



Inverness County Recycling News



Winter 2005

County of Inverness' Waste Management Program – What you should know.

The County of Inverness must comply with new provincial landfill standards. Waste is no longer buried at the Kenloch site and the Big Brook landfill is now closed. Residents should not be adversely affected by these changes. Waste is now trucked by the Municipality to a new second-generation landfill site located in Guysborough. The new transfer station at the Kenloch site accepts residential and commercial waste. Construction and demolition waste can be taken to Kenloch. Residents and businesses of the county can also choose to deliver waste directly to the Guysborough Waste Management Facility with prior approval of the Municipality. For instructions contact the Municipality at 902-787-3503.

Residents and businesses are reminded that garbage and blue bags collected by the county are inspected. Garbage bags containing recyclable materials, or blue bags that are improperly sorted will continue to be tagged and left at the road or refused for disposal at the new transfer station.

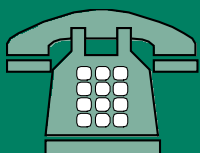
Organics too Good to Waste!



Organic waste such as vegetable & fruit peelings, bread, rice, pasta, soiled paper, dried grass & leaves are banned from landfill disposal and should be composted in a backyard composter. Composters are available for \$25 at the Inverness Recycling Facility or from the Dept of Public Works Office in Port Hood. Meat, fish, bones, dairy, fats & pet waste cannot be composted in a backyard composter and are all considered garbage. The average household diverts 100 kg each year by using a backyard composter. Together we can divert as much as 640 tonnes, equal to 26 tractor trailer loads, of organic waste by using backyard composters in Inverness County. Recent surveys show that more than 90% of people who backyard compost have never had any problems.

For businesses, a new composting facility will soon be opened at the Kenloch site. Organics such as meat, fish, bones, shells and soiled cardboard will be accepted. As a business operator, if you have any questions regarding the disposal of organics or any other waste material, please call the Public Works Office at 787-3503.

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Cape Breton's Recycling Hotline

1-877-567-1337

Tips for Winter Composting

Keep adding to your composter all winter long. Freezing and thawing will help break down the materials. For every ice cream container of food scraps, add two containers of shredded newspaper, hay or leaves.

Materials will compost faster in cold weather if you insulate it by mounding straw and leaves around and on top of the pile. You can also use rigid insulation around the compost bin. Too much insulation can cut down on air movement in the pile, so it's important to keep stirring.



Add to your backyard composter all year round!

If you are having trouble getting to your composter in winter, try this simple solution. Put a big garbage bin with a secure lid outside the back door. Fill it with food scraps and shredded newspaper over the winter. If the winter is mild, empty the bin into your compost every two or three weeks. If it is a very cold winter, wait until early spring to empty it.



Place a PVC pipe, with holes drilled through-out, in your composter to add air and save you from stirring

Recycling takes less than two minutes a day and help is just a phone call away. For more information on recycling and backyard composting programs, call Cape Breton's Recycling Hotline 1-877-567-1337.

Sorting It Out! Did you know...

- ❑ The following items are garbage: styrofoam, coffee cups, chip & cookie bags, laundry & dish detergent boxes, broken glass (wrap in newspaper), bathroom waste, motor oil containers, aerosol cans, plastic siding, plastic toys, dishes, clothing and photographs. These items should be in a garbage bag.
- ❑ Milk cartons or plastic milk containers should be placed with containers in a blue bag – not taken to the enviro-depot (no deposit for milk containers) and not placed with papers in a blue bag; milk cartons must be empty and rinsed clean or they cannot be recycled
- ❑ Recyclable containers & paper products must be placed in separate blue bags
- ❑ Needles, lancets & syringes must be placed in a safe sharps container available free of charge at local pharmacies. Filled containers can also be returned free of charge to pharmacies for proper disposal. These items should not be placed in garbage bags for pickup.
- ❑ There is a limit of 4 bags (garbage & blue bags combined) per household collected each week.



- ❑ You can return used motor oil, car batteries, antifreeze and used tires to your local garage. Waste paint can be taken to the Enviro-Depot to be recycled. Empty dry paint cans, lids removed, can be placed in garbage bags.
- ❑ Heavy garbage collection takes place twice each year in May and October.
- ❑ On average, we produce 670 kg of waste per person in Inverness County which is equal to 500 tractor-trailer loads each year! This emphasizes the importance of everyone doing their part. Please! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost.
- ❑ To save transportation costs, trucks with separated storage compartments are used. Blue bags and garbage are later separated at Kenloch Waste Management Facility for processing.
- ❑ All materials must be clean & dry to be shipped to manufactures for processing. Contaminated blue bags must be land filled.
- ❑ Broken glass cannot be recycled. It is a health risk to workers and can damage possessing equipment. Please wrap broken glass in a sheet of newspaper and place in the garbage.

