



Organics

All Food Waste

Fruit and vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, dairy products, cooking oil and fat (cool, wipe with paper towel, place in green cart), bread, rice, pasta, bones, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, eggshells.

Use boxboard or one sheet of paper to wrap wet food waste.

Plant Waste

Leaves, plants, flowers and natural christmas trees (remove all decorations, stands and bags).

Boxboard and Soiled Paper

Cereal boxes (remove liner), shoe, cracker and cookie boxes, paper towel rolls, soiled paper, food napkins, kitchen paper towels and tissue boxes (remove plastic).

Not for the Green Cart:


- No ashes
- No waxed/film packaging (e.g. microwave dinner)
- No corrugated cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes)
- No plastic bags (including 'biodegradable')
- No cans, bottles or glass
- No decorations or wire wreaths
- No newspapers, magazines or shredded paper
- No paper, coffee or Styrofoam cups
- No milk containers
- No rocks, logs or tree trunks
- No soil/sod
- No pet or animal waste



Recyclables

Blue Bag

Put in clear or see-through blue bag:

- All deposit bearing beverage containers*
- **All** plastic containers 
 - No styrofoam
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Clean aluminum foil and plates
- All milk containers*
- Mini Sips and Tetra Juice Paks
- Plastic bags including: grocery, retail, bread, dry cleaning and frozen food bags, bubble wrap. Remember to empty and remove all receipts. Please stuff all bags inside a grocery bag, tie and place in blue bag.

* Place all caps in garbage.

Paper

Put in grocery, retail or clear plastic bag:

Dry and clean paper, newspapers, flyers, glossy magazines, catalogues, envelopes, paper egg cartons, paperbacks, phone books and shredded paper.

Corrugated Cardboard

(e.g. appliance boxes, pizza boxes)
Fold boxes flat and place in your recycling area.



Garbage

- Aerosol cans, empty
- Aluminum foil, soiled
- Ashes (*cold*)
- Broken glass (*wrapped*)
- Bulky items: furniture, stoves, etc.
- Carbon paper
- Ceramics
- Cloth items
- Coffee cups, disposable
- Diapers, disposable
- Dishes
- Floor sweepings
- Frozen juice cans
- Latex gloves
- Light bulbs
- Motor oil containers
- Packaging, non-recyclable
- Paint cans, empty or dry
- Pet /animal waste
- Plastic wrap, soiled
- Potato chip bags
- Styrofoam
- Tissue
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toys, broken
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Wallpaper

Note: Each building may have specific requirements. It is important to consult your building manager about the proper sorting and storage of organics, recyclables and garbage.

Recycling and Composting is the LAW

Recyclable and compostable materials are banned from landfill disposal, therefore all properties are required to provide a program to accommodate source separation.

Commercial and institutional properties in HRM are required to provide tenants, employees and customers with access to commercial containers for separation of the following materials:

- Compostable Organics
- Blue Bag Recyclables
- Paper Recyclables
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Garbage

Bins and/or designated collection areas must be properly labeled with the material type to be deposited.

Bins should be located close to the point of generation (e.g. paper bin next to photocopier, organics collections in the lunchroom).

If composting or recycling is not provided by your building, please contact us at 490-4000.

For more information:

Call 490-4000

TTY/TDD 490-6645

Toll Free in Nova Scotia 1-800-835-6428

or visit us on the web at: www.halifax.ca/Recycle

Tenants and Employees are required to:

- Separate waste in their unit or work area by keeping recyclables, paper, cardboard and organic material separate from garbage.
- Be familiar with “What Goes Where” and proper sorting on the reverse of this Guide.
- Ensure recyclable material is placed separately in the proper container:
 - Blue or clear bag for recycling
 - Clear or retail/grocery bag for paper
 - NO PLASTIC BAGS in the green cart (not even bags labeled ‘biodegradable’); only paper bags or boxboard is permitted in the green cart.
 - Corrugated cardboard – flattened
- Contact the building manager and check your lease agreement to discuss who is responsible for collecting materials and placing them in the proper commercial bins.

Electronics Recycling

Certain electronics are banned from landfill, therefore cannot be mixed with regular garbage.

These include:

- Televisions
- Computers, monitors, printers, scanners, laptops
- Telephones, fax and answering machines
- A/V playback and recording systems
- Cell phones and other wireless devices

Special drop-off depots are provided by ACES. Call 1-877-777-3260 or view online at www.ACESstewardship.ca for location near you.

Construction, Demolition and Renovation Debris

Construction, Demolition and Renovation materials (C&D) include items such as wood, asphalt shingles, metal and insulation. C&D debris accounts for 1/3 of all solid waste, and it is not accepted for disposal at the Otter Lake Landfill.

If you are carrying out any renovation or construction activities, separate bins must be used. C&D material must be delivered to one of these licensed sites in HRM for proper handling:

RDM Recycling

1275 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield
477-9995

Halifax C&D Recycling Ltd.

188 Ross Road, Westphal, 876-8644
16 Mills Drive, Goodwood, 876-8644

For more information visit:

www.halifax.ca/Recycle/cdrdebris.html

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste must be properly disposed of by consulting a hazardous waste handling company. Check the Yellow Pages for local companies.

Leftover liquid paint is accepted at any ENVIRO DEPOT™ in HRM. Visit www.rrfb.com or call 1-877-313-RRFB (7732) for details.

