Solid Waste Information Sheet

Municipality of the County of Cumberland

What's Happening?

Since January 1st, 2012 residents and businesses in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland have been required to use clear non-coloured bags for residual garbage. Also, only ONE, non-clear "privacy bag", per clear non-coloured bag of residual garbage is permitted. Multiple non-clear bags such as kitchen catchers, grocery bags, etc. are not accepted.

There are clear kitchen catcher bags available for purchase at many locations within the County. Any non clear bags must be emptied into the larger clear bag prior to taking it to the curb or the bag will be rejected.

Solid Waste diversion methods are constantly changing and so must we. Be sure to keep up to date with source separation guidelines (included on your yearly collection schedule) and other information that may be released from time to time. If you have any questions or need more information please call 902-667-5141.

All Solid Waste MUST Be Separated as follows:

Compostable Organics

Compostable Organics must not be placed in residual garbage. These materials must be placed in your green cart. This includes items such as fruit and vegetable scraps, baked goods, pasta, paper towels, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, egg shells, dryer lint, leaves, weeds, grass clippings, small brush, wet or soiled newsprint, boxboard, paper, meat, fish, bones, dairy products, fat, grease, oil and large branches or roots. Pet waste and kitty litter can be placed in the compost cart.

Recyclables

Recyclable materials must be placed in clear, non-coloured bags, or transparent blue bags. Recyclables include items such as beverage containers, steel, tin or aluminum food containers or cans, glass food containers, jars and bottles, most plastic bags and packaging, containers, containers for milk, milk products, concentrates, tetrapacks, corrugated cardboard, newsprint, bond paper, glossy flyers and magazines, egg cartons, box board, computer paper and other items.

Residual Garbage

Residual garbage means solid waste other than: recyclable material, compostable material, leaf and yard waste, construction and demolition debris, scrap metal, hazardous materials or any materials banned by the Municipality, The Dept. of the Environment or CJSMA.

Scrap Metal

These materials may be disposed of at no charge at Cumberland Central Landfill and at the scrap metal areas of Transfer Stations at Advocate, River Hebert, and Pugwash. Scrap metal includes such items as stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, bicycles and metal pipe; and excludes items containing any liquids, fluids or pressurized containers such as propane tanks (these should be returned to where you get them filled). Doors must be removed from fridges or freezers before delivery to any of the Transfer Stations.

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Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D)

These materials may be disposed of at Cumberland Central Landfill and at no charge at the C&D disposal areas of Transfer Station sites at Advocate, River Hebert, and Pugwash. C&D includes materials which are normally used in the construction of buildings, structures, roadways, walls and other landscaping material.

Curbside Collection

Collection of residual garbage and compost happens every second week alternating with the collection of recyclables.

All residual garbage, compost or recyclables must be placed for collection by 6:30 a.m., within three metres of the curb in such a manner as not to interfere with pedestrian traffic and snow removal. Uncollected materials and any waste scattered by animals or weather must be removed by the owner or occupant.

Garbage or recyclables must be in clear, non-coloured bags, not smaller than 60 cm. x 80 cm. (24"x32"), or greater than 100 cm. x 150 cm. (39"x59"), and shall not exceed a weight of 25 kg. (55 lb.) per bag. Corrugated cardboard may be flattened and tied in bundles up to 25 kg (55 lb.), and up to 2 bundles may be placed for collection on any one collection date.

One bulky item of residual waste may be placed at curbside for collection on each regular residual garbage collection day. No item is to exceed 50 kg (110 lb.) in weight. Mattress and box spring sets will be considered a single item.

Residences, businesses, and institutions are limited to 4 bags of garbage on any one collection day. Businesses and institutions are limited to 8 bags of recyclables on any one collection date.

Garbage and recyclables may be placed for collection in waste storage boxes (garbage bins) located within 3 metres of the curb provided, that:

- the box has a securely hinged lid
- a support to hold the lid open while the contents are being emptied and
- is designed to avoid the entrapment of children.

For this purpose "curb" means that portion of the roadway of a public street between the travelled portion of the roadway and the property line which parallels the street centre line.

Recycling and compostable organics diversion is mandatory. Residual waste or recyclables not in compliance will not be collected. Instead, a sticker will be placed on the item explaining why it was rejected.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Visit cjsma.ns.ca or call (902) 667-5141.