



# SORT IT WESTERN

Business and Residential  
Sorting Guide



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*A cleaner future starts today*

Businesses operating in Western Newfoundland must now follow the Sort-It Western Program. For more information, visit [www.wrwm.ca/services/sort-it-businesses/](http://www.wrwm.ca/services/sort-it-businesses/).

## Recycle for a greener future!

Western Regional Waste Management (WRWM) is pleased to announce that your recycling efforts have diverted over **ONE MILLION** pounds of material from the landfill.

### Your participation is key

The people of Western Newfoundland understand the value of protecting the environment. That's why **this is a mandatory program**: simply sort your recyclables from your waste and they will be collected from your curb. We all depend on clean air to breathe and healthy forests and oceans to provide us with a safe place to live, work and play.



**WRWM is committed to achieving the 50 percent waste diversion goal as outlined in the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy.**

# How to Sort It?

## It's as easy as...



Place clean recyclables in transparent blue bags.



Place accepted garbage in clear bags.



Place bags in the designated area on your collection day.

**IT'S A  
MANDATORY  
PROGRAM.**

As part of the Sort-It Western program, garbage (items that are not recyclable) will be placed in clear (transparent) garbage bags. Clear bags have been shown to encourage appropriate sorting of waste, keeping recyclable and hazardous waste out of the landfill, resulting in a positive impact on the environment.

As part of the Clear Bag Garbage program, **two small, non-transparent bags (privacy bags) are allowed in each clear bag (for the disposal of sensitive materials). Privacy bags must be no larger than 54.9 cm x 58.4 cm (21.6 in x 23 in).** Privacy bags must be **placed in the clear garbage bag** on collection day.



## RECYCLABLES

The following recyclable items must be placed in a **TRANSPARENT BLUE BAG**.

**Please empty, rinse or wipe materials.**

### Carboard

- Drink trays
- Egg cartons (paper)
- Food boxes
- Shoe boxes
- Cardboard packing materials
- Pizza boxes (clean)
- Paper towel / Toilet paper rolls
- Corrugated boxes



### Plastic Containers

- Plastic beverage containers
- Plastic household cleaner bottles
- Plastic toiletry bottles
- Plastic flower pots
- Plastic tubs and lids
- Plastic food containers
- Plastic trays and clamshells



### Paper

- Books (hard cover removed)
- Computer paper
- Construction paper
- Envelopes
- Exercise Books
- Loose leaf
- Magazine and glossy paper
- Phone books
- Sticky notes
- Kraft paper
- Paper bags
- Tetra boxes
- Newspapers and flyers
- Juice and milk cartons



### Metal

- Pop cans
- Aluminum foil
- Disposable foil containers
- Steel and tin cans and lids



**CLEAN YOUR  
RECYCLABLES**

**RECYCLABLES**



# GARBAGE

The following items must be placed in **CLEAR BAGS**.

## Plastic:

- Plastic Bags (empty) unless a “privacy bag”
- Bottle caps
- Black take-out food containers
- Bubble envelopes
- Straws
- Candy and granola bar wrappers
- CDs and DVDs and cases
- Chip and snack bags
- Cutlery
- Individual condiment packages
- Plastic wrap and baggies

## Paper:

- Coffee cups and take-out drink containers
- Gift bags and wrapping paper
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Pet food bags
- Tissues
- Wax paper

## Other:

- Textiles (e.g., clothing, bedding, blankets)
- Ceramics
- Kitty litter/pet waste (dog feces in plastic bags may be placed in a “privacy bag” — two permitted)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Electrical cords
- Food waste
- Laundry baskets and hampers
- Kitchen Utensils

- Pots and pans
- Sharp objects (e.g., knives, broken glass) in a protective container
- Styrofoam
- Paint
- Aerosol
- Toys (plastic, wood, metal)
- Tangles (wires, Christmas lights)

**Two small privacy bags (non-transparent) may be placed inside each clear bag with your garbage.**

Garbage must go in  
**CLEAR BAGS.**

## OTHER WASTE

Some items are not collected at the curb. Materials such as construction and demolition waste, bulk waste, metals, household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, and fluorescent light bulbs can be dropped off at any of the six Western Waste Management facilities.

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOR DETAILS ON BAG LIMITS AND COLLECTION SCHEDULES.**



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Many household products contain hazardous materials that are toxic/poisonous, corrosive, flammable, or reactive/explosive. These products can cause serious harm to the environment and pose a threat to human health when thrown in the garbage or poured down the drain or storm sewer.

The following items are **not accepted** for curbside collection and must be disposed of at one of the Western facilities during regular hours of operation. The HHW program is a **free service for residents.**

## HHW Materials Include:

- batteries (household, car)
  - cleaning products, disinfectants
  - detergents, spot removers
  - bleach, ammonia
  - aerosol cans (full or partially full)
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- adhesives, contact cement, glue
  - rust remover
  - driveway sealer
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- medications, pharmaceuticals  
(All medical waste must be disposed of in HHW or local waste return service. Contact hospital for more information.)
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- rubbing alcohol
  - mercury (thermostats, thermometers)
  - nail polish and remover
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- motor oil and filters
  - antifreeze, coolants
  - brake and transmission fluid
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- chemicals, pool chemicals
  - fertilizers
  - insect repellents, flea powder
  - herbicides, fungicides
- 
- gas, kerosene, butane, lighters with content
  - propane, propane tanks with content
  - ethanol, methanol



**The bulb-eater program is a free service offered under the HHW Program.**



## Paint

Waste paint is accepted at the WRWM facilities as part of Product Care's Regeneration Paint Recycling program. **This is a free service for residents.**

For a complete list of drop-off locations and accepted items, visit **[www.regeneration.ca](http://www.regeneration.ca)** or call Product Care toll free at 1-888-772-9772.



