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## BRIEFING FORM

**SUBMITTED TO:** Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

**MANAGER'S APPROVAL:**

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Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 7, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Curbside Give Away Event Weekend

### ORIGIN

Staff

### RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION REQUIRED

None required, for information only.

### BACKGROUND

In February 2010, Council passed a motion to instruct staff to proceed with an education/promotional campaign to implement Curbside Give-Away Week End Events in HRM to coincide with Environment Week in June and Waste Reduction Week in October. These events have been conducted on June 5 and 6, and on October 23 and October 24 in 2010 and recently on June 11 and 12, 2011.

The following feedback is provided by staff regarding program impact/benefit, communications and opportunities.

## ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

N/A

## IMPACT/BENEFITS

Promoting the ‘re-use’ message aligns with HRM’s Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy to maximize diversion away from landfill – goods that can be re-used are re-directed away from landfill.

For the Curbside Give Away event, our measure of success was feedback received from residents. Our webpage received 4,889 page views in the week leading up to the event. We received emails, phone calls, cards and letters from residents in support of the event and photos of some of the treasures collected. The following is a sample of resident testimonials sent to us via email:

### Residents Testimonials

*Just wanted to let you know that we were very happy to pass on some things we no longer needed. All of our things were gone by early Saturday afternoon. Hope you have another one in the fall. Thanks.*

*Sandra – Beaver Bank*  
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*We were thrilled to not put these treasures into the garbage and I think our neighbors and passers by were happy to have these at their homes. We also had a chance to talk to neighbors we haven’t had the chance to really talk to since last summer.*

*Most of the items which were “treasured” were gone by noon on Saturday.*

*Tara – Lower Sackville*  
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*Our house participated in the Curbside Give Away this weekend by placing several items that we simply couldn’t find new homes for or not-for-profit groups willing to take them. By 10:00 pm on Friday night they were mostly gone and by noon on Sunday all our treasures had been taken.*

*Although only two houses on our street participated, I hope that HRM is planning to make the Curbside Giveaway an annual event. I was very pleased to know that the old scuba fins, skis and crock pot are being used by someone and are out of my basement but not in a landfill. Well done. “Great event”.*

*Carolyn - Dartmouth*  
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*“I love the Curbside Giveaway! It is a wonderful idea... great way to get an entire city to help reuse items instead of them going to a waste site. I found a great tricycle for my little one. He has out grown his push toy, and not yet big enough for his larger tricycle, so this was a great 'in-between' trike for him :) Thanks Curbside Giveaway!”*

*Gail – Beaver Bank*  
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*“We would like to thank the city of HRM for coming up with this wonderful program and the people of HRM that were kind enough to give away their free QUALITY items. I had two lists, the Need list and the Wish list. I am happy to report that I fulfilled my wish list with the exception of a few items. I found a school desk and a big red truck for my 2 year old .... BOY does he love this truck. A wonderful man gave me a lawn mower and weed eater. Not only did I find wonderful items that our family will use, I had a lot of fun talking with other treasures hunters, it was like Halloween in June!”*

*“We had such a great time with the curbside giveaway this year!!! We made it a family event weekend! Our children are only small, but our oldest had a great time getting "new" toys and things to use. We got a ton of stuff, including stuff for our house and stuff for the kids. The only thing we would have done differently was taken a bigger vehicle!*

*Can't wait until next year!!*

## **COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES**

The role of HRM was to undertake communication, promotion and publicity for the events. Communication tools engaged included Press Releases, PSA's, HRM website profile, GN/GN Facebook Page, Community and Provincial newspaper advertisements and Naturally Green Newsletter distribution.

Media coverage leading up to the inaugural event in 2010 was tracked and included the following:

### *Media Coverage*

May 20	‘Kick your ‘treasures’ to the curb’ – Metro News
May 28	‘Treasures galore may be found sitting on the curb’ – Weekly News
May 29	‘Don’t waste time: compost and recycle’ – The Chronicle Herald
May 31	Live at 5 - Interview with Starr Dobson
June 3	‘Freebies better than cheapies’ – The Chronicle Herald
June 3	CBC Information Morning – Interview
June 4	CBC Local News at 5:30 – Interview with Amy Smith
June 4	‘Kick it to the curb’ – The Chronicle Herald

- June 4 'Take Five with Mayor Peter Kelly' – Weekly News
- June 4 'Giveaway Weekend sparks fears of a junkyard on the sidewalks' –  
www.AllNovaScotia.com
- June 4 News Talk Radio 95.7 – Interview with Rick Howe
- June 5 'Curbside Give Away to spread the joys of urban gleaning' – The  
Chronicle Herald
- June 7 CBC Radio Information Morning – Interviews with participants

In the weeks leading up to the event announcers on several radio stations promoted the event by discussing it on air (including FX101.9, Q104 & KOOL).

