

Recycling & Composting in Antigonish County

WHERE DOES MY WASTE GO? CHECK THE GREEN SORTING GUIDE

RECYCLABLE PAPER (BLUE BAG # 1)

- ◆ Newspapers/ Magazines
- ◆ Boxboard (Cereal box—liner removed)
- ◆ Office Paper/ File Folders
- ◆ Egg Cartons
- ◆ Catalogues/ Telephone books
- ◆ Envelopes/ Flyers/ Glossy Paper

RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS (BLUE BAG #2)




- ◆ Plastic Containers (#1-7)
- ◆ Milk Cartons and Juice Jugs
- ◆ Glass Bottles/ Jars
- ◆ Tin/Steel Food Cans
- ◆ Grocery/ Bread Bags (#4)
- ◆ Aluminum Pie Plates
- ◆ Beverage Containers

**ABSOLUTELY NO STYROFOAM
ALL LIDS MUST BE REMOVED**

**RECYCLABLES MUST BE CLEAN,
DRY AND PLACED INTO TWO
SEPARATE BLUE BAGS.**

ROADSIDE/CURBSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION (GREEN CART)

Food Products

- ◆ Table Scraps 
- ◆ Meat, Fish & Bones
- ◆ Vegetable & Fruit Peelings
- ◆ Shellfish (including shells)
- ◆ Solid Dairy Products
- ◆ Cooking Oil, Grease & Fats
- ◆ Bread, Rice, & Pasta
- ◆ Egg/Nut Shells, Tea Bags Coffee Grounds & Filters

Non-Recyclable Paper Products

- ◆ Soiled Food Napkins
- ◆ Paper Towel
- ◆ Pizza Boxes, Fast Food Boxes
- ◆ Paper Plates (no Styrofoam)
- ◆ Sugar, Flour, & Potato Bags

Yard Waste

- ◆ Grass, Leaves, (note: these green carts are not designed for large quantities of yard waste).

Green Carts will be collected weekly on the same day as your regular garbage.

REGULAR GARBAGE (CLEAR BAG)

- ◆ Lids, caps, and covers from plastic & glass bottles
- ◆ All Styrofoam (including #6)
- ◆ Bathroom Waste
- ◆ Hot/ Cold disposable cups
- ◆ Kitty Litter
- ◆ Diapers (Diaper Genie)
- ◆ Empty Paint & Oil Containers
- ◆ Old Shoes & Clothing

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Greens - Vegetables, Fruit, Peelings, Egg Shells, Pasta & Rice (no sauce), Coffee Grounds & Filters, Tea Bags

Browns - Yard Waste, Leaves, Straw, Wood Shavings, Sawdust, Paper Towel & Napkins



ALWAYS LAYER THE GREENS WITH THE BROWNS. NO MEAT, FISH, BONES OR DAIRY PRODUCTS IN THE BACKYARD COMPOSTER AS IT MAY ATTRACT UNWANTED PESTS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the County of Antigonish: 863-1117

YOU ASKED...

CAN I USE CLEAR BAGS FOR RECYCLING?

No. Recyclables must be placed in two semi-transparent blue bags. As indicated on the opposite side of this card, Bag # 1 should only contain paper products and Bag # 2 should contain all other recyclables. Garbage is to be placed in a clear (non-colored) bag.



CAN ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS BE RECYCLED?

Only plastic containers with the number #1 through 7 can be recycled at our processing facility. To find the number, check the bottom of the container for the recycling symbol with a number inside. If you do not see the recycling symbol, it is not recyclable and may be placed in regular waste. Note: Empty oil containers do have a recycling sign, but are not recyclable. Used oil and filters can be returned to the place of purchase.

WHAT DOES NOT GO INTO THE CURBSIDE/ROADSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION CART?

No plastic bags and containers, “biodegradable” plastic bags, “compostable” starch bags, wood ashes, treated wood, metal, glass, styrofoam, coffee cups, animal waste, diapers, or sanitary product. The smaller carts are designed to handle mostly table scraps, meat, fish, bones and soiled paper. We encourage people to continue backyard composting as it is the best way to dispose of your food and yard waste.

RECYCLING TIPS

- ✓ All containers must be rinsed clean and dry.
- ✓ Caps on bottles/jars must be removed and placed in the regular waste.
- ✓ Paper and cardboard must be clean and dry. It cannot be recycled if wet or dirty.
- ✓ Labels do not have to be removed.
- ✓ Covers on tin cans do not have to be removed. If removed, please place them inside the can.



CURBSIDE/ROADSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION TIPS

- ✓ Line your kitchen bin and organics cart with newspaper or cardboard to absorb moisture and help keep it clean
- ✓ Rinse your kitchen bin after you empty it into the cart and periodically rinse the cart with a garden hose.
- ✓ In the winter ball up sheets of newspaper and place them on the bottom of the cart to help avoid freezing.
- ✓ Meat or fish may be wrapped in newspaper or frozen before disposal in the cart to reduce odor.

FACT: OVER 1/3 OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE IN THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH IS ORGANIC



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