

SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR BUSINESSES

MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

- Collection takes place on a bi-weekly basis in which all waste materials are collected on the same day.
- Collection limits for businesses per collection day are as follows:
 - ✓ 10 black normal sized garbage bags - 26 x 32.5" (bag weight not to exceed 25kg/55 lbs.)
 - ✓ 16 bags/bundles of recyclables. Bags are to be blue/clear normal size. Cardboard is to be bundled with max. dimensions of 2ft x 3ft x 1ft.
 - ✓ 2 green carts for the collection of organic materials (carts are not to exceed 100 kg/220 lbs.).
- Collection boxes are required for storage of materials. Collection box must meet the specifications in the solid waste bylaw which includes being maintained in a sanitary condition, good repair and must be animal and rodent proof. Recycling and garbage must be kept separate from one another (separate bins that are labeled or have a divider in the bin).

COMMERCIAL COLLECTION

- Commercial collection is a private contract between the business and the commercial hauler.
- Many commercial haulers provide bins for garbage, cardboard, recyclables and organics.
- Charge is normally determined by collection frequency and size of bin.
- The business and the collection hauler can determine the frequency of when bins are tipped.
- All materials must still be sorted and be in compliance with the *East Hants Solid Waste Resource Collection & Disposal Bylaw IO-400*. Increased tipping fees can be applied to mixed loads.

A COMBINATION OF MUNICIPAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

- Businesses have the option to have a combination of both municipal and commercial solid waste services.
- Depending on the type and amount of waste materials that are generated, it may be an option for your business.
- Example: If your business does not exceed the limit of 2 full green carts bi-weekly, you can use curbside collection for your carts. However, if your business produces more than 10 bags of garbage bi-weekly, you can have commercial collection for garbage.

Please remember that all waste generated in East Hants, under any service you receive, must be properly sorted and disposed of as outlined under the Solid Waste Resource Collection & Disposal Bylaw IO-400.

The Waste Compliance Officer is responsible for enforcing the **Solid Waste Resource Collection & Disposal Bylaw IO-400**. One responsibility of this role includes supporting businesses in achieving and remaining in compliance with the bylaw. Waste audits and compliance promotion visits are conducted by request and at random for all businesses within the Municipality. Please see the reverse side for tips and tricks to help your business remain in compliance.

TIPS & TRICKS

to Remain in Compliance with the *East Hants Solid Waste Resource Collection & Disposal Bylaw IO-400*

- ✓ Separate all waste materials at point of generation;
 - Have a sorting station that includes bins for organics, recyclables, paper and garbage (and any other materials generated such as C&D, metal, etc.)
 - Ensure the sorting bins are equipped with appropriate signage.
 - Educate staff on proper sorting of waste materials.
- ✓ Communicate with your staff about the importance of complying with the Solid Waste Bylaw.
- ✓ Request to have a waste audit done - find out what types and how much waste materials you are generating and the best way to dispose of them. This will help you to fully explore your options for solid waste services, understand the fees you are paying for collection, and ensure you are in compliance with the bylaw.
- ✓ Review the bylaw. The **Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal Bylaw IO-400** can be found on our municipal webpage:

easthants.ca/solid-waste

MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION

- ✓ Ensure material is properly prepared for collection;
 - Proper colour and size of bag used.
 - Bag limits and weight restrictions are met.
 - Container products are recyclable and go in a separate bag together (blue or clear bags) – not mixed with papers. All items must be clean, dry and lids removed.
 - Paper products are recyclable and go in one bag together (blue or clear bags), and must be clean and dry.
 - Cardboard is bundled.
 - Organic products are compostable (includes food and wet/dirty paper) and go in the green cart.
- ✓ Ensure collection boxes remain in good repair and sanitary condition
 - At the end of each collection day, inspect the box for any uncollected material, loose material and general conditions of the box. Also inspect the box for any holes or areas that need to be repaired. In the summer months, look for any signs of insects forming nests (bees, hornets, ants, etc.) and address immediately.
 - Ensure the box meets all the specifications outlined under section 9.2 of the bylaw.
- ✓ Ensure all material is curbside or in the accepted location by 7:00am the day of collection (no earlier than the evening before collection). Ensure that any materials not collected for any reasons are removed from curbside by 9:00pm the day of collection.

COMMERCIAL COLLECTION

- ✓ Separate and dispose of materials as outlined under the **Solid Waste Resource Collection & Disposal Bylaw IO-400**. Reminder: Material must be sorted at the point of generation!
- ✓ Ensure all bins needed to allow for source separation of waste materials are put in place.
- ✓ Ensure all materials are properly prepared as directed by the commercial hauler.
- ✓ Ensure all bins remain closed except for when being emptied.
- ✓ Explore all options with your commercial hauler (size of bins, tipping frequency to ensure that you are getting what you pay for).