## **Solid Waste Management**

AST HANTS

2025/26 Newsletter

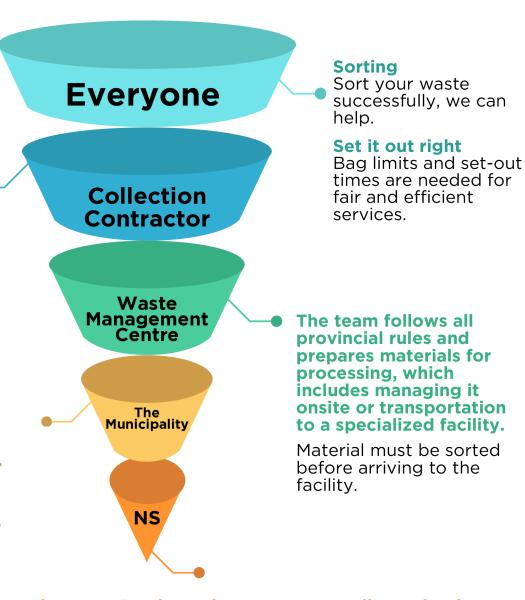
# Waste collection in Nova Scotia and our shared responsibility.

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.

The Solid Waste Bylaw follows provincial rules, covering waste services at facilities and curbside.

The team offers education through newsletters, social media, events, and the Waste Wizard app, along with service support through email, phone, alerts, and enforcement.



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.

## One Province - One Recycling Program Coming December 2025

#### What is EPR?



Nova Scotia is joining provinces across Canada in implementing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging, Paper Products and Packing-Like Products (PPP) regulations.

This new management of our recycling system will see those who produce and sell packaging and paper taking responsibility for the recycling of those items, both financially and operationally.

These regulations have shown to increase recyclability (design-for-environment improvements), greater end market options (greater volumes and higher quality recyclables), and operational efficiencies that can only be achieved with province-wide systems.

#### Who are Circular Materials?



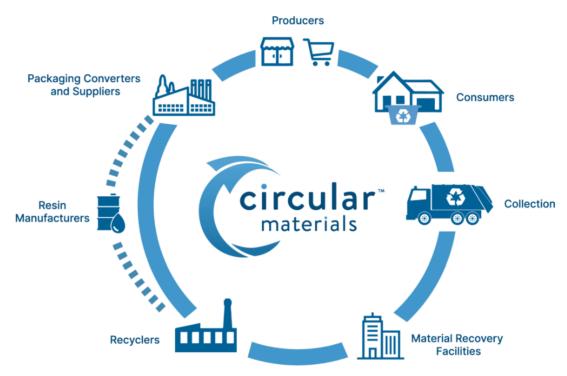
Circular Materials is a national not-for-profit organization that builds efficient and effective recycling systems. They are the producer responsibility organization that is responsible for the new system. They have been working with all municipalities and First Nation communities to see that our Nova Scotia program can launch December 1, 2025.

#### What does this mean for East Hants?

For now, continue to clean and sort your recycling materials.

This process has been years in the making, with provincial regulations passed mid-2023. As discussions continue and likely media coverage will come, we wanted to make sure you were aware of the discussions well in advance.

As more information is finalized, like the full list of additional items to be added to your blue bags, we will provide those updates.





#### EAST HANTS Waste Separation Guide for Residents 2025/26



#### Paper - Blue Bag #1

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All clean, dry fiber recyclables go in one bag.

Top Items:

Newspaper/flyers

Boxes

Magazines

(e.g. cereal/tissue/cracker boxes)



#### Recyclables - Blue Bag #2

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

Top Items:

- Glass bottles/jars
- Milk containers
- Juice boxes
- Plastic containers/bags



#### Organics - Green Cart

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Top Items:

Food waste

· Cat litter

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

Keep out:

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



#### Garbage

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Top Items:

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



Construction & Demolition debris (C&D)



#### Also accepted curbside

- Large household appliances (stove/fridge/dryer)
- Smaller metal items (microwave/bicycle/BBQ)
- Furniture (sofa/mattress/chair)
- Electronics (TV, vacuum, GPS, desktop printers)

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





#### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) \*not accepted curbside

Accepted items at mobile events and the WMC)

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

<sup>\*</sup> are eligible for drop-off at your local ENVIRO-DEPOT™

<sup>\*\*</sup> are available for alternative year-round drop off, check our app for options.



## Same Day Collection with Multiple Trucks

This means some of your materials may be collected earlier than 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")

#### **Businesses & Apartment Owners**

Call the Solid Waste Hotline for more information on limits and services.

