

Nova Scotia: A Leader in Waste Reduction

Nova Scotians understand the importance of a clean environment. Whether at home, at school or at work, we strive to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

- ♻️ All residents of Nova Scotia have curbside recycling
- ♻️ All communities in Nova Scotia have composting programs
- ♻️ Nova Scotia's disposal rate is less than ½ the Canadian average

Our Commitment to Reducing Waste

In Nova Scotia, reducing our waste is more than just a good idea—it's the law! Many materials that can be recycled or composted are banned from Nova Scotia's landfills, for example:

- ♻️ Recyclable food and beverage containers
- ♻️ Newsprint and corrugated cardboard
- ♻️ Food and yard waste
- ♻️ Used tires
- ♻️ Paint products
- ♻️ Electronics



**For more information on
Nova Scotia's recycling
programs, contact:**

Divert NS Hotline: 1-877-313- 7732
Email: info@divertns.ca

divertns.ca



NOVA SCOTIA'S SORTING GUIDE FOR VISITORS

divertns.ca



Help protect Nova Scotia's environment

Small choices can have a big impact on our environment.

Refuse to waste

Nova Scotia has had a ban on single-use plastic bags since 2020, don't forget to bring your reusable bag when shopping. Use fewer packaged and disposable products. Choose to reuse, borrow, or rent items when possible.

Participate in local recycling and composting programs

Look for waste sorting bins at service stations, hotels and accommodations, provincial parks, visitor information centres, and in other public places.

Return your beverage containers for money

Take your beverage containers to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for a refund. To locate the nearest ENVIRO-DEPOT™ ask area retailers or visit www.divertns.ca.

Leave only footprints

Keep Nova Scotia litter free! Litter degrades our environment and harms wildlife.

Questions about waste sorting in Nova Scotia? Contact a local waste educator!
www.divertns.ca/local-waste-educators

Visitor Sorting Guide



Paper

- » Maps and brochures
- » Newsprint and flyers
- » Cardboard
- » Catalogues
- » Magazines
- » Paperback books
- » Paper egg cartons
- » Envelopes
- » Loose-leaf and office paper



Recyclables

All Beverage Containers*

- » Pop, water, and juice bottles
- » Juice cartons and boxes
- » Aluminum beverage cans
- » Liquor and beer containers
- » Milk cartons, bags, and jugs



Other

- » Glass containers
- » Tin and aluminum cans
- » Plastic bags
- » All plastic containers
- » Aluminum pie plates



Organics

- » All food waste
- » Meat, fish, and bones
- » Fruits and vegetables
- » Tea bags and coffee grounds
- » Bread and pasta
- » Egg and nut shells
- » Soiled and/or wet paper
- » Paper towels and napkins
- » Paper plates and food containers
- » Paper sugar and flour bags
- » Coffee filters



Garbage

- » Chip bags
- » Foil gift wrap and ribbon
- » Bar and candy wrappers
- » Disposable wipes, masks and gloves
- » Toothpaste tubes and tooth brush
- » Broken toys
- » Plastic cutlery, and straws
- » Cigarette butts
- » Chewing gum
- » Diapers and sanitary products

* All beverage containers (excluding milk) can be returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for refund.

To locate the nearest ENVIRO-DEPOT™ ask area retailers or visit www.divertns.ca.