Newspaper banner advertisements as noted below were published to promote the event for 2010 (June 5/6) and 2011 (June 11/12) events.



During Waste Reduction Week, the Curbside GiveAway weekend will occur Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23, 2011.

## ATTACHMENTS

Naturally Green Newsletter Curbside Give Away edition #31

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## HRM's Curbside Give Away Weekend

### Environment Week 2011



## HRM's Curbside Give Away Weekend is back just in time for Environment Week!

### June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### Here's how to participate:

Place re-usable household items at the curb in front of your home as early as Friday evening June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Do not give away items that may be infested with bed bugs (e.g., mattresses, furniture, bedding) these are not treasures. Visit the Consumer Product Safety Bureau to find out about items that aren't safe to give away (e.g., baby walkers, lawn darts): [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pubs/cons/garage-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pubs/cons/garage-eng.php)

Only place items that are FREE and place "FREE" stickers or signs on them. Remove leftover items from the curb by dusk on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Consider donating unclaimed items to charitable organizations.

With such a wide variety of treasure possibilities make sure to keep Give Away Weekend in mind before disposing of items for garbage in the upcoming weeks. Your participation in the event will help maximize landfill space by extending the lifecycle of items and making them available for reuse.

Items suggested for give away include books, CDs and DVDs, furniture and small appliances, sports equipment and toys, tools, yard and gardening equipment, kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots and pans, unwanted gifts, small bits of re-usable construction material including drywall and hardware, nails, bolts and screws, electronics, clothing and leftover paint.

### During your tour for hidden gems:

- Respect other people's property – don't walk or drive on people's lawns or gardens.
- Take only the items at the curb marked "FREE".
- Safety First: Obey the traffic laws at all times (e.g., don't block traffic, park illegally or block people's driveways with your vehicle) and watch out for children.
- Don't discard any items on another person's lawn.

### What to do with unclaimed treasures:

- Any unclaimed items **MUST BE REMOVED** from the curb by dusk on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Check the Yellow Pages under 'Charitable & Non-Profit Organizations' or see the list on the back page of Naturally Green for organizations that may take your items.
- HRM Freecycle Network - [http://groups.freecycle.org/hrm\\_freecycle](http://groups.freecycle.org/hrm_freecycle)
- Kijiji - [kijiji.ca](http://kijiji.ca)
- If you would consider your items garbage, then you can also place materials out on garbage collection day/week. The usual limits and regulations apply. Visit our website or call 490-4000 for details.

For more details on the program, visit our website at [www.halifax.ca/curbsidegiveaway](http://www.halifax.ca/curbsidegiveaway). Best of luck finding those treasures!

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# Environment Week

Canadian Environment Week is held in the first week of June to coincide with World Environment Day which was proclaimed by the United Nations to be recognized on June 5<sup>th</sup> each year. Environment Week is important to remind us about the importance of protecting our natural environment and living as sustainably as we can.

As our population grows, so does our need and demand for resources to produce food and goods. Conserving these resources and the energy required to extract and refine them is becoming more important. One of the EASIEST ways we can do this is by participating in recycling and composting programs at home, school, your place of work or in public places .

