

### Organics (Green Carts)

Collected every two weeks, opposite week from garbage.

- All food waste, including meat, dairy, fish and shells
- Cooking oil and fat
- Leaves, brush and plants
- Soiled napkins and kitchen paper towel
- Coffee filters and tea bags

These items **do not** belong in the Green Cart: Plastic bags, including those labelled 'compostable' or 'biodegradable'.

- Ashes
- Grass
- Soil or sods
- Pet waste

#### How it Works

- Carts and mini-bins remain at the property if you move.
- Call 311 to report damaged carts
- Maximum weight of cart with contents is 100 kg (220 lb.).
- 20 paper bags of yard waste and five bundles of branches are allowed per collection day.
- Christmas trees will be collected on your regular green cart collection day (remove all ornaments, stands and bags).

### Garbage

Collected every two weeks, opposite week from green carts.

Anything that does not go in recycling or green cart is garbage, including:

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Animal waste
- Broken glass (wrapped)
- Chip bags
- Coffee cups
- Styrofoam

#### How it Works

- Single unit homes are allowed up to six bags per collection. One dark privacy bag allowed. Remaining bags must be clear.
  - Up to five bags may be replaced with renovation waste.
  - Limit of one bulky (furniture/appliance) item per collection.
- Multi-unit buildings (2–6 units): Limit of four bags per unit. One dark privacy bag per unit.
  - Limit of two bulky (furniture/appliance) items per building, per collection.
  - No renovation waste permitted.
- For privacy all clear bags can be placed in a garbage can.
- Maximum weight of bag is 25 kg (55 lb.) Maximum weight of garbage can and renovation bundles 34 kg (75 lb.). Bundles are no longer than 1.2 m (4 ft.)

**Materials must be curbside by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.**

## Recycling Bag 1 — Non-Paper

Collection is every 2 weeks in all communities of Halifax Regional Municipality.

These items go in a blue bag for recycling:

- All plastic containers
- All plastic bags
- All beverage and milk containers (caps removed)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum plates and foil
- Tin and aluminum cans
- Pots and pans

### How it Works

- Stuff all plastic bags together (bags in bags)—no loose bags.
- Beverage containers that have a deposit paid are redeemable (half-back deposit system) at all ENVIRO-DEPOT locations, visit [divertns.ca](http://divertns.ca) for details.
- There are no limits to the number of recycling bags allowed.

All clothes, textiles, and shoes can be donated, even if they are stained and no longer able to be worn. Contact your local thrift store to find locations that accept donations.

## Recycling Bag 2 — Paper Products

Collection is every 2 weeks in all communities of Halifax Regional Municipality.

These items go in a grocery/retail plastic bag or a blue bag for recycling:

- Boxboard (including frozen pizza outer packaging)
- Shredded/whole paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Newsprint and flyers
- Paper backs, magazines, and phone books
- Envelopes

### Corrugated cardboard

Corrugated cardboard tied in armload sized bundles must not exceed 0.6 m (2 ft.) x 0.9 m (3 ft.) x 0.2 m (8 in.)

### How it Works

- Keep paper separate from the items in Recycling Bag 1
- Keep paper clean and dry
- There are no limits to the number of recycling bags allowed.

Certain electronics such as computers, cell phones and microwaves must be taken to a recycling centre. For site locations and accepted items visit [recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca)

## Household Special Waste (HSW)

Drop off items at the HSW Depot

Items from your home that have poison, corrosive, flammable, or combustible symbols can be dropped off at the HSW Depot.

Open Saturdays only at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive in Bayers Lake (excluding holiday weekends). Call 311 or visit [halifax.ca/hswdepot](http://halifax.ca/hswdepot) for hours.

Sharps and medication can be taken back to your local pharmacy. Contact your pharmacy for a safe sharps container.

Paint and empty paint cans - [regeneration.ca](http://regeneration.ca) for locations.

Batteries - [call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca) for locations.

Used motor oil, antifreeze and filters - [ns.uoma-atlantic.com](http://ns.uoma-atlantic.com) for locations.