

Residential waste sorting Guide



for Colchester County
residents



Sort today.
Protect tomorrow.



Colchester
Solid Waste

Residential Waste Sorting for Colchester County

This handbook explains how to properly sort your recycling, compost and garbage. Following these guidelines helps to become a Waste Sorting Champion in your community and support provincial recycling programs.

Recycling (Curbside Pickup)

General Rules

- All recyclables must be clean and dry
 - Sort into two separate bags:
 - Blue/Clear bags (containers)
 - Blue/Clear bags (paper/fibre)
 - Place curbside on your regular collection day before 7:00am
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Container Recycling (Blue/Clear Bag)

Include:

- Plastic Bags
 - Plastic containers (#1–#7) – Empty, lids & caps on
 - Toothpaste tubes, deodorant containers – Empty, lids & caps on
 - Milk, juice boxes & juice cartons – Empty, lids & caps on
 - Metal cans (food cans etc) - Empty, lids & caps on
 - Aluminium (foils, trays, cat food cans & beverage containers) - Empty, lids & caps on
 - Glass bottles & jars – Empty, lids & caps off
 - Laminated Container Packaging - Empty, lids & caps off
 - Hot & Cold beverage cups
 - Ice-cream containers, spiral cans & cookie dough package
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Paper & Fibre Recycling (Blue/Clear Bag)

Include:

- Paper boxes
- Cardboard (flattened) – 60cm x 60cm (2ft x 2ft)
- Pizza boxes (clean)

- Cereal boxes, tissue boxes
- Newspapers, magazines, envelopes
- Gift wrapping paper & gift bags

Laminated Paper Packaging

- Paper popcorn bags
- Lined paper bags
- Coated paper plates

NOT Accepted in Curbside Recycling (Fails)

Books - Donate if possible or Garbage

Pots & pans - Garbage

Textile – Garbage

Needles or batteries – Special place

Aerosol cans – Depot

Styrofoam – Depot

Flexible plastic (chip bags, candy wrapper, bubble wrap) - Depot

Depot Drop-Off Recycling

These items MUST be taken to a designated depot and MUST NOT be placed curbside for collection

- Styrofoam & foam packaging
- Aerosol cans (empty, non-hazardous)
- Flexible plastics (chip bags, candy wrappers, bubble wrap)

Separate each material type into different bags before drop-off.

Depot Drop Off Locations

Subway Bottle Exchange

25 Pictou Road

Bible Hill

902-893-8312

Tatamagouche Recycling

102 Main St.

Tatamagouche

902-657-9201

John Ross & Sons

85 Glassey Ave.

Truro

902-893-9429

TNT Recycling

20711 HWY #2

Shubenacadie East

902-758-2708

Compost (Green Bin)

Acceptable Items

- All food waste (meat, bones, fruits, vegetables)
- Coffee grounds, tea bags
- Used paper towels & napkins
- Yard waste (grass, leaves, twigs)
- Pet waste & kitty litter

Do NOT Include

- Plastic bags (biodegradable, compostable)
- Nopoop bags

Garbage

Garbage Includes

- Diapers, wipes, hygiene products
- Broken glass (wrapped safely)
- Cigarette butts
- Plastic cutlery & straws
- Pots & pans
- Wipes (flushable, sanitizing & baby wipes)

Important Rule

- Each residential address gets SIX clear bags of garbage OR FIVE clear bags and ONE non-transparent privacy bag.

Special Recycling Programs

Take these items to approved locations:

- Electronics
 - Paint
 - Lightbulbs
 - Used oil
 - Needles (pharmacies only)
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Local Drop-Off Locations

- Subway Bottle Exchange
 - Tatamagouche Recycling
 - John Ross & Sons
 - TNT Recycling
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Quick Tips

- ✓ Clean and dry everything
 - ✓ When in doubt, check before tossing
 - ✓ Separate depot materials separately and properly
 - ✓ Use clear bags for garbage
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Need Help?

- 902-895-4777
- colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling
- Helpline@colchester.ca
- Download the Colchester Waste Management App in the Google Play Store or the App Store

Small steps at home, gives a cleaner Colchester for all.



Sorting your waste the right way keeps our communities clean, protects our environment and supports a sustainable future for Colchester County.



Reduce
what you use
and waste



Reuse
find ways to
repair, donate
or repurpose



Recycle
right and
responsibly



Dispose
of garbage
properly, Do
NOT Litter

When in doubt, check the sorting guide or the Colchester waste management app!



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