Here is a list of "What Goes Where" in HRM's Recycling and Composting Programs:

ORGANICS	PAPER	RECYCLABLES
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food waste Meat, fish, dairy Fruit and vegetables Cooking oil &amp; fat</li> <li>- Boxboard (ie cereal boxes)</li> </ul> <p><b>No plastic!</b></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Office paper</li> <li>- Newspaper</li> <li>- Envelopes</li> <li>- Magazines</li> <li>- Phone books</li> <li>- Shredded paper</li> <li>- Paper egg cartons</li> <li>- Corrugated cardboard</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beverage containers</li> <li>- Plastic bottles &amp; containers (1 &amp; 2)</li> <li>- All milk containers</li> <li>- Glass jars</li> <li>- Clean aluminum foil &amp; plates</li> <li>- All plastic bags</li> <li>- Steel &amp; aluminum cans</li> </ul>

Recycling isn't the only way to show your Environmental Citizenship. Organize a litter clean-up (see below) to put a new shine on your community. Give new-life to those old goods by participating in HRM's Curbside Giveaway weekend (see pg 1). Take the old paint from your garage to your local ENVIRO DEPOT™ for recycling or drop Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) off at our HHW Depot (see pg 6 for schedule of operation of depot). Set up your own backyard compost pile (visit our website for tips). Remember, no act is too small to help make Earth a cleaner place for all!

For more information on Canadian Environment Week visit [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca). To learn more about 'What Goes Where' visit [www.halifax.ca/recycle](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle)

# THE Great NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP

A program of  Clean Nova Scotia

Trying to organize a community litter clean-up? Clean Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality can help!

The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up is a campaign coordinated by Clean Nova Scotia that has long been supported by HRM to encourage Nova Scotians to get together to pick up litter.

All you have to do is select an area you would like to clean up litter, enlist a group of people (friends, family, coworkers, schoolmates, etc.) and register with Clean Nova Scotia by calling 1-800-665-5377 or 902-420-7924 or go on-line to [www.nspickmeup.ca](http://www.nspickmeup.ca). There you can register to receive a FREE Pick-Me-Up kit. Garbage bags, recycling bags, posters, gloves and information on how to coordinate an event will come right to your door.

Litter material from most clean-ups can be disposed of by dividing it between participants and placing it with your household garbage and recycling. Garbage material will count towards the 6 bag limit allowed on each collection day and all other rules pertaining to curbside collection apply. If you have more waste then can be handled curbside, talk to Clean Nova Scotia at the time of registration and they may be able to help.

Schools, individuals and businesses are all welcome to take part. Join in and get a Pick-Me-Up from picking up! Register by phone 420-7927 or online: [www.clean.ns.ca/pmu](http://www.clean.ns.ca/pmu)

# Nova Scotia Recycles Contest

The Nova Scotia Recycles Contest is an annual event which promotes participation in recycling and composting programs, and celebrates Nova Scotia's reputation as a world leader in waste reduction. The program is initiated by RRFB Nova Scotia, offering over \$55,000 in cash and prizes to students from across the province. Prizes include back packs from Mountain Equipment Co-op, recycled items, scholarships, as well as cash prizes for schools.

This year's contest received over 8,300 entries from students across the province. Regional winners from Halifax Regional Municipality were recognized in April at a banquet held at Brightwood Golf & Country Club.

Regional Winners & Runners-up from HRM are:

- Grades Primary/One – Activity Page  
Alderney School  
Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated School  
Westmount Elementary
- Grades Two/Three – Button Design  
Austin Russell, Joseph Giles Elementary School  
Aaliyah Arab Smith, Rockingham School  
Bryanna Banfield, George Bissett Elementary
- Grades Four/Five/Six – T Shirt Design  
Nora Featherstone, Inglis Street Elementary  
Emma Willison, Ash Lee Jefferson School  
Lian Theriault, Grosvenor-Wentworth School
- Grades Seven/Eight/Nine– Magazine Ad Collage  
Annika Benson, Bedford Junior High School (**Provincial Winner**)  
Oceanne Tardif, École Secondaire du Sommet  
Mohammed Khobreh, Park West School



- Grade 12 – Scholarship Essay  
Noelle Webb, Sir John A MacDonald High School  
Emily Bradt, Auburn Drive High School

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## Spotlight on Business:



Customers are greeted by Atlantic Superstores Source Separation Bins. With the color coding, visual signage, and educational panel, the bins are working well and are very appreciated by customers.

