

## Winter Curbside Collection Reminders

1. Collection delays occasionally occur during the winter due to unsafe road conditions, such as snow and ice. As a result, collection may take place later than usual on your collection day or even be postponed until the next day. To report a road concern or to find out about delays call the Solid Waste Hotline at 1-888-873-3332.

**Please note:** Collection vehicles are very heavy and more prone to sliding on ice and packed snow in winter weather with the momentum their weight can make. As well, these trucks stop and start at almost every house along a road making it difficult for the trucks if the roads are slippery. Safety of our contractors and others on the roads is top priority so roads that are deemed unsafe will not be serviced until they are clear, sometimes the next day.

2. Placing material at curbside is best done first thing in the morning, before 7:00 a.m., instead of the night before collection. Materials set out in the evening can get covered by snow and then be missed by collection staff.
3. Please do not set materials out for collection on top of snow banks or drifts. This presents hazards for collection staff and may not be collected.
4. Residents with garbage bins/boxes are reminded that access to them must be maintained. This means a pathway to the box must be kept shoveled.



If your regular collection day would fall on ...

Monday, December 26th  
(Boxing Day)

Holiday collection will take place on ...

Saturday, December 24th  
(Christmas Eve Day)

**Please note:** Holiday collections tend to be very light, meaning not many people are putting things curbside because they are busy or away. It is particularly important to have your materials curbside by 7:00 a.m. as collection trucks often complete their routes earlier than normal.

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## Waste Management Centre

The Municipality's Waste Management Centre is a full service drop-off location. Materials must be source-separated, loads should be covered to reduce litter, and all visitors must stop at the Scale House upon arrival and when leaving. With our second scale in use now it is especially important to watch for direction from the Scale Operator both entering and exiting the site.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Closed Sundays & Holidays

Any questions on tipping fees and how to sort your materials can be directed to the Solid Waste Hotline at 1-888-873-3332.



## Getting any new electronics for Christmas?

Since February 2008 Nova Scotia has banned the disposal of certain electronic items from being landfilled. This means we are saving landfill space, and reusing precious resources.

If you are one of the lucky ones this Christmas season to get a big flat screen TV or super fast laptop please remember to recycle your old electronics properly. Here is a list of locations in and around East Hants that accept banned electronics (free!).

- **East Hants Waste Management Centre**
- **Elmsdale Recycling**  
75 Park Rd, Elmsdale Business Park
- **Subway Bottle Exchange**  
25 Pictou Rd—Bible Hill
- **Fader's Bottle Exchange Ltd**  
15 Sackville Cross Rd, Lower Sackville
- **New Boundaries**  
79 Centennial Drive—Windsor

### Acceptable Items:

- ◆ Computers - desktop / laptop
- ◆ Accessories - keyboards, mouse
- ◆ Printers
- ◆ Monitors
- ◆ Televisions
- ◆ Digital Cameras
- ◆ VCRs, DVD Players
- ◆ Clock Radios
- ◆ Home Theatre in a Box Systems
- ◆ Non-Cellular Telephones



For a more detailed list please go to the ACES website at <http://acestewardship.ca/pdf/whatsin.pdf>

## Holiday Recycling Reminders

The following is a list from our recycling processor of items that should go in **regular garbage** and not out in your blue/clear bags for recycling.

- Wrapping Paper
- Wrapping Bows, Twine, Ribbons
- Christmas Lights
- Ornaments
- Glittery or Foil Cards and Envelopes
- Photographs



But remember, just because those items go in the garbage there are lots that can be recycled. Help your visiting family and friends to ensure your material continues to be properly sorted.

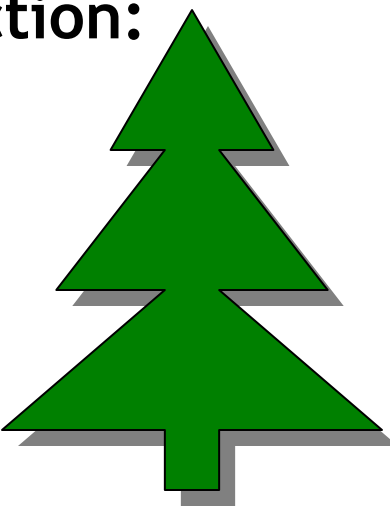
## Christmas Tree Collection: Dates & Reminders

Collection Area 2 (**blue** schedule)  
January 9th–13th, 2012

Collection Areas 1 & 3 (**red** schedule)  
January 16th–20th, 2012

- Trees must be free of ornaments, icicles, tinsel, lights, and stands
- **No bagged trees will be collected**
- Your tree will be collected on your regular collection day during your assigned special collection week

Reminder: Trees will be collected with a different truck, therefore, collection times will vary. Please make sure to have your tree out on your collection day by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pick-up.



## Safety First!

Did you know that once you place your bags, boxes, and green carts curbside for collection that up to 7 staff could come in direct contact with your materials?

Help us keep our staff and contractors safe by:

- ✓ Wrapping broken glass or dishes in paper before placing in your garbage bag.
- ✓ Use the free Safe Sharps Program (details at your local pharmacy ) to dispose of your needles, syringes, or lancets.
- ✓ Do not spray/ sprinkle bags or carts with chemicals to deter animals.
- ✓ Please stay within the Municipality's bag size and weight limits (55lbs for garbage/ recycling bags & 220 lbs for carts)

## Who & When To Call



Responding to your questions and concerns is a top priority for staff. To provide the correct information in a timely manner please direct your calls to the most appropriate hotline listed below.

### Solid Waste Hotline 1-888-873-3332

Call when you have questions on:

- How to sort your materials
- Upcoming programs or holiday collections
- To request information (i.e. collection schedule)
- To request a green cart or report damage to your existing one
- For information on a 'warning' or 'rejection' sticker you received on your material
- To find out if collection on your road has been changed due to weather

### Remember ...

- Recycling bags must be outside of collection boxes on the day of collection.
- Quantity of materials out for collection, vehicle breakdowns, and weather can all impact collection. For these reasons please ensure materials are curbside by 7:00 a.m.
- If your material has been missed please call and report this as soon as possible so that the issue can be resolved in a timely manner.

### Municipal Office 1-866-758-2299

Call the Municipal office staff if you would like to comment on programs or services, if you would like to schedule an education presentation/meeting, or if you have a concern with collection services.

## Green Carts & Bags



Many residents have come across plastic bags that are stamped 'bio-degradable'. These bags are currently not accepted by our compost processor and therefore green carts with these bags will not be emptied.

An alternative to these plastic bags are the paper bags and liners in both mini bin and green cart sizes.

If you have more organic material than will fit in your green cart, you may place a maximum of 5 open top containers (cardboard box or plastic garbage can) and 5 bundles of brush curbside. Just place these containers beside your green cart for collection. Please remember to leave container lids off or open.

Bundles of brush must not exceed 4 foot lengths, and weigh no more than 35lbs. Bundles must be secured with rope or string.

Everything you put in your green cart is recycled into nutrient-rich compost.

**No Ashes**  
**No Sod**  
**No Soil**  
**No Rocks**  
**No Plastic**