



Keep hold of this newsletter, it's the only one all year!

Waste Collection in Nova Scotia

Who does what and why we all play an important role.

We all share a responsibility in waste management, here's how:

Everyone

Sorting

Learn to sort your waste, we can help.

Set Out for Success

Bag limits and set-out times are needed for fair and efficient services.

Collection Contractor

Curbside Collection

Service standards are 7am to 5pm, and incorrectly sorted materials are left (stickered) as a way to educate. Many factors can impact the flow of the route, so while there is a schedule, the timing of services are subject to changes beyond our control.

Waste Management Centre

Material must be sorted before arriving to the facility. The team follow all provincial rules and prepares it for processing, which includes managing it onsite or transportation to a specialized facility.

Municipality

The Municipality creates the Solid Waste Bylaw based on provincial rules and the services they provide for waste at facilities and curbside. The Solid Waste team provides proactive education through newsletters, social media, events, and the Waste Wizard app. Plus service support through email, phone, alerts, compliance and enforcement.

Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Environment Act outlines what is allowed for disposal (landfilling) and includes specific materials that are banned from landfills. The Act also outlines stewardship programs like electronics, beverage containers and tires.

Why recycle?

Your guide to solid waste in East Hants

Nova Scotians have been leaders in recycling for almost 30 years. When communities come together to recycle and compost materials, there are significant benefits - not just reducing waste going to landfill.