Loblaw Companies Limited has taken steps towards becoming a leader in Corporate Social Responsibility. Programs such as Carbon Footprint Reduction to improve energy efficiency in stores, transportation fleet and the advancement of wind and solar energy technology are all programs to help sustain our local environment and help us, consumers, make better and more informed decisions. Recently Loblaw have now adopted a new Solid Waste Management program in all Atlantic Superstores in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

Waste management is something that in the past has varied from store to store. Decisions in the past were often made from a corporate office where waste management guidelines vary drastically from our Nova Scotia regulations. Need-



Store Manager of Quinpool Atlantic Superstore, Dave Blenkarn, like all other store managers, has been trained extensively on solid waste management requirements and continuously educates his team members to ensure this program is successful.

less to say, these national programs did not often coincide with municipal and provincial programs. However, that is changing with their new Solid Waste Management Program starting right here in HRM.

Support comes right from the top of Loblaws corporate structure and corporate buy-in was the first step for this program. With leadership from Operations VP Tom Flaim and Luc Briand, Store Cleaning & Recycling Manager, a waste management program was designed in partnership with HRM Solid Waste Resource Staff. This program includes a training manual, education plan, public separation bins, visual signage, and department signage that specifically showed each departments waste in its proper waste stream.

Communication from head office was sent out to all store managers and education sessions were booked. Mr. Briand and HRM Solid Waste Resource Staff rolled the program out to each store by educating the store manager and department managers. Department managers were then tasked with rolling the program out in their department which involved placing new bins or reusing old bins, applying both signage and posters, as well



as educating staff. Department managers bought into the program and made it their own within their departments.

Store managers have also taken on an ongoing education roll. Commercial waste bins are only unlocked at certain times of the day. Employees take clear bags of department waste to the bin area where the store manager and/or assistants inspect the waste for proper separating and educates as needed. This team effort and ongoing education program has been proven to work. Atlantic Superstores in HRM have been able to improve waste diversion to 77% (on average) since implementing this program!

And the best is yet to come. Atlantic Superstores plan to work with all waste regions in Nova Scotia to develop manuals & program that support that regions waste rules and regulations. Additionally, new waste identification posters are also being designed for staff to more easily decide "what goes where." Staff are also looking at adding solid waste-resource management to the Bronze level training for store level employees, as well as developing new department educational posters.

Great waste diversion has been achieved through the efforts of Atlantic Superstores in HRM and through ongoing improvements and education, there is no doubt that even greater waste diversion will be achieved!

[www.halifax.ca/recycle/ici.html](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle/ici.html)



## Halifax Regional Water Commission

### Halifax Water Stormwater Inflow Reduction (SIR) Program

#### Where Should The Flows Go?

Stormwater Inflow from private property into our wastewater system is a significant problem.

#### So what is Stormwater Inflow?

During heavy rains and snow melt, high volumes of stormwater enter Halifax Water's wastewater collection systems. These cause sewer backups, overflows of untreated wastewater into lakes, rivers and Halifax Harbour, and poor performance of our treatment facilities. Temporary beach closures often follow due to the high bacteria levels that can result from these overflows.

Halifax Water is taking an active role in addressing this issue through ongoing repairs and enhancements to the parts of the system we own.

But you can help too. Many private property owners may unknowingly be contributing significant amounts of Stormwater Inflow to the wastewater system through sump pumps, drains and downspouts connected to the wastewater system.



Many customers may be unaware that these connections are in violation of Halifax Water's Rules and Regulations. Wastewater customers found discharging stormwater in the wastewater system may be subject to penalties. Stormwater flows from your home must be discharged onto your own property, or into Halifax Water's stormwater system, where applicable.

Halifax Water has implemented the SIR (Stormwater Inflow Reduction) Program to help comply with new wastewater regulations and to help reduce the frequency of wastewater overflow events.

The SIR Program addresses areas on a priority basis starting in locations where known Stormwater Inflow problems exist, or where significant capital projects are planned such as paving and infrastructure replacement. When Halifax Water inspectors are in your neighborhood, you need to sign up and then follow through on any recommendations. Taking action to address issues will save you time and money in the long run, and being informed is a smart option.

Halifax Water has launched a new webpage describing the SIR Program. You can now find more information on how to prevent stormwater from entering the wastewater system by visiting [www.halifaxwater.ca/rain](http://www.halifaxwater.ca/rain).

If you have any questions, please call 490-RAIN (7246) or send an email at [rain@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:rain@halifaxwater.ca).

Be part of the solution to reduce overflows and protect the health of HRM residents and our environment!

