drywall is added to compost. Drywall is high in calcium which is good for your soil).



Clean Wood

\$35 per metric tonne

(Wood is ground up & marketed as an energy source).



Scrap Metal

\$35 per metric tonne

(Scrap metal is baled onsite & sold to be made into new material).

Disposing of these materials in dedicated loads will save you money!



For information on tipping fees visit

www.colchester.ca/colchester-waste-management-park#tipping or call our helpline at 902-895-4777

Provincial Recycling



Plastic Bag Ban

October 30, 2020, businesses are not allowed to hand out single-use plastic bags at checkouts.

Remember to bring your own reusable bags.

To learn more about the single use plastic bag ban visit novascotia.ca/single-use-plastic-bag-ban/



Tire Recycling

You can return up to four tires 24.5 inches or less to any retailer in the province, free of charge. They must be off the rim and free of mud and debris. Leave used tires at the retailer when you buy new ones.

Safe Sharps Bring Back Program



Under this program, residents who generate sharps in their home can pick up a plastic 3 litre or 5 litre container at their local pharmacy. When the container is full, it can be returned to the pharmacy for disposal.



Used Oil

There are municipalities and local garages who will accept small quantities of used oil, used filters and antifreeze. There is no fee for this service.

For more information on collectors visit ns.uoma-atlantic.com.



Recycle My Cell

The goal of this program is to minimize the number of handsets entering Canada's landfills. Recycle My Cell links participating cell phone recycling programs together, making it easier for you to determine how and where you can dispose of your used wireless device.



Paint Recycling

The Nova Scotia Paint Recycling Program aims to bring new life to unused paint.

Try to use the "BUD" rule:

Buy only the paint you need.

Use all the paint you buy.

Dispose of leftover paint safely.

For more information call ReGeneration at 1-888-772-9772 or visit

productcare.org

Colchester County Enviro-Depots

Return beverage containers to your local ENVIRO-DEPOTS 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 label still readable).

NOTE: Milk cartons are NOT accepted at Enviro-Depots
These should be placed in your blue bag with containers 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 St.
Tatamagouche
902-657-9201

John Ross & Sons
85 Glassey Ave.
Truro
902-893-9429



Electronics Recycling What Can I Recycle and Where?

Many electronics are now banned from landfill disposal and should not be placed in the garbage or set out for curbside collection.

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

Subway Bottle Exchange	Tatamagouche Recycling	TNT Recycling
25 Pictou Road	102 Main Street	20711 Hwy #2
Bible Hill	Tatamagouche	Shubenacadie East
902-893-8312	902-657-9201	902-758-2708

For more information, please call EPRA
Nova Scotia toll-free at 1-888-567-4535,
email info@recycleMYelectronics.ca or
visit www.recyclemyelectronics.ca



Display Devices
Televisions & Monitors
LCD, LED & Plasma



Cellular Phones
& Pagers
Handheld devices



Computer Peripherals
Mice, Keyboards
and Trackballs



Portable Computers
Laptops, netbooks
notebooks, E-book & tablets



Home Audio/Video Systems
& Home Theatre Systems
Speakers, Projectors, DVD, VCR
CD players & HTB



Desktop Printers
& Scanners



Personal/Portable
Audio/Video Systems



Desktop Computers
& External Storage
Drives & Modems



Video Gaming Systems
& Peripherals



Countertop
Microwave



Non-Cellular
Telephones



Vehicle Audio/
Video Systems



Global Positioning
System

Built in or over-the-range
microwave are excluded
from the program

Corded & cordless phones



NOT ACCEPTABLE IN THE GREEN CART



- No plastic
- No biodegradable plastic bags
- No compostable plastic bags
- No oxo-degradable plastic bags



Please note: These bags cause operational issues at the compost facility. Carts containing any type of plastic will **NOT** be emptied.



ACCEPTABLE IN THE GREEN CART



Paper bags



Flyers



Newsprint



Cereal

Compost Giveaway



**BY
APPOINTMENT
ONLY**



**Social distance
Wear face covering**



Did someone say twice the amount of **FREE** Compost?

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

To book an appointment call **902-895-4777**

Each household is entitled to shovel **200kgs** of compost into six bags. Bags are provided but you can purchase **extra** bags at **\$2.00** per bag. Remember your own shovel and wear appropriate footwear and gloves.

Compost is available for bulk sale from our facility throughout the entire year! The cost is **\$35.00** per metric tonne. You are allowed to come out with your truck and trailer to purchase bulk compost.

**Winter
is
here!**

- Please ensure your material is visible for collection & that green carts & waste storage containers are free from ice & snow.

If collection is cancelled, residents will be informed by announcements on the radio, Twitter, Facebook, ReCollect Service Alerts & on our website at www.colchester.ca

When an alternate collection day is scheduled, notification is given during the cancellation announcement.

MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER RESIDENTS



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

TOWN OF TRURO RESIDENTS

The Public Works Department within the Town of Truro picks up paper bags of leaves from residents every fall.

Christmas Tree Collection



Zone 1 - January 13, 2022

Zone 2 - January 6, 2022

Zone 3 - January 11, 2022

Zone 4 - January 4, 2022

Zone 5 - January 12, 2022

Zone 6 - January 5, 2022

Zone 7 - January 14, 2022

Zone 8 - January 7, 2022

Town of Truro - January 10 - 14, 2022

Town of Stewiacke - January 7, 2022

Ensure your tree is placed curbside **before 7:00am** on your collection day.

Residents in the **Town of Truro** ensure your tree is placed curbside **before 7:00am on your collection day.**

All trees must be visible (unburied) & free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, stands and must be debagged to ensure collection.

Christmas Wrapping Paper

Wrapping Paper is **NOT** Recyclable



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

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



To reduce waste you can use recycled wrapping paper or newspaper. You can make it look more festive by adding a sprig of evergreen or drawing on the paper.

The brown wrapping paper can go in your blue bag for paper or even your green cart for compost.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal



HHW Drop-Off Location:

Clean Harbors
640 MacElmon Road
Debert
Exit 13, HWY 104

2021 Dates of Operation:

February 6th
March 6th
April 10th
May 1st
June 5th
July 10th
August 7th
September 11th
October 2nd
November 6th

Hours of Operation: 9am - 1pm

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

2021 Mobile HHW Events

June 12th - Nova Scotia Provincial
Exhibition, Bible Hill
9am to 1pm

Community Paper Shredding Events



Rath Eastlink Community Centre
June 26, 2021 9am to Noon

&

Rath Eastlink Community Centre
September 18, 2021 9am to Noon

Colchester Balefill Facility

188 Mingo Road
Exit 18, HWY 104
Hours of Operation:
Monday to Friday
8am - 4pm
Saturday 8am - 12pm



Note: Cash, personal
cheques or interac are
accepted as payment

**Credit cards are NOT
accepted**

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

**ENSURE LOAD IS SECURED TO YOUR VEHICLE AND
ALL VEHICLES MUST REPORT TO THE SCALE**

Divert NS offers lesson plans for Grades Primary to 6 in Nova Scotia. These lesson plans are fun and help teach youth about the importance of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling.

Visit divertns.ca/education/lesson-plans



Solid Waste Management

The Solid Waste Management Department provides a wide variety of services for Residents and Businesses free of cost, these include:

- Waste Reduction Education
- Waste Audits
- Collection Education
- Collection Complaints
- Green Cart Requests and Repairs
- Facility Tours
- Classroom Presentations
- Signage
- Illegal Dump Investigations



Questions?



Helpline
902-895-4777



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