



# SORT IT WESTERN

Sorting Guide



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*A cleaner future starts today*



# Western Newfoundland has a new way of managing waste!

Western Regional Waste Management (WRWM) is launching a recycling and garbage program for all residents of Western Newfoundland. Our mandatory program will have the greatest positive impact on keeping waste out of the landfill and protecting this place we love so much.

## Your participation is key

The people of Western Newfoundland understand the value of protecting the environment. That's why **this is a mandatory program:** simply sort your recyclables from your waste – and they will be collected from your curb. We all depend on clean air to breathe and healthy forests and oceans to provide us with a safe place to live, work and play.



WRWM is committed to achieving the 50 percent waste diversion goal as outlined in the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy.

# How to Sort It?

## It's as easy as...



**Place recyclables in transparent blue bags.**



**Place household garbage in clear bags.**



**Place bags at the curb or roadside on your collection day.**

**IT'S A  
MANDATORY  
PROGRAM.**

As part of the Sort-It Western program, garbage (items that are not recyclable) will be placed at the curb in clear (transparent) garbage bags. Clear bags have been shown to encourage appropriate sorting of waste, keeping recyclable and hazardous waste out of the landfill, resulting in a positive impact on the environment, as well as worker safety.

As part of the Clear Bag Garbage program, two small, non-transparent bags (privacy bags) are allowed in each clear bag (for the disposal of sensitive materials). Privacy bags must be no larger than 54.9 cm x 58.4 cm (21.6 in x 23 in). A kitchen catcher style bag is acceptable as a privacy bag. Privacy bags must be placed in the clear garbage bag on collection day.

# YOUR WASTE SORTING GUIDE

Recyclables  
must go in  
**TRANSPARENT  
BLUE BAGS.**

## RECYCLABLES

The following recyclable items must be placed in **TRANSPARENT BLUE BAGS.**

**All materials MUST be emptied, rinsed, and wiped.**

### Boxboard:

- Drink and coffee trays
- Egg cartons
- Food boxes  
(e.g. granola bars, cereal)
- Shoe boxes
- Paper towel/Toilet paper rolls

### Cardboard:

- Corrugated boxes
- Packaging materials
- Pizza boxes

### Metal Containers:

- Aluminum cans (e.g. pop and beer cans)
- Disposable foil containers  
(e.g. pie plates, food trays, baking pans)
- Steel and tin cans and lids  
(e.g. soup, tuna, juice, coffee cans, fruit cups, cookies, chocolates, tea)
- Aluminum foil

### Mixed Paper:

- Books (with hard cover removed)
- Computer paper
- Construction paper
- Envelopes
- Exercise books/scribblers  
(wire rings removed)
- Glossy paper
- Loose leaf
- Magazines and catalogues
- Newspapers and flyers  
(plastic delivery bags removed)
- Paper bags
- Kraft paper
- Phone books
- Sticky notes

### Paper Containers:

- Gable top cartons  
(e.g. juices, cream, molasses)
- Milk cartons or Tetra boxes  
(including milk alternatives such as soy and almond milk)
- Tetra boxes (e.g. juice, sauces, soup, broth)

### Plastic Containers:

- Plastic beverage containers  
(e.g. pop and water bottles, juice jugs, juice pouches, yogurt drink bottles)
- Plastic flower pots
- Plastic food containers and bottles  
(e.g. mayonnaise, ketchup, peanut butter, honey)
- Plastic household cleaner bottles  
(e.g. glass cleaner, multi-purpose solution, laundry detergent, windshield wash)
- Plastic toiletry bottles  
(e.g. dish soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, body wash, over-the-counter medication)
- Plastic trays and clamshells  
(e.g. baked goods, fruit, sandwiches)
- Plastic tubs and lids  
(e.g. butter, sour cream, yogurt, ice cream tubs)



# GARBAGE

The following household items must be placed in a **CLEAR BAGS**.

## Plastic:

- Bags
- Bottle caps
- Bubble envelopes
- Candy and granola bar wrappers
- CD and DVDs and cases
- Chip and snack bags
- Coffee pods (K-cups)
- Cutlery
- Individual condiment packages
- Plastic wrap and baggies
- Straws

## Paper:

- Coffee cups and take-out drink containers
- Gift bags and wrapping paper
- Paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Wax paper

## Other:

- Blankets and bed sheets
- Electrical cords
- Ceramic dishes
- Clothing
- Diapers
- Empty aerosol cans
- Food waste
- Full or unopened food containers
- Glass jars (e.g. jam, pizza sauce, salsa)
- Kitty litter/pet waste
- Laundry baskets and hampers
- Pet food bags
- Pots and pans

- Sharp objects (e.g. needles, knives, broken glass) in a puncture-proof container
- Styrofoam
- Toys (plastic, wood, metal)

**Two small privacy bags (non-transparent) may be placed inside each clear bag with your household garbage.**

**CONTACT YOUR COMMUNITY COLLECTION  
SERVICE PROVIDER FOR DETAILS  
ON BAG LIMITS AND COLLECTION SCHEDULES.**



## FIND A PLACE FOR OTHER WASTE

Some items are not collected at the curb. Materials such as construction and demolition waste, bulk waste, metals, household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, and fluorescent light bulbs can be dropped off at any of the six Western Waste Management facilities.

### Western Newfoundland Waste Management Sites

- Bay St. George (St. George's)
- Burgeo & Area (Burgeo)
- Corner Brook & Area (Wild Cove)
- Long Range (Norris Point)
- Southwest Coast (Cape Ray)
- White Bay South/Western Hills (Hampden)

#### FUTURE WASTE RECOVERY FACILITIES:

Bonne Bay South  
Portland Creek  
West Bay

Western Regional Waste Management Administration Office (Corner Brook)

**1-709-632-2922/1-844-437-2922**

Call or visit [www.wrwm.ca](http://www.wrwm.ca) for hours of operation.





# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Many household products contain hazardous materials that are toxic/poison, corrosive, flammable, or reactive/explosive. These products can cause serious harm to the environment and pose a threat to human health when thrown in the garbage or poured down the drain or storm sewer.

The following items are **not accepted** for curbside collection and must be disposed of at one of the Western facilities during regular hours of operation. The HHW program is a **free service for residents**.

## HHW Materials Include:

- batteries (household, car)
- cleaning products, disinfectants
- detergents, spot removers
- bleach, ammonia
- aerosol cans (full or partially full)
- medications, pharmaceuticals
- rubbing alcohol
- mercury (thermostats, thermometers)
- nail polish and remover
- motor oil and filters
- antifreeze, coolants
- brake and transmission fluid
- adhesives, contact cement, glue
- rust remover
- driveway sealer
- chemicals, pool chemicals
- fertilizers
- insect repellents, flea powder
- herbicides, fungicides
- gas, kerosene, butane, lighters with content
- propane, propane tanks with content
- ethanol, methanol



**The bulb eater program is a free service offered under the HHW Program.**



## Paint

Waste paint is accepted at the WRWM facilities as part of Product Care's Regeneration Paint Recycling program. **This is a free service for residents.**

For a complete list of drop-off locations and accepted items, visit **[www.regeneration.ca](http://www.regeneration.ca)** or call Product Care toll free 1-888-772-9772.



**Accepted:** All household paint products and containers. Paint aerosols of all types, including automotive, craft and industrial products are also accepted.



## Program Tires

On-road tires can be disposed of properly through the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board's Used Tire Program. These tires should be left with the retailer at the time of tire changeover or be returned to any tire retailer at a later date in manageable quantities (4-5 tires). Also accepted at all WRWM facilities. **This is a free service for residents.**



**Accepted:** Highway, passenger, light truck and motorcycle tires. Commercial truck tires used on heavy trucks, busses and large recreational vehicles.

Tires must be in whole form, free of mud and debris and must have their rims removed before they are returned for recycling.

## Non-Program Tires

Please note that ATV, OTR (off the road) and other industrial tires are not included in MMSB's program but are accepted for disposal at the WRWM facilities during regular hours of operation. **Fees apply.**





## Electronic Waste

Electronic waste is accepted at the WRWM facilities and recycled as part of the Electronic Products Recycling Association's Recycle MY Electronics program. **This is a free service for residents.**

For a complete list of drop-off locations and accepted items, visit **[recycleMYelectronics.ca](http://recycleMYelectronics.ca)** or call EPRA toll free 1-888-567-4535.



**Accepted:** Display devices (such as televisions and monitors), desktop printers, computers and peripherals (such as keyboards), home theatre in a box (HTB) systems, non-cellular telephones as well as audio and video systems.



## Scrap Metal

Residents throughout the Western region of the province have access to safe and convenient scrap metal drop-off sites. Scrap metal includes ferrous metals such as steel and cast iron, and non-ferrous metals such as aluminum, stainless steel, white metals, lead, copper, brass and zinc. **This is a free service for residents.**



## Construction and Demolition

Construction and demolition waste such as wood, shingles, bricks or concrete can be dropped off at WRWM facilities during regular hours of operation. **Fees apply.**



## Bulk Waste

Bulk Waste such as furniture, appliances, and other large items can be dropped off at WRWM facilities during regular hours of operation. **Fees apply.**



## Beverage Containers

The Beverage Container Recycling Program is a deposit-refund system. When you purchase a beverage, you pay a deposit. You can return your beverage container to a Green Depot to receive a refund.

For a complete list of Green Depots and accepted items, visit [www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca) or call MMSB toll-free at 1-800-901-6672.



**Accepted:** All ready-to-drink containers that you pay a deposit on at the time of purchase. If you're not sure if a container is included, check your receipt.

**Remember,** you can also recycle your beverage containers (excluding glass) by including them with your recyclables in your **Transparent Blue Bag** and placing them at the curb or roadside on your collection day.

## Grasscycling

**Grasscycling is a simple way to recycle your grass clippings. Simply leave your clippings on your lawn!**

- Keep your mower height at 2.5 inches. Never let the grass grow more than three inches tall.
- Leave the grass clippings where they fall and allow them to decompose.
- For a healthy lawn, only cut one-third of the grass blade at a time.
- Cut your lawn frequently, about once or twice per week.

**FACT:** Grasscycling takes 38% less time than raking and bagging grass.

**FACT:** Grasscycling does not cause thatch.

**FACT:** Grass clippings are about 90% water so they decompose quickly, returning nutrients to your lawn.

# Backyard composting is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

In nature, nothing is wasted or thrown away. When we compost organic waste in our backyards, we mimic natural processes.

At a landfill, organic waste breaks down without oxygen to produce methane gas — a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more powerful at warming the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. With up to 30 percent of the food we buy going to waste, composting is a great way to keep waste out of the landfill.



## CHOOSE A BIN

- Purchase a bin from a hardware store, garden centre, or build your own bin using plans from [www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca).
- Many communities offer bins at a reduced rate through MMSB's Backyard Compost Bin Program. Visit [www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca) for a complete list of participating communities.
- Place your compost bin in a sunny area where it will absorb and retain heat.
- Choose a location that has good drainage and is accessible all year round.



## ADD ORGANIC WASTE

- Collect kitchen waste in a small, covered container and empty to your backyard compost bin regularly.
- Add a balance of brown and green waste to your backyard compost bin. A good mixture consists of 50% browns and 50% greens.
  - Browns are dry, absorbent materials like leaves, dried grass clippings and shredded paper.
  - Greens are fresh, moist materials like fruit and vegetable scraps, tea bags, and coffee grounds.
- Always cover with a layer of browns.

Learn more at  
[www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca)



## MAINTAIN YOUR BIN

- Your compost pile should be as moist as a 'wrung-out sponge'. When you touch the pile, it should feel damp; but when you squeeze it, no liquid should run out.
- Turn your compost regularly to increase the circulation of oxygen within the pile.



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