"To provide world class services for our customers and our environment"





## Eastern Passage Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Gets the Go Ahead...

At a hearing held May 12, 2011 the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board gave Halifax Water approval to proceed with the expansion and upgrade of the Eastern Passage Wastewater Treatment Facility (EPWWTF).

This project has been in development since 2003 when it was recognized that the facility was operating at the limits of its design capacity. Population growth in the area serviced by the Eastern Passage WWTF has expanded to the point where the facility is regularly out of environmental compliance.

The EPWWTF project, budgeted at \$61,679,000, will see an expansion in capacity to accommodate projected population growth in the area serviced by the facility over the next 20 years, as well as an upgrade in treatment level from primary to secondary. This upgrade to secondary treatment puts the facility in sync with Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) regulations.

CCME regulations will have a significant financial and environmental impact over the next 25 years, including the upgrade and construction of wastewater treatment facilities to a national performance standard.

The Eastern Passage project is slated to get underway later this summer with an estimated construction period of two years.

The design/build project contractor is Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. and Maxim Construction Inc. Joint Venture (MMJV). Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. specializes in water and wastewater treatment facility construction. Maxim Construction Inc. is a well known and respected local general contractor.

This project will greatly improve the water quality in Eastern Passage, and the harbour overall for the betterment of the environment and recreational activities.

For more information on harbour water quality please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/harboursol/index.html> or <http://www.halifax.ca/harboursol/waterquality-data.html>.

For more information on Halifax Water please visit [www.halifaxwater.ca](http://www.halifaxwater.ca)

## Adventure Earth Centre (AEC)

Located in Fleming Park, the Adventure Earth Centre offers experiential Earth Education learning programs to elementary school classes, as well as summer day and residential camp programs to families. Programs are delivered in outdoor natural settings by teams of youth leaders, using fun themes and props, and a structured experiential learning format.

**Sunship Earth Camp** - Sunship Earth is an incredible ecological adventure camp for young people ages 10-12 that has been running for over 20 years. Held at Camp Mockingee in Hants County there are two sessions this summer - July 16-21 and July 24-29. Cost is \$325/session. Last year Sunship Earth was pleased to welcome Christopher Lank whose mom attended the camp in the late 80's. We are thrilled that the children of Sunship alumni are excited about coming to camp. "Sunship camp talked about sustainability and taking actions to protect our planet long before it became trendy. I am so pleased that this opportunity still exists for my son to hear from another source how important his individual actions are for the future of our environment" There are limited spaces available for 2011. Call 490-4539 or email [aec@earthed.ns.ca](mailto:aec@earthed.ns.ca) for more information.

**B'Earthday parties** - Looking for an environmentally friendly and unique birthday party idea for your budding David Suzuki? The Adventure Earth Centre now offers one hour of hands-on, age appropriate, fun, inter-active, earth activities facilitated by youth leaders followed up by one hour use of the Adventure Earth Centre for munchies and cake you provide. Think email invitations (reduce), real dishes versus disposable (reuse) and reusable gift bags (recycle). Ideal for school aged children.

**Earth Adventures in the Halifax Region Book** - Take off on 24 fun-filled adventures along the best nature trails in the Halifax Region. The distances are short but the discoveries great as this guidebook gives you the tools and tricks to explore the wonder in nature. Each trail has an engaging theme with specific directions for hands-on activities at special stops along the way. Adventurers discover a hidden plaque with a secret creature on it at the end of each trail. Each book comes with an attractive poster of the Halifax Region and a set of 24 creature stickers.

**Green Child Fund** - Proceeds from the sale of the book, birthday parties, camps, programs and performances are used to sponsor children who otherwise might not be able to afford to attend these fantastic environmental camps.

**Feeling the H.E.A.T** - Helping the Earth and Acting together is the mantra of this environmental youth group comprised of 150 students from across HRM. Recently this group partnered with HRM Solid Waste on a "Get Caught" Earth Day event. H.E.A.T members hit the streets, the libraries, and the shops to reward sustainable behaviours. Small tokens of appreciation were given to folks they observed: shopping at Frenchy's; using reusable shopping bags or water bottles; checking out books from the library; riding bikes or waiting for the bus. Way to go!



Over 10,000 disposable cups have been picked up by H.E.A.T. youth over 3 years of their "Pick up to Win Challenge"!