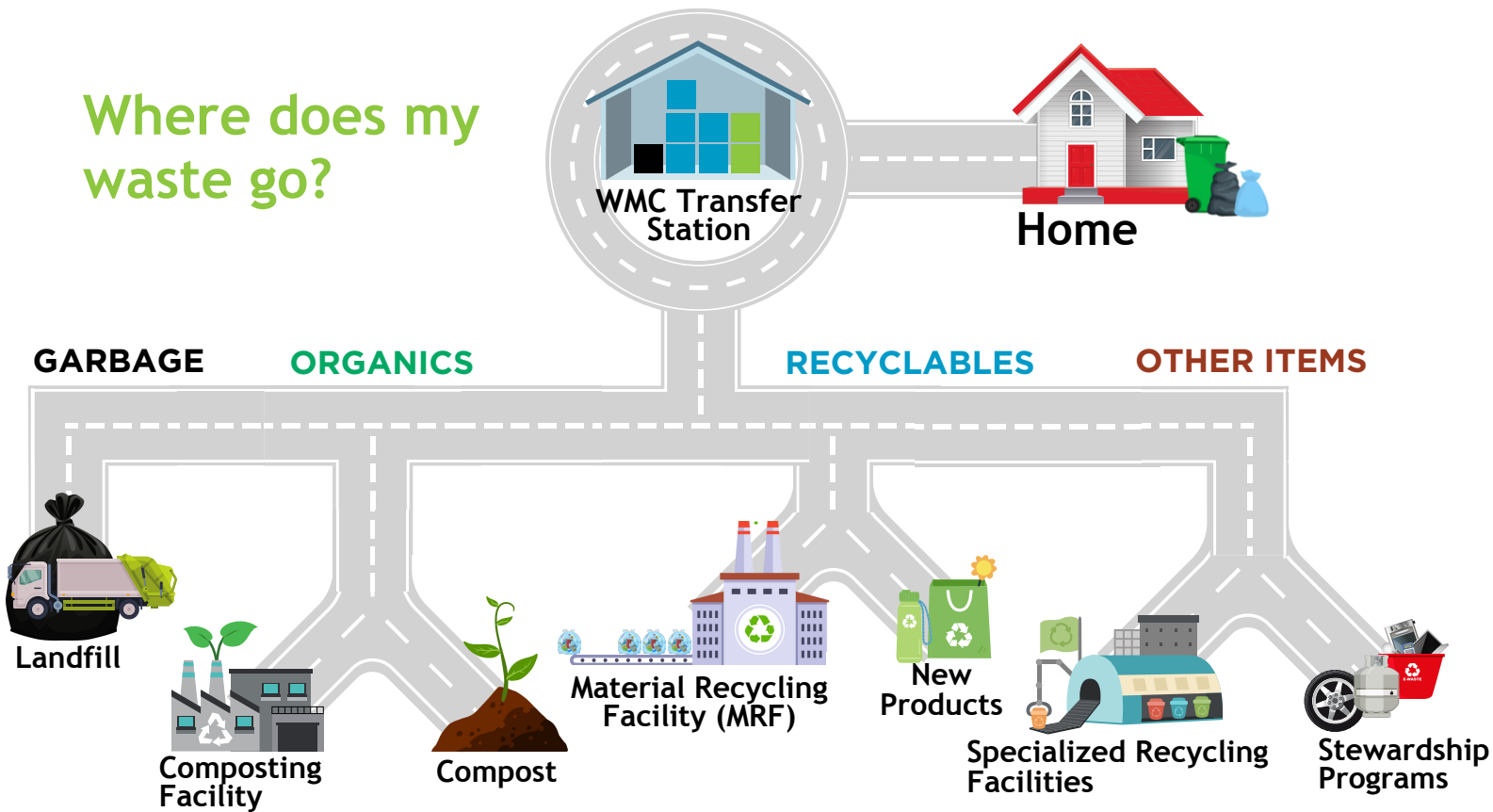
Recycling

- Conserve natural resources
- Protect ecosystems and wildlife
- Less energy required vs. raw materials

Composting

- Conserve water when applied
- Promotes healthier plant growth
- Improves soil health

Where does my waste go?



How it started in 1995:

- 40 Landfills (including open burning)
- Landfill ban items (1996-1998) = 13
- 740kg per person landfilled (1989 base year), the equivalent of 493 bags of sugar per person

How it's going in 2024:

- 7 Landfills (only locations regular garbage is buried)
- Landfill ban items (end of 2024) = 42
- 417kg per person landfilled (2022/23), the equivalent of 278 bags of sugar per person

East Hants = 340kg/person!

Find out "What Goes Where" - get the Waste Wizard app



Paper

Wi'kati'kn | Papier | макулатура
كاغذ و مقوا | 纸和纸板 | الورق والكرتون

Blue Bag #1: Paper Products



Top 5 Items

- ✓ Newspaper/flyers
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Textiles (e.g. clothes/footwear/blankets)
- ✓ Boxboard (e.g. cereal/tissue/cracker boxes)

All clean, dry fiber recyclables go in one bag.

Recyclables

Iwekatun | Переробка тари | كيسه آبی قابل بازیافت
可放入蓝袋的物品 | أكياس زرقاء قابلة لإعادة التدوير

Blue Bag #2: Containers



Top 5 Items

- ✓ Styrofoam™
- ✓ Glass bottles/jars
- ✓ Juice boxes
- ✓ Milk containers
- ✓ Plastic containers/bags

All Items must be clean, dry and with lids removed.

Organics

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Top 5 Items

- ✓ Food waste
- ✓ Leaf/yard waste
- ✓ Cat litter
- ✓ Pizza boxes
- ✓ Soiled paper products (e.g. paper towel/bags)

Keep out:

- X Plastic, glass or metal
- X Ashes (hot/cold)
- X Plastic biodegradable bags
- X Dog feces

Garbage

E'jikleykn | Déchets | Сміття
زباله | 垃圾 | القمامة



Top 5 Items

- ✓ Coffee cups
- ✓ Potato chip bags
- ✓ Floor sweepings
- ✓ Diapers & baby/ bathroom wipes
- ✓ Broken glass/ light bulbs/ ceramic dishes (wrapped)

Max weight of 25kg/55lbs. each

Construction & Demolition debris (C&D) is not collected curbside.

Also accepted curbside

- ✓ Large household appliances (stove/fridge/dryer)
- ✓ Smaller metal items (microwave/bicycle/BBQ)
- ✓ Furniture (sofa/mattress/chair)



Check "What Goes Where" and bi-weekly limits with our free Waste Wizard app.



HHW: Household Hazardous Waste

Acceptable Items

(at mobile events and the WMC)

- Pesticides/herbicides
- Paint & empty cans*
- Poisons
- Aerosols
- Propane tanks/cylinders
- Gas & oil
- Aerosol cans*
- Batteries (all types)
- Corrosive cleaners

Note: HHW items are not accepted curbside for collection. Items marked * are eligible for drop-off at your local ENVIRO-DEPOT™

*Example of 1 household bi-weekly collection allowance in East Hants



Make the most of your curbside services!

