



Waste Resource Information for Apartment Owners & Managers

It's the Law

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) has a waste resource management system that requires separation of blue bag recyclables, fibre recyclables and organic material which are banned from landfill disposal.

A source separation program is required by law at all apartment buildings in HRM. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in issuance of a Summary Offence Ticket.

Halifax.ca/Legislation/ - HRM By Law S-600

Bins & Containers



Through a commercial waste hauler, set up separate bins at your building for blue bag recyclables, paper, cardboard, garbage and carts for organics. Bins are available from your hauler in various sizes depending on your needs.

Containers for inside (foyer, laundry room & high traffic areas) separation of recyclables, paper, organics and garbage can be purchased from many retailers.

Halifax.ca/Recycle/ICI.html

Containers must be clustered together in a central area and located in a convenient location for tenant's easy access.

Signage

Signage is required to be posted on all bins:

- "Recyclables"
- "Organics" or "Compost"
- "Paper"
- "Corrugated Cardboard"
- "Garbage"



What Goes Where?

In HRM, the following materials are considered recyclable or compostable, unacceptable for landfill and are targeted for diversion.

Blue Bag Recyclables

- All Plastic containers (no Styrofoam)
- Refundable beverage containers & tetra packs
- Milk & juice cartons
- All plastic bags, shrink wrap & bubble wrap
- Steel, tin & aluminum cans
- Glass bottles & jars



Organic Material

- Food waste
- Leaf & yard waste
- Boxboard, soiled kitchen paper towel, napkins & paper plates
- Plant waste



Paper

- Mixed & shredded paper
- Newsprint, magazines, catalogues, flyers, receipts
- Telephone & other soft cover books
- Paper egg cartons & drink trays



Corrugated Cardboard (separate from paper)

- Packing and moving boxes
- Pizza boxes (take out)
- Appliance boxes



Materials Banned from Landfill Disposal

The following materials are banned from landfill disposal as part of Nova Scotia's Solid-Waste Resource Management Regulations:

- Redeemable beverage containers
 - Corrugated cardboard
 - Newsprint
 - Used tires
 - Lead acid (automotive) batteries
 - Waste paint
 - Automotive antifreeze
 - Compostable organic material
 - Leaf & yard waste
 - Steel/tin food containers
 - Glass food containers
 - LDPE bags & packaging
 - HDPE bags & packaging
 - Certain Electronics Items: e.g. televisions, computers, monitors, printers, scanners.
- See www.ACESewardship.ca for details
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Education & Training

HRM Solid Waste Resources staff are available to provide apartment building owners, landlords and tenants with free education sessions/workshops to inform what goes where in the source separation program. We also have a variety of brochures, pamphlets and signs available.

Refer to the **“What Goes Where” Apartment Guide** for detailed information on how to separate all of your waste. Download a copy at Halifax.ca/Recycle/Collection.html.

Standard Form of Lease

Section 9 of the current Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Standard Form of Lease outlines requirements for tenants to properly separate waste material and for landlords to provide separate bins for recyclables, paper, organics & garbage.

www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/permits/forms/renting-residential-property.asp

This information should be discussed at the signing of the lease, and the tenant should also be provided with a copy of the **“What Goes Where” Apartment Guide**.

Kitchen Countertop (Mini) Bins

Property owners/managers have the option to supply mini-bins as part of the check in process when new tenants sign their lease. This item can be included in the damage deposit to minimize the cost of replacement. A list of bin suppliers can be found on the HRM Solid Waste Resources website: Halifax.ca/Recycle/ICI.html.



Alternate containers, such as cracker boxes or other boxboard packaging, or reusable plastic pails are inexpensive mini-bin alternatives. Many retailers now carry mini-bins in their cleaning supply aisles.

Renovation Activity

Construction & Demolition (C&D) and renovation debris such as lumber, roofing and gyproc is also unacceptable for landfill & must be separated for delivery to a licensed C&D processing facility. Arrange to have separate bins for C&D material from your hauler.

More information on C&D material can be found at Halifax.ca/Recycle/CDRDebris.html.

Haulers

Haulers provide bins and collection services for commercial properties, typically charging a hauling fee, bin rental, plus tipping fees. Check the telephone directory to find haulers who will provide separate bins for each stream of material.

One garbage bin is not acceptable. Property owners are responsible to ensure bins are acquired for separation of Blue Bag Recyclables, Fibre Recyclables (Paper), Corrugated Cardboard, Garbage and Organics.

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