**Cycle Savers** - is a hands-on experiential science and environmental education program for Grade 4 students lead by high school aged student leaders. The aim of this program is to teach age appropriate ecological concepts, to foster an appreciation for the earth, and to encourage all involved to choose sustainable actions to help the environment. Based on a mystery code and club theme students decipher the lost manual of the Cycle Savers Club, which launches them on an intriguing adventure to appreciate, understand, and respect the cycles of life (air, water and soil cycles) through an action-packed day trip to a local park. This program is currently running in Cole Harbour, Lower Sackville and Fall River. Students return home to complete the final code which takes them on a journey to discover how their household is affecting the environment and what they can do to make a difference.

For more details on these and other awesome programs offered by the Adventure Earth Centre please check out their website [www.earthed.ns.ca](http://www.earthed.ns.ca)

# Household Hazardous waste depot Schedule



## HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DEPOT SCHEDULE

The following is the Saturday operational schedule for the Permanent HHW Depot located at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Bayers Lake Industrial Park for the months of May 2011 to October 2011:

MAY 2011	JUNE 2011
May 7 - OPEN	June 4 - OPEN
May 14 - OPEN	June 11 - OPEN
May 21 - OPEN	June 18 - OPEN
May 28 - OPEN	June 25 - OPEN ***
	*** Mobile HHW at Mic Mac Mall also OPEN
JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011
July 2 - CLOSED*	August 6 - OPEN
July 9 - OPEN	August 13 - OPEN
July 16 - OPEN	August 20 - OPEN
July 23 - OPEN	August 27 - OPEN
July 30 - CLOSED*	
*Canada Day & Natal Day Holiday	
SEPTEMBER 2011	OCTOBER 2011
September 3 - CLOSED *	October 1 - OPEN
September 10 - OPEN	October 8 - CLOSED*
September 17 - OPEN	October 15 - OPEN
September 24 - OPEN	October 22 - OPEN
*Labour Day Holiday	October 29 - OPEN
	*Thanksgiving Holiday

Note: Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays as noted above only. Material is only accepted and received from residents of HRM. Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Business Hazardous Waste is NOT accepted.

Mobile HHW events operate to supplement the permanent year round Halifax HHW operation and occur in June ( June 25th at Mic Mac Mall parking lot), and 2 Fall events (dates TBA). The hours of operation are also 9 am to 4 pm . Please check online at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) or call 490-4000 for future dates and locations.

## DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Battery acids,  
Drain cleaners  
Oven cleaners

Pesticides,  
Rat poison  
Cleaning fluids

Furniture polish,  
Oven cleaner,  
Aerosol

Gasoline,  
BBQ starter  
Oils, Solvents

**P**lease take care when using and disposing of hazardous products. Bring your unwanted Household Hazardous Waste to the Special Depot listed below to be handled by experts.

### We accept: \_

- ✓ \*paint
- ✓ paint thinners
- ✓ transmission fluid
- ✓ antifreeze
- ✓ herbicides
- ✓ paint strippers
- ✓ oven cleaners
- ✓ degreasers
- ✓ furniture polish and waxes
- ✓ pool chemicals
- ✓ BBQ propane tanks
- ✓ used motor oil
- ✓ gasoline
- ✓ pesticides
- ✓ drain cleaners
- ✓ metal polish & rust removers
- ✓ batteries
- ✓ pharmaceuticals
- ✓ and more with hazardous symbols
- \*Household paint also accepted at Enviro-Depots™

### We will not accept: \_

- ✗ Materials containing PCB's (Polychlorinated biphenyls)
- ✗ Bio-medical waste
- ✗ Asbestos
- ✗ Radioactive waste
- ✗ Unidentified compressed gas cylinders
- ✗ Explosives including ammunition
- ✗ Unidentifiable material
- ✗ Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Waste

### FOR HRM RESIDENTS ONLY. SUMMER SPECIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY

**June 25, 2011**  
**Mic Mac Mall**  
**Lower Parking Lot**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

Reminder: HRM operates a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Bayers Lake Business Park, Halifax.

FOR MORE INFO CALL  
490-4000 or visit  
[www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca)

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## Communities with Bi-Weekly Recyclables Collection: Here is your schedule for the next 6 months. . .

