

## What Happens To My Recyclables?

First, recyclables are delivered to a processing facility where they are hand-separated according to material; glass, aluminum, tin and plastic.

Next, clean recyclables are baled and shipped to recycling markets where they will be made into a new product. Dirty recyclables cannot be sold since they are considered contaminated. This increases landfill costs and the opportunity to reuse those items has been lost.

### DO NOT MIX RECYCLABLES AND PAPER TOGETHER

Recyclables and paper are NOT sorted and baled together. Mixing them together creates contamination!

Always place these two types of waste in separate bags.

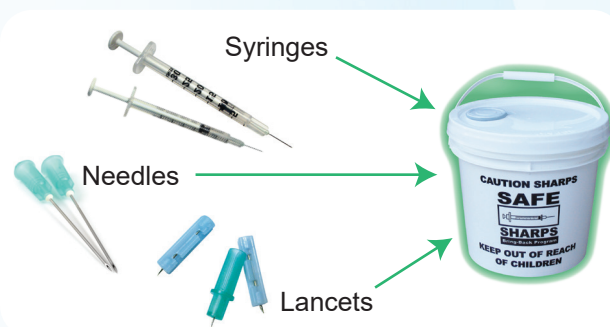
## REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE EVERYDAY!

Recycling and composting has been law in Nova Scotia since 1996! This means that recyclables, compost and paper are banned from landfills.

Reducing the amount of waste created and correctly sorting waste help to save precious landfill space. Everyday actions at home, school and work DO have a major impact!

Reduce waste by purchasing reusable items and buy in bulk to reduce packaging. Sell or give away items that you don't use any longer. For more ideas on reducing, reusing and recycling, call 543-2991 or visit [www.CommunityRecycling.ca](http://www.CommunityRecycling.ca)

# Safe SHARPS



**Recyclables are processed by hand – sharps should never be placed in your recycling!**

**Buckets, jars and bottles filled with sharps do not belong in the recyclables bag!**

Sharps should only be placed in a Safe Sharps Container.

**DO NOT** put needles, syringes or lancets in garbage or recycling bags

**DO NOT** put needles, syringes or lancets in plastic bottles or jugs

**DO NOT** flush needles, syringes or lancets down the toilet

When your container is full, return it to your pharmacy free of charge

**Pick up a FREE Safe Sharps container at your local pharmacy or Canadian Diabetes Association Supply Centre**



## Hours



### Questions?

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Lunenburg Regional Community  
Recycling Centre

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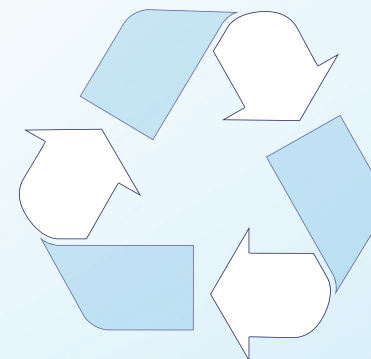
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# What Goes In?

## Your Guide to Recyclables



Residents of Mahone Bay use **CLEAR** or **BLUE** bags for recyclables.



Residents of the Municipality of Lunenburg and the Town of Bridgewater use **BLUE** bags for recyclables.

**MUNICIPAL JOINT SERVICES BOARD  
LUNENBURG REGIONAL  
Community Recycling Centre**  
TURNING OUR RESOURCES AROUND

## First things first...

So, you've taken the time to sort your waste and put things in the recyclables bag. That's great, but did you know that if you don't clean your recyclables they end up in the landfill which costs taxpayers money.

To make sure your municipality saves money and your efforts pay off, take a moment to follow these simple steps.



**Empty**



**Soak**



**Wash**

## What Goes In?



**"All items must be rinsed clean, no food to be seen!"**

- Pop, water and juice bottles, milk/cream carton and jugs
- Plastic detergent, shampoo, cleaning solution bottles
- Empty motor oil jug
- Exception:** leave lid on, do not rinse
- Plastic sandwich, vegetable, fruit and cake containers
- Plastic margarine, yogurt, ice cream containers. BBQ sauce, ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Plastic shopping, bread, ziploc and frozen food bags. Clean saran wrap and bubble wrap
- Glass spaghetti, jam and pickle jar
- Clean aluminum pie plates and foil, sardine, cat food, pasta sauce, soup, coffee and tuna fish cans

### Tips!

- Combine several plastic bags inside one
- Use leftover dishwater to soak hard to clean food containers and bottles
- A bottle brush is a great inexpensive way to remove food and oil easily
- Remove lids, place in smaller bag, within the recyclables bag
- Labels can stay on containers

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## What Doesn't Go In?

### Paper and Boxboard

These items belong in a clear bag or shopping bag.

- Cereal boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Hard & soft cover books
- Cracker boxes
- Flyers
- Magazines
- Envelops (don't remove the window)
- Frozen food boxes
- Pasta boxes

### Garbage

These items belong in a clear bag.

- Chip bags, granola bar wrappers, candy bar wrappers
- Styrofoam
- Broken glass
- Small appliances
- Toys
- Clothing, footwear and textiles
- CDs, DVDs, vinyl records & cassettes
- Coat hangers
- Pringles or nut canisters
- Diapers
- Paper coffee cups and cold drink cups

### Tips!

- TVs, computers, DVD players and other electronics can be recycled through the **Electronics Products Recycling Association:**

Toll Free: **1-877-462-8907**

E-mail: [info@recycleMYelectronics.ca](mailto:info@recycleMYelectronics.ca)

Web: [www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns](http://www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns)

- Place broken glass and fluorescent and incandescent light bulbs in a sealed bucket or box labeled 'GLASS'

**SPARKLING CLEAN... NO FOOD TO BE SEEN!**

### Let's Sort it Out!

Make sure that your recyclables are clean and properly sorted. Remember... "If in doubt... find out!"

Visit the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre at 543-2991 or visit our website at: [www.CommunityRecycling.ca](http://www.CommunityRecycling.ca)