

# Solid Waste Management



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The Municipality is dedicated to providing one of the best curbside collection services in Nova Scotia. Included in this newsletter you will find detailed information on two of our newest editions to the recycling stream—Foam Polystyrene (Styrofoam™) and Textiles.

We heard from residents that they wanted the more detailed sorting guide added back to their collection schedules. Inside you will find a fresh, updated sort guide on the back of both Area 1 and Area 2 schedules. Residents need to select the correct schedule for their household (there were no changes to collection routes—so if you were Area 1 red, you still are!). As an added bonus you can use the additional sort guide for another location in your home or garage, or recycle it.

## What Goes Where & When?

In November 2015, the Municipality launched an online solid waste resource called, *What Goes Where?* Since that time over 24,000 individual items have been searched in our system (Styrofoam™ has been searched over 200 times!).

The other resource the system provides is direct communication on changes with collection. This winter staff have used the system **seven (7) times** to inform residents on changes in solid waste collection but, remember, that only goes to those that have signed up!

Signing up is simple, and allows residents to receive alerts by email, text, tweet, or phone call. You can sign up at [easthants.ca/solid-waste](http://easthants.ca/solid-waste) or call our Solid Waste Hotline at 1-888-873-3332 and staff can do it for you.

## Reporting Collection Issues

If you have any issues with collection, please contact the Solid Waste Hotline as soon as possible (same day is best). If it is after hours please leave a message with your name, number, civic address and concern. The Municipality's contractor will be working closely with our staff and residents to ensure a smooth transition for those of you with changes.

## Reminder: Same Day Collection (all materials) with Three (3) Trucks

Residents place materials curbside every other week (week 1—collection, week 2—no collection). Three (3) different trucks travel the same route; one collects garbage & green carts, another collects recycling bags, while a third truck collects metal items (i.e. appliances).

The trucks will not necessarily be travelling together, therefore collection may occur at various times throughout the day. For this reason, it is important to have all your materials curbside by 7:00 a.m.

# Foam Polystyrene Recycling

Foam Polystyrene (Styrofoam™) recycling has become a part of curbside collections for East Hants residents and businesses.

## What foam items can be recycled?

- ✓ Plates
- ✓ Cups
- ✓ Meat Trays (pads & wrap MUST be removed)
- ✓ Take-Out Containers
- ✓ Egg Cartons
- ✓ Protective Packaging Blocks (e.g. blocks around a TV)
- ✓ Disposable Beverage Coolers



**No spray foam or packing peanuts please.**

## How do I recycle expanded polystyrene?



- ✓ Remove leftover food and any absorbent meat pads/plastic wrap
- ✓ Rinse any foam products that have been in contact with food like you would all other container recyclables
- ✓ Place in a blue bag with your plastic, metal and glass recyclables
- ✓ Please do not wrap trays in plastic grocery bags as this will interfere with their recycling
- ✓ Remove any cardboard, packing tape, etc.

## What happens to the Styrofoam™?

- ✓ The foam is densified into blocks with a specialized machine to remove the air inside the containers
- ✓ The blocks can then be sold to manufacturers worldwide
- ✓ Post-consumer foam is primarily used to make decorative picture frames and moldings
- ✓ This saves a HUGE amount of landfill space



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## COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2017-2018

COLLECTION DAY

AREA 1

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**Recycling** - max. 8 bags/bundles  
**Organics Cart** - max. weight 220lbs

**Alternate  
Holiday  
Collection**

April 2017						
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May 2017						
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June 2017						
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July 2017						
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August 2017						
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September 2017						
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October 2017						
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November 2017						
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January 2018						
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February 2018						
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## Organics

Green cart  
Maximum weight 220lbs

### All Food Waste

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

### Soiled Paper

Paper towels, tissues, paper plates, napkins, sugar & flour bags, freezer & waxed paper, pizza boxes.

### Yard Waste/Other

Grass, leaves, twigs, plants, sawdust, wood shavings.

### Not for the Cart:

- ✗ No Ashes
- ✗ No Cans, Bottles, or Cups
- ✗ No Plastic bags (including those labeled 'biodegradable')
- ✗ No Decorations or Wire Wreaths
- ✗ No Styrofoam™
- ✗ No Milk Containers
- ✗ No Rocks, Sod, or Dirt
- ✗ No Pet Waste

### Note:

Excess organic material can be placed next to your green cart in paper leaf bags or open top containers, like a cardboard box, year round.

## Recyclables

Maximum 8 bags/bundles per collection  
Transparent blue or clear bags only

### Bag #1: Paper Products



- ✓ **New** Textiles
- ✓ Paper Towel & Toilet Paper Cores
- ✓ Catalogues, Magazines
- ✓ Corrugated Cardboard (Must be bundled no larger than 2ft x 3ft x 1ft)
- ✓ Boxboard (i.e. cereal, tissue, and cracker boxes)
- ✓ Newsprint
- ✓ Flyers
- ✓ Office & School Paper
- ✓ Envelopes, File Folders



### Bag #2: Containers

✓ **New** Styrofoam™

- ✓ Aluminum Cans & Pie Plates
- ✓ Juice Boxes
- ✓ Glass Bottles & Jars Milk Cartons, Jugs & Bags
- ✓ Plastic containers and bags with recycling numbers 1-7
- ✓ Tetra Packs



### Recycling Collection Notes

Paper must be clean and dry. Metal fasteners and plastic bindings must be removed and placed in regular garbage.