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** Recyclables are collected weekly on your garbage/organics collection day in the following areas: Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Sackville, Beaver Bank, Kinsac, Cole Harbour, Westphal, Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea, Hammonds Plains Road from Bedford to Highway\*103, including; Kingswood, Lucasville Road, Pockwock Road, Westwood and Stillwater Lake.

**Zone A:** St. Margaret's Bay, Prospect, Herring Cove, Sambro, Peggy's Cove, Hubbards, Williamswood, Tantallon—including Sheldrake Heights. Also includes: Lake Echo, Mineville, Preston, Porter's Lake, Head of Chezzetcook, West Porter's Lake, Lawrencetown, Seaforth, Lower/East/West Chezzetcook, Gaetz Brook, Conrad Settlement, Sheet Harbour, Tangier, Moser River, Ecum Secum, Mooseland, Upper Musquodoboit.

**Zone B:** Enfield, Windsor Junction, Waverley, Fall River, Wellington. Also includes Eastern Passage & Cow Bay, Elderbank, Meagher's Grant, Cook's Brook, Middle Musquodoboit, Musquodoboit Harbour, Petpeswick, Lake Charlotte, Jeddore, Clam Harbour, Clam Bay, Goff's & Dutch Settlement.

### Zone A / Zone B: Recyclables Collection Schedule

**Zone A** blue bag collection days are shown shaded **BLUE**. 

**Zone B** blue bag collection days are shown shaded **RED**.

May 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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\*Friday, July 1 Canada Day, July 2 is the alternate collection day.

\*Monday, August 1 Natal Day, July 30 is the alternate collection day.

September 2011						
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\*Monday, September 5 Labour Day, September 3 is the alternate collection day.

\*Monday, October 10 Thanksgiving Day, October 8 is the alternate collection day.

November 2011						
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\*Friday, November 11 Remembrance Day, November 12 is the alternate collection day.

**Reminder:** Please refer to your collection schedule for green cart and regular garbage collection weeks. Normal collection will occur on Holidays not listed.

### Zone A - Zone B

Please place recyclables curbside by **7 a.m.**, approximately 3 ft (1 meter) away from garbage or organics cart. Remember to flatten & tie your bundle of corrugated cardboard in arm-load sizes, approx. 2 ft x 3 ft x 8 in., (0.6m x 0.9m x 0.2m).



Want a simple way to save up to 40% of the time you spend raking and do something great for the environment? Stop Raking and bagging your grass clippings!

Grass clippings can make up a significant portion of yard waste. During the peak growing season, they can amount to almost 35% of all waste materials collected. By leaving clippings on the lawns (or 'grasscycling') and keeping them in your own yard, you are recycling.

Adjust the height of your mower blade and mow your lawn at least 3 inches high. Taller grass will promote deeper root growth. The added benefit of grasscycling is that you are fortifying and strengthening the turf naturally. The clippings return moisture, nitrogen and other nutrients back to the soil to promote a healthier lawn.

If you have other yard waste that you cannot manage by grasscycling, you can place up to 20 bags of leaf and yard materials curbside on your regular green cart collection day.

Leaf and yard waste must be placed in colourless-clear or orange plastic bags or heavy duty paper bags for collection. Branches bundled are required to be tied securely, up to a maximum of 5 bundles, not exceeding 34 kg and 4 ft in length of branches, will be collected when placed alongside your green cart.

For more information call 490-4000, or visit our website: [www.halifax.ca/recycle](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle)



Why not reduce your work by managing your leaves on site? On site management means you can

**mulch, mow or compost**  
right on your property

Excess yard material will be collected on your regular green cart collection day.

- Place excess leaf and yard waste next to your green cart in **colourless clear or orange plastic** bags or **heavy paper** bags only
- 20 bag limit for curbside collection
- Maximum weight **25 kg** (55 lbs) per bag

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THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE A VALUABLE RE-USE OPTION TO THE RESIDENTS OF HRM. PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS DONATED ARE SUITABLE FOR RE-USE, AND NOT POTENTIALLY CONSIDERED 'GARBAGE'.

