

## 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 system is required by law at all businesses in HRM. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in issuance of a Summary Offence Ticket.**

[Halifax.ca/Legislation/](http://Halifax.ca/Legislation/) - HRM By Law S-600

## Bins & Containers

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

Containers for staff or customer use for separation of recyclables, paper, organics and garbage can be purchased from bin/container suppliers. [Halifax.ca/Recycle/ICI.html](http://Halifax.ca/Recycle/ICI.html)



Containers must be located in a convenient location for easy access near the point of generation, (kitchens, stockrooms and public areas). Clustering bins next to each other (recyclables, paper, organics and garbage) is advised.

## 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](http://www.ACESewardship.ca) for details
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## Renovation Activity

Construction & Demolition (C&D) and renovation debris such as lumber, roofing and gyproc is also unacceptable for landfill and 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](http://Halifax.ca/Recycle/CDRDebris.html).

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## 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.**

## Education & Training

HRM Solid Waste Resources staff are available to provide owners and staff 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” Business Guide** for detailed information on how to separate all of your waste. Download a copy at [Halifax.ca/Recycle/ICI.html](http://Halifax.ca/Recycle/ICI.html).

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## Steps to Set up a Successful Source-Separation Program

Recycling and reducing waste can increase staff and visitor morale. Reducing the volume of waste going to garbage reduces waste handling cost. Monitoring the garbage reduces unnecessary wasted assets.

1. Develop & communicate a corporate waste policy;
2. Put commercial bins in place to accommodate separated material;
3. Develop collection procedures for maintenance staff;
4. Conduct monitoring and enforcement of the program.
5. Put in place proper bins and proper signage for collection of materials in public and staff areas;
6. Distribute program information, “What Goes Where” to Staff and public.

Signage and information are the key to a successful source-separation program.

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