Organics:

- 1 municipal issued cart (max. 220lbs)
- 6 paper leaf bags
- 5 bundles of brush (2ft x 2ft x 4ft bundles; max 35lbs; no branch diameter larger than 2.5 inches)



Garbage: Limit 5 bags

- No RED, YELLOW or ORANGE bags will be collected
- Black or green bags ONLY
- Max weight 25kg/55lbs per bag
- No construction & renovation waste



Furniture:

- Limit 3 pieces (e.g. sofa or chair)
- Max weight 100kg/220lbs per item



Recyclables: Limit 8 bags/bundles

- Clear or transparent blue bags only
- Paper products and containers must be separated
- Max weight 25kg/55lbs per bag



Electronics:

- 1 larger item (e.g. TV or computer)
- 1 small box of accessories (e.g. cords, remotes, computer mice, keyboards)



Metal:

- 1 household appliance (e.g. stove)
- 3 smaller items (bicycle, BBQ)



Same Day Collection with Multiple Trucks

This means some of your materials may be collected earlier in the day compared to others.

Reporting a Missed Collection

Call the Solid Waste Hotline (same day is best!). Please report after 5 p.m. in case crews are running late and leave a message with your name, number, civic address and concern.

Bungee Cords

Bungee cords or green bin ties can be a potential safety risk to our collection crews, please make sure they are removed on collection day.

Not accepted for Curbside Collection

- Construction & demolition material (e.g., drywall, siding, flooring, insulation, decking, doors etc.)
- Unsorted waste
- Loose garbage inside collection boxes or cans
- Unbundled cardboard (must be flat and wrapped - no boxes inside boxes)

Reminders:

- Municipal green carts are for organics only, not regular garbage, plastic or biodegradable/compostable bags.
- Garbage and recycling bags are not to exceed standard sizes (~25 inches x 33 inches).



If you own an apartment building or business and would like more information on services and limits at those locations, please call the Solid Waste Hotline.

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Organics Cart - max. weight 220lbs

Alternate Holiday Collection

April 2024						
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Sign-up for regular curbside collection notifications or service alerts now!
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COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2024-2025 AREA 2

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East Hants Waste Management Centre (WMC)

1306 Georgefield Road,
Upper Kennetcook

Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sundays & Holidays
Closed

Fees

No tipping fees are charged to residents who bring material directly to the WMC from their own homes and all materials must be sorted correctly.

All industrial, commercial and institutional locations and vehicles will be charged tipping fees, which can be viewed on our website.

Payment can be made by cheque, debit, credit card, or by charge accounts.

To set-up an account, please request an application from the Scale Operator or contact the Municipal Office.



← Scan here for more information on tipping fees.

Larger loads should arrive at the WMC 30-minutes prior to closing to allow for unloading and weigh out.

Procedure

#1

- All vehicles must stop at the scale house.
- Declare load.
- Get directions.
- Confirm if fees are applicable.

#2

- Unload materials at designated zones as directed.

#3

- On exit, stop at scale house and weigh out.
- Pay any applicable fees.

Site Zones



Reminders

- All material must be sorted.
- Loads should be tarped to avoid unintentional littering.
- Children and pets must remain inside vehicles at all times.
- Consider the site like a construction site, wear proper footwear and bring gloves.
- No scavenging allowed on site.
- No smoking on site.
- Speed limit on site is 20 km/hr.

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Changes to Construction Waste Management in Nova Scotia



The province has updated regulations on how construction waste can be disposed as of July 2024.

These changes impact all communities throughout the province and all landfills - public or private.

Changes:

- Enhanced water sampling at facilities
- Stockpile sizing limits
- Movement of treated wood and pressure treated lumber from construction and demolition (C&D) landfill cells to regular waste.

This includes creosote timbers and pressure treated lumber e.g. wharves, fences, decks and retaining walls, along with old telephone/power poles and railway ties.

What's that mean in East Hants?

The East Hants Waste Management Centre will continue to receive your materials.

East Hants Changes Include:

- Implementing any/all environmental monitoring required changes
- Managing stockpiles of various products to ensure compliance (already do this)
- Direct newly banned materials to regular waste vs. C&D cell (current focus)

Best Practices for Customers

1

Customers are always encouraged when loading materials on their trucks or trailers to consider the various drop-off locations, this will allow an easier time for unloading when you arrive.

2

Let the Scale Operator know what items you have so they can direct you to the right drop off area.

3

Hiring a contractor or renting a dumpster? Find out what's included in your fees so you aren't charged for mixed loads (a higher rate). Ask for a copy of your slip(s) from our facility so you know that your materials arrived as you expected.

4

When in doubt - Ask!

- Email: solidwaste@easthants.ca
- Phone: 1-888-873-3332
- Website: easthants.ca/solid-waste

Reminder: All waste that requires landfilling (regular garbage or construction waste) generated in East Hants is required to be processed at the East Hants Waste Management Centre as per Bylaw IO-400.

