

Materials Banned from Nova Scotia Landfills

The following items are not permitted to be disposed of in landfills. Most of these items may be recycled or composted.

Banned Material	Where It Should Go
Refundable beverage containers	Blue Bag or ENVIRO-DEPOT™
Corrugated Cardboard	Blue Bag or bundled beside bag
Newsprint	Blue Bag
Used Tires	Take Back to Dealer
Automotive / Lead-Acid Batteries	ENVIRO-DEPOT™
Leaf and Yard Waste	Compost / Green cart
Leftover household Paint	ENVIRO-DEPOT™
Steel or Tin Food Containers	Blue Bag
Glass Food Containers	Blue Bag
#2 HDPE Non-Hazardous Containers (e.g. ice cream containers, plastic jugs, detergent bottles, etc.)	Blue Bag
Compostable Organic Material	Compost / Green Cart

Please note: All materials that can be recycled and composted (please refer to the sorting guide) have been banned from regional disposal sites.

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Rental Properties Checklist

ISSUE	TRUE	FALSE
Lease agreement clearly specifies that waste sorting is the tenant's responsibility		
Sorting Guides posted in common areas/given to tenants		
Waste bins are adequate for storage of waste between collections		
Compartments in the bin or shed are needed for separating waste		
The source of waste can be identified once bags of garbage are placed in the bin or shed		
Waste shed/containers maintained to health and safety standards		
Waste inspections conducted by property manager		
Workshops /Information Session required for tenants		

For More Information and Resources

Waste Check offers FREE workshops and can be contacted at 902-742-1312 or toll free 1-800-569-0039.

New tenants moving in? Let Waste Check know and an Educator can visit them to help them understand what is required for sorting their waste properly.



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A Landlord's Guide to Solid Waste Management in Apartment Buildings



742-1312 or
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Waste Check provides waste-reduction awareness, education and program support!

Waste Management and Apartments

“Source Separation” is one of the keys to reducing materials sent to landfills in Nova Scotia. What this means is that solid waste is separated (recyclables, organics and garbage) where the waste is created, in this case apartment buildings, by the tenants.



WHY IS SOURCE SEPARATION IMPORTANT?

It ensures that your apartment building is in compliance with the Nova Scotia Environment Act and Municipal Bylaw regulations. Specifically, unsorted materials may result in fines or be rejected by municipal disposal sites.

These materials (organics and recyclables) have been banned by Provincial law from disposal in landfills for over 10 years.

Recycling highlights:

- 2.6 billion beverage containers recycled since 1996.
 - 9.8 million tires collected since 1998.
 - 1.8 million litres of paint recycled since 2002.
 - Nova Scotia's waste disposal rate is 50% lower than the Canadian average!
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Establishing a Waste Management Program

Landlord Responsibilities

- Provide tenants with access to recycling and composting containers
- Provide tenants with appropriate information, including the location of waste separation bins, separation instructions and a list of materials banned from the landfill
- Establish a solid waste policy for your building(s)



Tenant Responsibilities

- Source separate your waste and keep recyclables and organic materials separate from regular waste
- Become familiar with the building's solid waste policy
- Place materials in the appropriate location / containers as specified by the landlord

It is the responsibility of both the landlord and the tenants to ensure that source separation happens.

Designing an Apartment Recycling Program

- 1. Design a recycling system that fits your situation.** For example, if each tenant places their garbage into a dumpster in the back of the building, then set up a separate container for recyclables. Be sure to provide instructions on what should and should not go into it.
 - 2. Provide information for tenants** on how the program works and why they must participate.
 - 3. Launch the program.** Use a newsletter, a letter or simply discuss it with your tenants.
 - 4. Monitor the program** to make sure everyone knows how to participate properly. Use the Rental Properties Checklist that we have provided in this brochure.
 - 5. Adjust the program** to take any changes into account.
 - 6. Incorporate your solid waste policy into your lease.**
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