**Accepted:** All household paint products and containers. Paint aerosols of all types, including automotive, craft and industrial products are also accepted.



## Program Tires

On-road tires can be disposed of properly through the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board's Used Tire Program. These tires should be left with the retailer at the time of tire changeover or be returned to any tire retailer at a later date in manageable quantities (4-5 tires). Program tires can also be accepted at all WRWM facilities. **This is a free service for residents.**



**Accepted:** Highway, passenger, light truck and motorcycle tires. Commercial truck tires used on heavy trucks, busses and large recreational vehicles.

**Tires must be in whole form, free of mud and debris and must have their rims removed before they are returned for recycling.**

## Non-Program Tires

Please note that ATV, OTR (off the road) and other industrial tires are not included in MMSB's program but are accepted for disposal at the WRWM facilities during regular hours of operation. **Fees apply.**



## Electronic Waste

Electronic waste is accepted at the WRWM transfer stations and recycled as part of the Electronic Products Recycling Association's (EPRA) Recycle MY Electronics program. **This is a free service for residents.**

For a complete list of drop-off locations and accepted items, visit **[recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca)** or call EPRA toll free 1-888-567-4535.



**Accepted:** Display devices (such as televisions and monitors), desktop printers, computers and peripherals (such as keyboards), home theatre-in-a-box (HTB) systems, non-cellular telephones as well as audio and video systems.



## Scrap Metal

Residents throughout the Western region of the province have access to safe and convenient scrap metal drop-off sites. Scrap metal includes ferrous metals such as steel and cast iron, and non-ferrous metals such as aluminum, stainless steel, white metals, lead, copper, brass and zinc. **This is a free service for residents.**



## Construction and Demolition

Construction and demolition waste such as wood, shingles, bricks or concrete can be dropped off at WRWM facilities during regular hours of operation. **Fees apply.**



## Bulk Waste

Bulk Waste such as furniture, appliances, and other large items can be dropped off at WRWM facilities during regular hours of operation. **Fees apply.**





## Beverage Containers

The Beverage Container Recycling Program is a deposit-refund system. When you purchase a beverage, you pay a deposit. You can return your beverage container to a Green Depot to receive a refund.



**Accepted:** All ready-to-drink containers that you pay a deposit on at the time of purchase. If you're not sure if a container is included, check your receipt.

For a complete list of Green Depots and accepted items, visit **[www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca)** or call MMSB toll-free at 1-800-901-6672.

**Remember,** you can also recycle your beverage containers **(excluding glass)** by including them with your recyclables in your **Transparent Blue Bag** and placing them at the curb or roadside on your collection day.



# Backyard composting is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

In nature, nothing is wasted or thrown away. When we compost organic waste in our backyards, we mimic natural processes.

At a landfill, organic waste breaks down without oxygen to produce methane gas — a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more powerful at warming the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. With up to 30 percent of the food we buy going to waste, composting is a great way to keep waste out of the landfill.



## CHOOSE A BIN

- Purchase a bin from a hardware store, garden centre, or build your own using plans from [www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca).
- Many communities offer bins at a reduced rate through MMSB's Backyard Compost Bin Program. Visit [www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca) for a complete list of participating communities.
- Place your compost bin in a sunny area where it will absorb and retain heat.
- Choose a location that has good drainage and is accessible all year round.



## ADD ORGANIC WASTE

- Collect kitchen waste in a small, covered container and empty it into your backyard compost bin regularly.
- Add a balance of brown and green waste to your backyard compost bin. A good mixture consists of 50% browns and 50% greens.
  - Browns are dry, absorbent materials like leaves, dried grass clippings and shredded paper.
  - Greens are fresh, moist materials like fruit and vegetable scraps, tea bags, and coffee grounds.
- Always cover with a layer of browns.

Learn more at  
[www.mmsb.nl.ca](http://www.mmsb.nl.ca)



## MAINTAIN YOUR BIN

- Your compost pile should be as moist as a 'wrung-out sponge'. When you touch the pile, it should feel damp; but when you squeeze it, no liquid should run out.
- Turn your compost regularly to increase the circulation of oxygen within the pile.

## WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT SITES

- Bay St. George (St. George's)
- Burgeo & Area (Burgeo)
- Corner Brook & Area (Wild Cove)
- Long Range (Norris Point)
- Southwest Coast (Cape Ray)
- White Bay South/Western Hills (Hampden)

### Seasonal Residential Drop-off Sites:

- Bonne Bay South
- Portland Creek
- West Bay

**(Not all materials are accepted. See website for more info)**

### For more information:

Western Regional Waste Management Administration Office (Corner Brook)

**1-709-632-2922/1-844-437-2922**

Call or visit [www.wrwm.ca](http://www.wrwm.ca) for hours of operation.





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