#### Organics: 1 green 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")

#### 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

#### Metal/Electronics:

- 1 larger item (e.g. TV or computer)
- 1 small box of accessories (e.g. cords, remotes, computer mice, keyboards)
- 1 household appliance (e.g. stove)
- 3 smaller items (bicycle, BBQ)

\*Pictured above, an example of 1 household bi-weekly collection allowance in East Hants.



#### **COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2025-2026**

#### AREA 1

Solid Waste Hotline: 1-888-873-3332 www.easthants.ca

Material **must be** curbside by 7 am on your collection day.

Garbage - max. 5 bags (no bag to exceed 55lbs)
Recycling - max. 8 bags/bundles
Organics Cart - max. weight 220lbs

Alternate Holiday Collection

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AREA 2



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## East Hants Waste Management Centre (WMC)

#### 1306 Georgefield Road, Upper Kennetcook

#### Fees

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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.



#### Procedure

- All vehicles must stop at the scale house
- Declare load
- Get directions
- Confirm if fees are applicable
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- Unload materials at designated zones as directed
- 3
- On exit, stop at scale house and weigh out
- Pay any applicable fees

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

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

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

Sundays & Holidays Closed

#### Site Zones

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#### Reminders



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

Solid Waste Hotline: 1-888-873-3332

# Construction Waste Management in Nova Scotia

In July 2024, the province updated the regulations on how construction waste can be disposed. 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 continues to receive your materials.

East Hants Changes Include:

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

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.

#### **Best Practices for Customers**

- Customers are encouraged to consider the various drop-off locations, when loading materials on trucks or trailers for easier unloading when you arrive.
- Let the Scale Operator know what items you have so they can direct you to the right drop off area.
- 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.
- When in doubt Ask!

   solidwaste@easthants.ca

   1-888-873-3332
  - easthants.ca/solid-waste

# Compost Giveaway May 8-22, 2025 or until it's gone!

#### **Event Details**

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- 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 below, before your visit and hand it to staff when you arrive

#### Location



East Hants Waste Management Centre, 1306 Georgefield Road, Upper Kennetcook

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

#### Community Groups



- All community groups and not-forprofits within East Hants boundaries are welcome to collect compost <u>after</u> May 22, 2025
- 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

Compost Giveaway, May 8-22, 2025 Registration

Name: Phone:

Address: Picked up by:

# **Household Hazardous Waste** & Paper Shred Events

#### **Event Details**

- 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

#### Locations

#### Mount Uniacke

Mount Uniacke Fire Hall, 654 Highway #1

Saturday, September 27 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

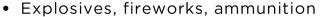
#### Elmsdale

224 Highway #214, Nova Centre - Old Elmsdale School

Saturday, October 4 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Any additional events will be advertised via social media. our website and through the Waste Wizard app.

#### Material not accepted



- Products containing PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls)
- Medical or radioactive waste
- Commercial or any unknown waste (anything without a label)
- Wet or moist paper
- X-rays, photographs
- Hard cover books, binders
- Electronic media (e.g., CDs)

#### Please note

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

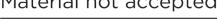
- That you remain in your vehicle and follow all traffic signs and instructions
- All containers are sealed securely
- Materials are transported in trunks or truck beds
- Materials are in open-topped boxes or totes (we can return them)
- All propane tanks have the valves closed. and there is plenty of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















#### Put Sharps In Their Place



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.



#### Illegal Dumping



#### Don't Touch It

If you see an illegal dumpsite, leave the material alone for both your safety and to allow our staff to conduct a thorough investigation.

#### Report It

Use our Waste Wizard app, website or call the Solid Waste Hotline on 1-888-873-3332



#### Hiring Waste Removal Help



Did you know that you are responsible for your waste materials until it is in municipal ownership, either by curbside collection or taking it to the Waste Management Centre (WMC).

If you hire a contractor, or ask a friend/family to drop material off, get a copy of the weight ticket to prove it made it to us. (If they are not willing, that might be a flag).



#### Still Littering



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.

Put waste in its place.





#### Garbage, Sorted!

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Download the free Waste Wizard App. Benefits include:

- What Goes Where 24/7
  - Users have searched our 'What Goes Where' database more than 110,000 times to make sure their garbage was sorted correctly!
  - 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 mechanical issues, we'll let you know

Find Your Collection Day

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

• Don't Miss Out!

Receive collection and event reminders

Scan me to get started





#### Community Exit Ramp Challenge

Join the 2025 challenge!

Want to earn \$750 for your eligible community group? Apply by email, solidwaste@easthants.ca or call the Solid Waste Hotline, 1-888-873-3332

#### 2021-2024 STATS

- 46 clean-ups
- 6 exit ramps (5 in year 1, 6 when Lantz opened)
- 39 groups participated
- \$26,000 in grants provided
- 7942 Kg= 7.94 tonnes= 17,510lbs of litter collected