

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 restaurants and businesses 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 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

Containers must be located in a convenient location for easy access near the point of generation, (behind the counter in food prep area & in front of counter in the public eating area). 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 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.

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.

Fat, Oil & Grease

Used cooking oil and trap grease must be collected by a rendering service for recycling. **It is not acceptable to pour these products down the drain.** Currently there are three cooking oil/grease recyclers who serve HRM. Call to confirm acceptable materials & applicable fees.

Rothsay Rendering
Tel: (902) 893-2801
www.rothsay.ca

BD Rae Waste Management
Tel: (902) 452-8181
www.bdrael.ca

BlueBio Green Solutions
Tel: (902) 476-2063
www.bluebio.ca

Halifax.ca/PollutionPrevention/P2atwork.html

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