Containers must be clean and dry, **NO CAPS, NO NEEDLES**.

Beverage containers (excluding milk products) can be returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for refund.

### Metal Collection

A separate truck is used to collect metal items, therefore, collection may occur at a different time from your other recyclables. Please make sure your metal items are visible (not hidden by other bags).

1 large household appliance per collection (stove, fridge, etc.).

Up to 3 other large metal items will be collected bi-weekly.

Examples: microwaves, toasters, air conditioner, dehumidifier, bicycle, BBQ, cardboard box with pots, pans, utensils.

CFC's do not need to be removed from fridges for collection (the Municipality will remove CFC's).

Items that cannot fit into the collection truck will not be collected.

## Garbage

Maximum 5 bags per collection  
Black or green bags only

- ✓ Aluminum Foil (soiled)
- ✓ Broken Glass, Ceramics Dishes (wrapped)
- ✓ Cleaner Containers (non-recyclable)
- ✓ Coffee Cups (disposable)
- ✓ Floor Sweepings
- ✓ Frozen Juice Cans
- ✓ Light Bulbs
- ✓ Empty Motor Oil Containers
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- ✓ Microwave Popcorn Bags
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- ✓ Diapers & Baby Wipes
- ✓ Toothpaste Tubes
- ✓ Broken Toys

### Note:

- Garbage in **Red, Yellow or Orange** bags will not be collected.
- Up to three large pieces of furniture (i.e. mattress, sofa), or other small household items can be placed for collection on your regular garbage day.
- Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D) includes siding, wood, flooring, windows, insulation, etc. Curbside collection of C&D debris is not permitted and should be taken to the Waste Management Site in Georgefield for disposal.

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Household Hazardous Waste

### Drop-Off Details:

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(1306 Georgefield Road)  
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### Acceptable Items

(at mobile events and the WMC)

- ✓ Pesticides/Herbicides
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# Textiles Recycling

Household textiles and commercial linen are now included in all curbside collections for East Hants residents and businesses.

## What do I need to do?

- ✓ Ensure all textile items are dry and have no odour
- ✓ Place in a blue bag with your paper recycling

*Our textiles will either be reused or recycled and by doing this you are helping to save valuable landfill space as well as helping people both near and far enjoy a better life.*



## What items can be recycled?

- ✓ Bedding: (comforters, sheets, pillow cases, blankets)
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Boots
- ✓ Bras
- ✓ Coats
- ✓ Curtains/Draperies
- ✓ Dresses
- ✓ Flip Flops
- ✓ Halloween Costumes
- ✓ Hats
- ✓ Jackets
- ✓ Jeans
- ✓ Jerseys (Sports)
- ✓ Napkins (Cloth)
- ✓ Pajamas
- ✓ Pants
- ✓ Pet Beds & Clothing
- ✓ Pillows
- ✓ Purses
- ✓ Scarves
- ✓ Shirts
- ✓ Shoes (Single or Pairs)
- ✓ Shorts
- ✓ Skirts
- ✓ Slippers
- ✓ Socks (Single or in pairs)
- ✓ Stuffed Animals
- ✓ Suits
- ✓ Sweaters
- ✓ Sweatpants
- ✓ Sweatshirts
- ✓ Table Linens
- ✓ Ties
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ T-Shirts



# East Hants Waste Management Centre (WMC)

1306 Georgefield Road  
Monday to Friday 8:00am–4:00pm  
Saturday 8:00am–2:00pm  
Closed Sundays & Holidays

## Reminders:

- All loads must be covered/secure when transporting material to the WMC.
- All materials need to be properly sorted and separated.
- When arriving to the facility, all vehicles must stop and check-in at the Scale House.
- Due to the volume of traffic and the heavy equipment at the WMC, please follow the instructions from staff to ensure your safety.

## Material We Manage:

There are separate drop-off areas for the materials. Using the list below, you can have your items separated before you arrive.

- Tires (with or without rims)
- Metal (staff remove the CFC from applicable appliances on-site)
- Paint
- Electronics
- Regular garbage
- Recyclables
- Clean wood
- Construction waste
- Household hazardous waste (residential only)

## Notes from Staff:

- Mirrors, window glass, dishes, pool liners, mattresses and couches are all regular garbage.
- Construction waste is not garbage, and must be separated before disposal at the WMC.  
Example: carpet or insulation is construction waste.

## Composting in East Hants

Each household is provided a large green cart for organics collection. Sometimes carts get damaged by regular usage, critters chewing at vents, or plows. To request your cart to be fixed or replaced please call the Solid Waste Hotline at 1-888-873-3332.

If you are building a new home, your cart will be delivered within two (2) weeks of receiving your occupancy permit. If you are moving, please leave your green cart on the property.

Backyard composting is a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to manage most food scraps. But for those items that don't belong there, please use your green cart.

## Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up Litter Program

Since 1988 Clean Foundation has provided supplies to communities across Nova Scotia (individuals, groups, businesses, schools) to carry-out clean-ups.

For more information please contact: Clean Foundation  
[www.clean.ns.ca](http://www.clean.ns.ca) or 1-855-736-3474.