



## ***Town of Annapolis Royal***



# **Waste Management News**

In this notice you will find information on how we manage our waste in Annapolis Royal.  
If you have additional questions after reviewing this flyer, please call 532-2043.

### **GUIDELINES**

A decade ago, Annapolis Royal adopted a “zero waste” policy with the aim of diverting as much waste as possible to our regional landfill, not only to save money but also to “save the planet.” We had enthusiastic “buy-in” from the Town’s residents and businesses, and we are continuing to build on this.

#### **The guidelines are simple:**

##### **\*ORGANICS\***

All food waste and other organic materials should go in your backyard composter(s) or in one of the Town’s neighbourhood compost collectors.

##### **\*SEVEN-BAG MAXIMUM\***

You are permitted a maximum of seven (7) 36” garbage bags per collection of which no more than three (3) can be for “total residual waste” (i.e. true garbage) and the remainder for recyclable materials.

##### **\*RECYCLABLES\***

Recyclable materials should go in blue bags. Keep paper products in a separate bag.

##### **\*WHAT’S LEFT\***

Residual waste (i.e. true garbage) should go in clear bags, except that one opaque bag (black, green or white) is permitted. No plastics bags should be included in residual waste!  
Recycle them!

Note: The Town now diverts more than 60% of solid waste from landfill. We still have 40% to go.  
This is just another step to zero!



## Garbage (Clear and/or Opaque Bag)



- potato-chip bags & candy wrappers
- netted onion-bags
- stickers
- clothing & cloth textiles—(other than those that can be dropped off for the Red Cross or other collection points)
- pet waste and kitty litter
- disposable diapers (rinse off waste in toilet)
- freezer & zip-lock bags
- aluminum foil
- waxed cardboard
- toothpaste tubes
- cigarette ashes, butts & foils from packages
- latex gloves
- pencils, pens, crayons & markers

- all styrofoam
- frozen-juice containers
- contaminated containers ( such as motor oil containers)
- Tim Horton-type paper cups
- plastic wrap
- light bulbs (incandescent)
- soiled pizza-boxes (more than 10% soiled—otherwise recycle)
- personal-hygiene products
- empty paint & aerosol cans
- lids & caps from bottles & glass jars
- vacuum cleaner bags
- floor sweepings
- wooden or wax-coated boxes



### Paper (Blue Bag)



- newsprint & flyers
- construction paper
- envelopes, windows included
- magazines & catalogues
- paper egg-cartons
- boxboard (remove all plastic inserts)
- file folders, shredded paper
- phone books
- office paper
- paper towel & toilet paper cores
- paperback & hard-cover books (that are not accepted by the Library)
- dry, soiled paper towel & napkins
- pizza boxes (no more than 10% soiled)
- laundry soap boxes
- cat & dog food bags
- sugar & flour bags
- gift wrap (no foil)
- dry fast-food wrappers
- waxed paper
- potato bags



### Containers & Recyclables (Blue Bag)



- aluminum/tin cans (place lids in cans) & pie plates
- glass bottles and jars
- juice containers and boxes
- all beverage containers (no caps)
- all milk cartons/containers
- grocery & bread bags (recycling symbol #4)
- all rigid plastic containers

For more information, please contact:

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## Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site

### Batteries and Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Compact fluorescent light bulbs and fluorescent lighting tubes contain mercury which is considered hazardous waste. These bulbs can be returned, free of charge, to the Public Works Building (144 Victoria Street).

Car batteries are also considered hazardous waste and are accepted, free of charge, at the Public Works Building (144 Victoria Street).

### Small Batteries and Ink Cartridges

Small household batteries can also be dropped off for proper disposal at the Town Hall. We also accept used ink cartridges (from computer printers) as a fundraiser for the Annapolis Community Pool.

## Leaf and Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

- Grass, Leaves & Brush

- House & Garden Plant Waste

- Sawdust

**The garden waste drop-off site (next to the Public Works Yard) is available to Town residents. Keys to the site are available at Town Hall, on payment of a deposit of \$25.00 per key**

### Spring & Fall Clean-Up

**Bulk clean up usually takes place in April and October. Exact dates will be published on the website and in the Town Crier Newsletter. The following items are not collected during Spring and Fall Clean-Up: leaves and brush, electronics, cardboard boxes, household hazardous waste, large or heavy auto parts, propane cylinders, automotive tires, automotive batteries, fridge, freezer without CFC sticker**

## Four-Stream Receptacles

Please note that the Four-Stream Receptacles located throughout Annapolis Royal are meant for the use of pedestrians.

**These receptacles are not for disposal of household garbage.** Any person who disposes of bagged household garbage in these receptacles may be charged with an offence and fined.

## Tips for Recycling

Paint cans that still have paint in them can be returned to the local Enviro-Depot in Lequille. Empty paint cans, with the lid off, go in your clear garbage bag.

Return your used car and truck tires (up to four at a time) to any tire retailer in the Province.

Oil retailers are required to accept used oil for recycling.

Rinse milk cartons and put them in your blue recycling bag with plastic, metal and glass.

Medical sharps like needles and lancets do not go in the garbage. They can be returned to any pharmacy through the Safe Sharps Program.

Electronic appliances are now accepted for disposal at the Enviro-Depot in Lequille.

Things that can cut or pierce the skin could harm the collector if placed in a garbage bag. Broken glass or other sharp items should be wrapped in cardboard or other protective material and then be placed inside a garbage bag. If the sharp item is too large to fit inside a garbage bag, as with other oversize items it should be disposed of during Spring or Fall Cleanup.

## Neighbourhood Compost Collectors are located at:

- Champlain Drive
- Legion Parking Lot
- Public Works Yard Entrance
- Prince William Street

## Residents Guide to Composting

**All organic waste (see the lists below) is composted within the Town. This not only saves considerably on haulage fees but ensures a ready supply of quality compost for the Town's many gardens at no cost.**

**There are three approaches to composting:**

**Backyard Composter ("Earth Maker")** - Many types are available and the Town will pay half the cost of purchase of any standard backyard composter.

**Green cone**—These are for collecting such hard-to-compost items such as meat (including bones), cooking oils, and dairy products. Again, the town will pay half the cost of one of these.

**Neighbourhood Compost Collector**— A third possibility. See the lists below and on the right for details. Tip: keep your kitchen compost collector in the freezer to eliminate odours.

## Neighbourhood Compost Collectors

- table scraps
- meat, fish, bones & dairy
- bread, pasta & rice
- tea bags, coffee grounds
- egg & nut shells
- cooking oil, grease & fat
- vegetables, fruits & peelings
- all cooked and uncooked foods
- baked goods
- spoiled vegetables and fish
- saturated paper towels & napkins
- coffee filters
- newspaper liner in kitchen compost receptacles

**NO plastic bags of any kind (including "biodegradable")!**



### Green Cones



- fats & oils
- dairy products
- egg shells
- meat scraps
- bones

**The Town offers a 50% rebate towards the purchase of Green Cones by Town residents**

### Backyard Composters (Earth Makers)

- tea bags, coffee grounds
- egg & nut shells
- vegetables, fruits & peelings
- plant material
- leaves



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