

‘New’ Clear Bag Program for Regular Garbage:

The Municipality of the County of Antigonish has, along with other municipalities in the area, adopted a ‘new’ clear bag program. Commencing in September all residence, businesses, institutions and industry in the Municipality of the County of Antigonish will be asked to begin using clear bags for regular garbage. Full compliance with the program is mandatory by November 1st, 2005.

Why change to a Clear Bag system for regular garbage?

Since the release of the Province’s Solid Waste Management Strategy in 1996, programs have developed to capture resources from what was previously seen as waste. Food cans, beverage containers, glass jars, plastics, used paint, old tires, newspapers and food waste are all examples of such items. By capturing these materials we were able to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfills, however there is still room for improvements. As the December 31, 2005 deadline for the implementation of second generation landfills nears, the costs associated with the disposal of regular garbage will increase. In order to maximize recycling and composting and minimize disposal fees for regular garbage, the county is implementing the clear bag program.

What is the Clear Bag Program?

As of November 1st, 2005- all items previously disposed of in Green/Black or Orange bags will have to be placed in clear garbage bags. The recycling program will continue under the same guidelines as the 2 blue bag recycling system (paper products & all other recyclables collected bi-weekly) that is currently in place today, however garbage will be collected in clear garbage bags. The Municipality has also began collecting organics curb/roadside. The green carts will be collected on a weekly basis on the same day as your regular garbage collection. The County is still encouraging resident to backyard compost as the curb/roadside collection program is meant to complement your backyard composter by diverting the material that can not be backyard composted such as meat, fish, bones, dairy products, soiled paper and non-recyclable paper. The green cart provided by the Municipality is not intended to handle large quantities of leaf and yard waste as this material will break down naturally on site or you can take it to the Beech Hill transfer facility.

Mandatory compliance with the program starts November 1st, 2005; solid color garbage bags will no longer be collected.

For further information contact 863-1117.



Waste Management Strategy

**Municipality of the County
of Antigonish**



**For Information,
Questions or Concerns
Please Phone your Waste
Reduction Assistant
863-1117**

Recycling: Blue Bag

Paper Products - Bag 1:



- , Magazines, Catalogues, & Periodicals
- , Newspapers
- , Envelopes
- , File Folders
- , Advertising flyers
- , Bond & Glossy paper
- , Boxboard (i.e. cereal box-liner removed)
- , Paperbacks and telephone books
- , Paper egg cartons (dozens & flats)
- , Corrugated cardboard (should be bundled separate if large quantity)
- , Cores from paper towel and toilet paper

All Other Recyclables - Bag 2:

- , Plastic containers # 1- 7
- , Aluminum, steel, & tin food cans
- , Glass jars and bottles
- , Milk cartons & juice jugs
- , Aluminum pie plates
- , Grocery and bread bags
- , Refundable beverage containers



****All items MUST be CLEAN and DRY. All glass, bottle, milk, & juice lids go into the garbage.****

Organics

Road/Curbside Organics Collection (Green Cart)

Food Products:

- , Table Scrapes
- , Meat, Fish & Bones
- , Vegetable and Fruit Peelings
- , Shellfish (including shells)
- , Bread, Rice, Pasta

Non-Recyclable Paper Products

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

* Green carts will be collected weekly on the same day as your regular garbage*

Line your kitchen bin or green carts with newspaper or cardboard to absorb moisture and help keep it clean

Backyard Composting

Greens: vegetables, fruit, peelings, egg shells, coffee grinds, coffee filters, tea bags, bread, pasta & rice, nutshells, freshly pulled weeds & plants.

Browns: Yard Waste, leaves, straw, hay, wood shavings, sawdust, twigs, small branches, dead weeds & plants.

No meat, fish, bones, or dairy products. They are compostable but may attract unwanted pests.

Always layer the compost pile by covering the Greens with the Browns

Regular Garbage

As of November 1st, 2005 all regular garbage will be collected in **CLEAR GARBAGE BAGS.**

Any item not listed as recyclable in bag 1 or 2 and all organic materials that are NOT compostable in your backyard compost.

Some common items included:

- , Lids, caps, & covers from plastic and glass jars
- , All Styrofoam
- , Aluminum foil and plastic wrap
- , Potato chip bags
- , Candy and Bar wrappers
- , Hot and cold disposable drink cups (Tim Hortons cups)
- , Metal Fasteners & plastic binding
- , Lightbulbs
- , Broken glass, ceramic, & dishes
- , Empty paint cans & Aerosol cans
- , Empty motor oil containers
- , Carbon paper
- , Floor sweepings
- , Hard covered books (remove inside and place in bag 1)
- , Gift wrap, colored tissue paper
- , Construction paper
- , Wallpaper
- , Netted onion bags
- , Pet food bags with plastic liner

Excluding

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Some examples include cleaning products, paint and other solvents, oils, pesticides, pool chemicals. Empty containers regular garbage.