

# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S WASTE WATCH PROGRAM

## TENANT'S PARTICIPANT GUIDE

### HOW DOES WASTE WATCH WORK?

Whether you live in a house, condo or apartment, more than half of household 'waste' can be reused, recycled or composted if it is properly sorted.

Depending on your apartment's waste sorting stations, you will either be assigned to, or sharing, a set of carts. Some apartment buildings also have containers for recyclables, while at others, tenants place recyclables curbside on collection day. Your landlord will provide you with this information, along with the collection day specific to your address. ***It is your responsibility, however, to properly sort and place your materials in the appropriate location.***



### BE A RESPONSIBLE TENANT

**Waste Watch is mandatory for all residents on PEI, including apartment tenants and condo dwellers. *There are no exceptions!***

Apartment owners and tenants take great pride in their places of residence, and as a result, should try to keep them clean & tidy while managing wastes both inside their apartments and outside at sorting stations. Landlords are not responsible for waste produced by tenants. This is particularly important when vacating your apartment. Your lease will usually indicate you must leave your apartment in as good or better condition than when you arrived. This means properly disposing of materials while living there, and when leaving.



**We are all responsible for the wastes we produce.  
THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART!**

**Working together Today  
to preserve Tomorrow®**

# Sorting Information Guidelines

## Waste is separated into three streams: **RECYCLABLES, COMPOST & WASTE**

The following will assist you in understanding our program. A sorting guide is attached to assist with knowing what goes where. Please post it in your apartment for convenient reference. If you are unsure of an item, please visit our **website** or contact **Customer Service** at **1-888-280-8111**.



### RECYCLABLES ...

are paper, plastic metal and glass products which can be remanufactured into new materials. These items **must be clean & dry** and placed in transparent, blue bags.

Corrugated cardboard is recyclable and must be flattened & bundled and placed beside blue bags (or in your recycle container if your apartment has one).

### COMPOSTABLES ...

are organic materials such as food scraps, yard clippings, and non-recyclable paper products (i.e. boxboard, paper cups, tissues, & soiled paper) -- **all items that decompose**. Place directly in the green compost cart, or use boxboard containers or paper bags to absorb moisture.

**DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR COMPOST!!**

If using plastic shopping bags to gather organics from your apartment, please empty the contents into the compost cart, then place the soiled plastic bag into the black waste cart.



**Please NO METALS, GLASS OR PLASTICS IN COMPOST!!**



### WASTE ...

is the remaining material after recyclables & compostables have been removed. Place directly into the black waste cart. If using plastic shopping bags to contain waste, **please do not tie bags**.

**NOTE: SOLID-COLOURED BAGS**  
(i.e. orange, black, green, etc.) **ARE NOT**  
**COLLECTED ON PEI. PLEASE DO NOT USE!**



# SORTING GUIDE (PANEL ONE)

## RECYCLABLES - Blue Bag #1 Paper Products

**RECYCLABLES** (except cardboard) **MUST BE IN TRANSPARENT BLUE BAGS** (keep paper separate from other recyclables).

### PAPER PRODUCTS:

- newspapers, flyers, magazines, catalogues
- paper, envelopes, receipts
- telephone books
- paper egg cartons/carry-out trays
- book/scribbler pages (*hard covers from books are waste*)



### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

Corrugated cardboard has a layer of wavy paper sandwiched between two flat layers.

- boxes
- pizza boxes (remove leftovers and liner)
- must be non-waxed



**Flatten, tie in bundles and place beside Blue Bags for collection. Rainy weather will not affect collection.**

## RECYCLABLES - Blue Bag #2 Plastic, Metal and Glass

**RECYCLABLES MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY**

### RECYCLABLE PLASTICS:

Symbols:

- plastic containers/lids (food, beverage, detergent containers, etc.)
- plastic bags (shopping, bread, milk, dry cleaning bags, etc.)
- windshield washer containers, *rinsed*

### METAL:

- EMPTY** aerosol cans
- food/beverage cans, *labels removed*
- metal lids from jars/bottles
- aluminum foil/containers



### GLASS: Container Glass *Only* *Labels do not have to be removed*

- food jars/bottles, *rinsed clean and remove lids*
- beverage/medicine bottles



### OTHER:

- milk/juice cartons
- Tetra Paks



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)



Corrosive



Flammable



Reactive



Toxic

### Common examples of HHW:

- silicone, caulking, adhesives
- pesticides, herbicides, insecticides
- mercury thermometers
- household cleaners
- aerosol cans (*with contents*)
- paints, solvents, varathane, etc.
- non-refillable propane cylinders (1 lb.)
- fluorescent lightbulbs
- sharps (*can also be taken to any pharmacy*). Please use **FREE "SHARPS CONTAINER"** supplied by pharmacies



- medication (*can also be returned to any pharmacy*)
- household batteries (*non-rechargeable ONLY can be returned to Island grocery stores*)



**Due to the toxic nature, HHW is *never* collected curbside. Residents may take these to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center (WWDC) AT NO CHARGE.**

**Please note that the containers used to take HHW products to the depot *must remain at the site.***

**Contact IWMC for hours of operation and when HHW can be accepted.**

# SORTING GUIDE (PANEL TWO)

## COMPOST

### Green Cart - Organic Materials

**NO METAL, PLASTIC, GLASS, or STYROFOAM**

#### FOOD SCRAPS:

- ▀ table scraps, egg shells, vegetables, fruits, peelings
- ▀ coffee filters/grounds, tea bags
- ▀ meat, fish, poultry, including bones
- ▀ shellfish, including shells
- ▀ dairy products, fat



#### NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER:

- ▀ napkins/serviettes, tissue paper, paper towels
- ▀ paper gift wrap/greeting cards
- ▀ paper plates, paper cups
- ▀ freezer paper, waxed paper
- ▀ damp/soiled newspaper/flyers
- ▀ all paper bags (sugar/flour)
- ▀ waxed corrugated cardboard, no staples



#### BOXBOARD: No foil or plastic liners

- ▀ cracker, cereal, cookie boxes
- ▀ shoe/gift boxes
- ▀ frozen pizza boxes
- ▀ tissue/detergent boxes
- ▀ rolls from toilet paper/paper towels



#### YARD TRIMMINGS:

- ▀ house/garden plant trimmings
- ▀ grass clippings, leaves
- ▀ peat/pressed-paper plant pots



#### OTHER:

- ▀ wax candles without wick
- ▀ human/pet hair
- ▀ pet litter (organic) and feces
- ▀ hand soap



## WASTE

### Black Cart - Residual Waste



**NO COLOURED BAGS**  
**ACCEPTED (black, green, blue, orange, etc.)**

#### NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC: 6 7

- ▀ plastics with symbols 6 & 7
- ▀ Styrofoam
- ▀ stretch wrap from meats, dairy, other foods
- ▀ cereal/cracker/cookie box liners
- ▀ snack food bags (chips, chocolate bars)
- ▀ plastic dishes/cutlery
- ▀ bubble packaging
- ▀ motor oil, transmission fluid antifreeze containers, empty



#### GLASS and CERAMICS:

- ▀ all glass other than container glass
- ▀ drinking glasses
- ▀ window/mirror glass
- ▀ all dishes including Pyrex



#### TEXTILES, LEATHER and VINYL:

- ▀ clothing/footwear
- ▀ pantyhose, stockings
- ▀ purses



#### OTHER WASTE:

- ▀ sanitary products, disposable diapers
- ▀ pet food bags (with plastic liners)
- ▀ cellophane/foil gift wrap
- ▀ bows & ribbons
- ▀ cigarette butts, cold
- ▀ vacuum bags/contents
- ▀ dryer sheets/lint
- ▀ chewing gum
- ▀ toothpaste tubes
- ▀ cotton swabs





# Items Requiring Special Disposal

**(Collection trucks cannot collect these items)**

Due to special disposal requirements, not all items can be collected at your apartment, either because of size or the nature of the product. These must be taken to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center (WWDC) in your area.

## Items that can be taken at NO CHARGE:

- Tires removed from rims
- White goods such as fridges, stoves, washers, etc.
- Residential bio-medical waste & medication
- Large apartment items such as mattresses, box springs, sofas, etc.
- Household Hazardous Waste (refer inside to sorting guide)
- Propane tanks (20 lbs. and smaller)



## Items subject to a DISPOSAL FEE:

- metal items
- excess sorted materials (recyclables, compost & waste)
- unsorted materials (a surcharge will apply)

# Waste Watch Drop-Off Centers Locations

**West Prince .....** Brockton, Rte #150, Dock Road

**East Prince .....** East Prince Waste Management Facility, Wellington Centre, Rte #2

**Central Region .....** New London, Rte #6

**Capital Region .....** Charlottetown, Superior Crescent

**Eastern Region .....** Dingwells Mills, Rte #309, Selkirk Rd.  
Murray River, Rte #18, Cape Bear Rd.



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## IMPORTANT BLUE BAG INFORMATION

**BLUE BAGS** from **APARTMENTS** and **HOUSEHOLDS** may be taken to the WWDC **FOR NO CHARGE** on **Saturday mornings** from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. **RECYCLABLES MUST BE CLEAN & DRY!**



## Message from the PEI Provincial Fire Marshal

For safety reasons, please **DO NOT** store blue bags on exits, stairs or fire escape!



# ***Tenant/Landlord Frequently Asked Questions***

## ***Is participation mandatory for my apartment?***

Yes, Waste Watch is mandatory for all residents and businesses in PEI. **There are no exceptions.** At multi-family dwellings, it is the tenant's responsibility to place materials for disposal into the appropriate container or blue bag.

## ***Who pays for Waste Watch?***

Your landlord pays for Waste Watch through the property tax bill which in turn is charged to tenants through their monthly rental fees. If your landlord incurs additional costs because of poor sorting at your apartment building, this could trigger rental increases. By doing your part, it helps to keep costs in line.

## ***How is proper sorting checked?***

When collection drivers stop at your apartment building, cart and container contents are inspected to ensure proper sorting, to monitor whether waste materials are in the proper containers, and whether recyclables in blue bags are

clean and dry. Drivers will tag and leave behind bags that do not comply with program guidelines. Landlords and/or tenants are responsible to properly sort this rejected material and make alternative arrangements for collection and disposal (and their costs).



## ***What happens if I choose not to sort?***

Usually, by signing the lease agreement, you have committed to the conditions outlined by your landlord. This includes properly sorting & disposing of materials while you live in the apartment, & when you move out. The Residential Rental Property Act has provisions that allow landlords to deduct funds from security deposits to recover charges resulting from the tenant's failure to sort. In some cases an eviction notice may be served if the cleanliness of the property is an issue.

## ***What if I have more Questions?***



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or call us toll-free at

**1-888-280-8111**

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