Compost Giveaway

May 9-22, 2024

or until it's gone!

What

- This annual event is open to all residents within East Hants boundaries.
- Limit of four (4) bags per household of self-shoveled Grade A compost.
- You can pick up compost for one (1) other household as long as you have their registration form. Therefore, you could shovel up to 8 bags of compost per visit.
- Bags can hold approx. 25kg each. We will provide the bags and compost—you fill your own bags and place in your vehicle.
- You must bring your own shovel (none will be provided).
- We recommend wearing quality gloves and boots/outdoor shoes.
- Please fill out the form ([see newsletter back page](#)), before your visit and hand it to staff when you arrive.

Where

East Hants Waste Management Centre
1306 Georgefield Road, Upper Kennetcook

When

Weekdays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Community Groups

- All community groups and not-for-profits within East Hants boundaries are welcome to collect compost after May 22, 2024.
- A registration form must be filled out before arriving.
- Groups are responsible for filling bags/containers and loading their own vehicles.



What is "Grade A" compost?

There are two (2) grades of compost: Unrestricted (Grade A) and Restricted (Grade B).

Grade A compost can be used in any application from agricultural lands, residential gardens, horticultural operations, etc.

Grade B compost is a restricted use product due to higher trace element content and presence of foreign matter.

Test results are available on request.

Solid Waste Hotline: 1-888-873-3332

Household Hazardous Waste & Paper Shred Events



Rawdon (New location)

Rawdon Fire Hall,
3869 Highway 14

Saturday, October 5, 2024
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mount Uniacke

Mount Uniacke Fire Hall,
654 Highway #1

Saturday, October 26, 2024
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Elmsdale

224 Highway 214, Nova
Centre - Old Elmsdale School

Saturday, November 2, 2024
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Reminders

- This event is for all East Hants residents.
- Residential household hazardous waste can be taken to the Waste Management Centre year round.
- Residents can contact their oil retailer for used oil drop-off locations. Retail locations that sell oil must either receive or provide drop-off options.

Please Note:

To improve traffic flow and safety at our mobile events please ensure:

- That you remain in your vehicle and follow all traffic signs and instructions.
- All containers are sealed securely.
- Materials are transported in trunks or truck beds.
- Materials are in open-topped boxes or totes (we can return them).
- That all propane tanks have the valves closed, and there is plenty of ventilation in your vehicle.
- Gloves are worn when handling products.
- Please do not block the flow of main road traffic while attending these events.

Material not accepted:

- Explosives, fireworks, ammunition
- Products containing PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls)
- Medical or radioactive waste
- Commercial or any unknown waste (anything without a label)

Paper Shred

- Wet or moist paper
- X-rays, photographs
- Hard cover books, binders
- Electronic media (e.g., CDs)



Community Exit Ramp Challenge



2021-2023 STATS

- 34 clean-ups completed (spring & fall)
- 6 exit ramps (5 in year 1, 6 when Lantz opened)
- 27 groups participated
- \$17,000 in grants provided
- 6532 kg = 6.53 tonnes = 14,403lbs of litter collected

JOIN THE 2024 CHALLENGE!

Want to earn \$500 for your eligible community group?
Apply by email, solidwaste@easthants.ca or call the Solid Waste Hotline, 1-888-873-3332



GARBAGE, SORTED!

What Goes Where - 24/7

Join your fellow East Hants residents and downloaded the free Waste Wizard App and email notification system!
What are you waiting for? Benefits include:

What Goes Where?

Users have searched our 'What Goes Where' database more than **110,000** times to ensure they got garbage sorted! Don't see the item you're looking for - Submit it.

Be the First to Know

If your garbage collection is delayed or cancelled due to a winter storm, construction season, or service delays, we'll let you know.

Don't Miss Out!

Receive reminders to put out your garbage and for our annual or special events, e.g., our Household Hazardous Waste Event.

Find Your Collection Day

In addition to using the app, you can visit our website at: easthants.ca/solid-waste



scan me
to get started

Put sharps in their place

Help keep your community safe

Our collection partners are seeing an increase of sharps in residential waste. Please make sure sharps are stored in proper containers and disposed of safely.

Pick up and drop off your free Nova Scotia Safe Sharps containers and unused medication at your local pharmacy.



Still Littering



Put waste in its place

Leaving a cup or fast food wrapper at the rink or soccer field might not seem like a big deal, but it's still littering.

Help keep our community spaces looking their best and dispose of your garbage properly.

Compost Giveaway 2024 Registration



Name:

Phone:

Address:

Picked up by: