











Waste Sorting Guide

This guide is provided by municipalities across Nova Scotia

To view a more detailed guide for your municipality visit
www.divertns.ca/sorting









Most municipalities have a mobile app to download for FREE!


ORGANICS GREEN CART

-  All food waste
-  Coffee grinds, filters, and tea bags (no coffee pods)
-  Parchment paper and food wraps
-  Pizza boxes
-  Shells: egg, fish, nut
-  Soiled napkins/paper towels
-  Sugar, flour, potato bags
-  Residential cooking oil or fat (small amounts that absorb into the contents of the cart)
-  Leaves, brush, and plants
-  Pine needles, pine cones and tree nuts

- NO plastic bags
- NO milk cartons
- NO metal or glass
- NO diapers, wipes or personal hygiene products








RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS—BAG 1

-  Aluminum foil and plates
-  Glass bottles and jars (lids off)
-  Metal food cans
-  Milk cartons and jugs (caps off)
-  All plastic bags, shrink wrap and bubble wrap
-  Plastic containers (#1,2, 4 & 5)
-  Detergent jugs and body care containers (caps off)
-  Other non-refundable carton beverages (soy/rice)

 Return all refundable beverage containers to an Enviro Depot™ for your refund (or place in Blue Bag 1)

- NO paper
- NO plastic cutlery or straws
- NO disposable cups
- MUST be rinsed and clean

RECYCLABLE PAPER— BAG 2

-  Boxboard (cereal and cracker boxes)
-  Cardboard (flatten & bundled)
-  Paper egg cartons & coffee trays
-  Envelopes
-  Magazines, catalogues, phone books and paper back novels*
-  Newsprint and flyers
-  Paper (shredded and whole)

*Remove covers from hard cover books first before placing in bag.

- NO plastic
- NO disposable cups
- NO milk cartons
- MUST be clean and dry

LANDFILL GARBAGE BAG

-  Broken glass (safely package label, place beside garbage bag)
-  Bubble mailers
-  Candy wrappers
-  Cardboard cans (plastic lids can be recycled)
-  Cigarette butts
-  Diapers and personal hygiene products
-  Disposable cups and coffee pods
-  Disposable wipes, masks and gloves
-  Drinking straws
-  Foil gift wrap and ribbon
-  Potato chip bags
-  Clothing/Textiles (consider reuse)
-  Toothpaste tubes and tooth brush

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Contact your waste authority or municipality for residential drop-off locations in your area.



Other Options for:

Batteries

Find the nearest drop off location at call2recycle.ca

Leftover Paint in Can or Empty Paint Can (with a lid and label)

Find the nearest drop off location at regeneration.ca

Oil Filters, Oil, Antifreeze and Empty Containers

Find the nearest drop off location at uoma-atlantic.com

OTHERS

Electronics

Find locations that accept program electronics for recycling at recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns

Medications and Sharps

Ask at your pharmacy.

Those using sharps can pick up a FREE safe sharps container from the pharmacy. For more info visit pans.ns.ca