- **ADSUM HOUSE**, 2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax, 429-4443, Items can be dropped off anytime. Textiles, clothing and household items accepted. Adsum House cannot accept furniture or big bulky items.
- **BEACON HOUSE**, 470 Cobequid Rd, Lwr. Sackville, 864-3025 Used clothing and non-perishable food. Cannot accept furniture or appliances. Drop off bin located on site.
- **BIDE-A-WHILE ANIMAL SHELTER**, 67 Neptune Cres, Woodside Ind. Park, 469-9578 (call first), Thur to Fri 10am-5pm, Sa 10 a.m.-2p.m.. Towels only to be used for animal bedding. [www.bideawhile.org](http://www.bideawhile.org)
- **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ReNEW CREW**, clothing recycling office 454-4025. Scheduled clothing pick up service available. Visit our website [bigbrothersbigsistershalifax.ca](http://bigbrothersbigsistershalifax.ca) to locate the Bright yellow donation bin nearest you.
- **BRYONY HOUSE**, Administrative Office, 3399 Novalea Drive, Halifax, 429-9002, [www.bryonyhouse.ca](http://www.bryonyhouse.ca), Mon to Thur, 1p.m.-4p.m.. Clothing, kid's toys, non-perishable food items.
- **CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION**, 239 Brownlow Ave., Dartmouth, Suite #104, 454-0542. Pick-up service Mon to Sat. Textiles, used clothing, toys, dishes, bedding, sporting goods, costume jewelry, small appliances, knick-knacks, shoes, tools, luggage, draperies, kitchen utensils. Look for the CDA Red Drop Boxes for clothing donations at locations throughout your community.
- **FALL RIVER LAUNDRY & DRYCLEANING**, 9 McPherson Rd, Fall River, 860-0011. Cloth diaper service.
- **FEED NOVA SCOTIA**, 213 Bedford Hwy, Halifax. 457-1900, [www.feednovascotia.ca](http://www.feednovascotia.ca), Mon to Fri 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. Accept delivered: perishable & non-perishable food items, good office equipment, toiletries, linens, dishes, clothing.

- **Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank**  
50 Gesner St (Salvation Army Bldg) Fairview. Available Tue. 8a.m. to 2p.m.  
Clients: 12p.m. to 2p.m., Food & Monetary Donations 445-3469
- **HAND IN HAND**, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,  
436 Herring Cove Road, Hfx, 477-7744, Mon to Sat, 9a.m.-4:30p.m. Clothing, household and craft items or supplies, small appliances and books. Good used furniture, beds, dressers, tables, chairs and sofas are constantly needed to give to those in need. Referral to donors is offered for washers and dryers in good working order. No other appliances can be accepted.
- **PARKER STREET FURNITURE BANK**, 2415 Maynard St, Halifax, 453-2498, Mon to Fri, 8a.m.-4p.m. Furniture and household items (beds, chairs and kitchen tables). [www.parkerstreet.org](http://www.parkerstreet.org)
- **PHOENIX HOUSE**, 2385 Hunter Street, Halifax 422-5583, Phoenix Centre for Youth 6035 Coburg Road, Halifax 420-0676, M-F, 9a.m.-5:00p.m., Phoenix Youth Shelter 1094 Tower Rd. Halifax 405-3107: Perishable and non-perishable food items, toiletries, linens, clothing and kitchenware (cutlery, dishes, pots and pans). Cannot accept furniture or appliances. No pick up service.
- **ReSTORE - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**. Unit U 121 Ilsley Ave., Burnside 405-3755. Wed to Fri 9:30a.m. - 5p.m., Sat 10a.m. - 3p.m.  
Accept donations of working appliances, building material such as cabinets, electrical supplies, roofing materials, flooring (no used carpets), furniture and shelving
- **SALVATION ARMY**, Check the Yellow Pages, under Clothing-Used, 455-3196 (pick up line). Drop off boxes located on site. Pick up service available. Furniture and clothing. Cannot accept large appliances.
- **ST MARGARET'S BAY FOOD BANK**, 13495 Peggys Cove Road, Tantallon, 826-9272. Used clothing & household items. No electronics or furniture. Drop off box on site & at Tantallon Superstore.
- **SINGLE PARENT CENTRE**, 3 Sylvia Ave, Halifax, 479-3031  
Please call ahead. Infant & maternity clothes only.

**For more information about Halifax Regional Municipality, please contact our Corporate Call Centre at 490-4000, visit our website at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) or drop by an HRM Customer Service Centre near you.**



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