

Waste Resource Information for

Business

Owners & Managers



WasteLess

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) has an internationally recognized waste resource management system. As part of this system, blue bag recyclables, fibre recyclables & organic material 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.

www.halifax.ca/legislation/bylaws/hrm/bls600.pdf

How to comply with requirements for separation

Bins & Containers



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

Containers for inside (kitchens, stockrooms & public areas) separation of recyclables, paper, organics & garbage can be purchased from many retailers. www.halifax.ca/recycle/ici.html

Containers must be located in a convenient location for staff & the public, clustered next to each other (recyclables, paper, organics & garbage).

Signage



Signage is required to be posted & bins clearly labelled:

1. Recyclables
2. Organics or Compost
3. Paper
4. Corrugated Cardboard
5. Garbage

What do I Separate?

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

Blue Bag Recyclables

- Plastic containers labelled:  
- 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
- Branches & brush
- Natural Christmas trees free of decorations & stands.



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)
- Merchandise and supply 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

Renovation Activity

Construction & Demolition (C&D) & renovation debris such as lumber, roofing & 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 www.halifax.ca/recycle/cdrdebris.html.

Haulers

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

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

Education & Training

HRM Solid Waste Resources staff are available to provide owners & staff with free education sessions/workshops. We also have a variety of brochures, pamphlets & signs available.

Refer to the **Guide to Waste Management for the Commercial Sector, Businesses & Institutions – “What Goes Where”** for detailed information on how to separate all of your waste. Download a copy at www.halifax.ca/recycle/ici.html.

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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