Contamination- A Serious Problem!



Some residents & businesses are not placing containers and papers in separate blue bags. Many blue bags also contain garbage or food in containers that have

not been washed clean. Contamination increases operating costs and can prevent the sale of recyclables. Please cooperate by washing containers and properly sorting your materials into the correct blue bag. **Do not place food in blue bags.**

Illegal Dumping...Everyone Pays



We are proud of our Municipality. When items such as garbage, fridges & stoves are dumped illegally, everyone pays. Costs for clean-up, environmental destruction, and

reduction in property values hurts us all. Materials disposed of illegally also pose a health risk to children, pets and wildlife that may come in contact with these hazardous materials. To report illegal dumping please call Cape Breton's Recycling Hotline 1-877-567-1337. Your call will be kept confidential.

A Day In the Life of A Recycler

Waste Reduction can be easy and it can be fun. You would be surprised at how many ways you can reduce waste by Reducing, Reusing, Recycling and Composting on a typical day. Here are a few simple tips:

1. Take cloth bags to grocery store.
2. Buy concentrated juices & household cleaners, snacks in bulk.
3. Take used clothing to a consignment shop & buy new to you clothing.
4. Borrow a cookbook for some new recipes.
5. Send a few emails to keep in touch with friends rather than a letter.
6. Borrow a rake and hedge clippers to do some yard work.
7. Compost vegetable peelings and bread in a backyard composter.
8. Put leftovers in reusable containers.
9. Rinse out containers for recycling in water used for washing dishes.

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Please post on
your refrigerator
door as a handy
reminder for
your family

All Recyclables
Must be
Clean & Dry

Residential waste can be separated into four separate waste streams:
recyclable containers, paper products, compostable materials and regular refuse for disposal.

Blue Bag #1

Containers Including:














-  Glass jars & bottles
-  Beer & liquor bottles
-  Wine & juice bottles
-  Aluminum pie plates
-  Steel/tin/aluminum cans (labels included)
-  Milk & juice cartons

All Plastic Containers & Packaging

-  Pop & water bottles
-  Plastic bags (grocery & bread)
-  Cookie & sweet trays
-  Shampoo & conditioner bottles
-  Cleaning fluid bottles















Blue Bag #2

Paper Products Including:

-  Newspapers
-  Paper egg cartons
-  Cereal boxes
-  Phone books
-  Paper (including shredded paper)
-  Envelopes (including windows)
-  Paper back books
-  Flyers & glossy flyers
-  Magazines & catalogues
-  Cigarette packages (without foil)
-  Paper towel rolls
-  Boxboard
-  Corrugated cardboard (Flatten, tie in bundles & place beside blue bag)




















Backyard Composter

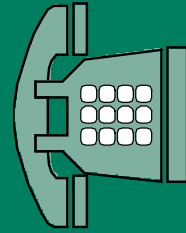
Compostables Including:

-  Fruit & vegetable peelings
 -  Bread & baked goods
 -  Rice, grains & pasta
 -  Egg shells
 -  Tea bags & coffee grounds
 -  Shredded paper
 -  Leaves & grass clippings
 -  Hay
 -  Soiled napkins, paper & cardboard
- Place in Garbage:**
-  Meat, fish, shell fish chicken & bones
 -  Dairy products (milk, cheese, yogurt)
 -  Mayonnaise & salad dressings
 -  Cooking oil & fat
 -  Pet waste

Garbage Bag

Everything Else Including:

-  All styrofoam products
-  Chip & cookie bags
-  Candy wrappers
-  Coffee cups
-  Frozen drink containers
-  Disposable diapers
-  Broken bottles
-  Broken toys
-  Spray cans
-  Light bulbs
-  Feminine hygiene products & bathroom tissue
-  Oil & antifreeze containers
-  Waxed cardboard
-  Wrapping paper & waxed paper
-  Toothpaste tubes
-  Laundry detergent boxes
-  Empty paint cans (lids removed)
-  Gift wrap
-  Photographs



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