# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Island Waste Management Corporation is continuing to experience some effects of the COVID-19 pandemic but operations have generally returned to normal. This has been a challenging time for Islanders, including IWMC employees, drivers and contractors.

Islanders can be proud of their contributions to a greener planet through active participation in the Waste Watch Program. Proper separation of waste by residential and commercial customers is key to a successful waste management program but imagine if we produced less waste in the first place. The five Rs: refuse, reduce, reuse, repurpose and recycle, challenge us to think differently about how we use materials and encourage us to look for opportunities to make healthier choices for the environment. If every Islander made one change - what a difference that could make!

You could repair rather than replace a broken appliance, purchase products that are designed to last, or refresh that old wood cabinet with a coat of paint.

As we look forward to 2022, and to what we hope will be the end of the pandemic, IWMC will continue to look for opportunities to enhance service delivery, and to champion the five Rs. PEI is a leader in solid waste management in Canada, and we are working hard to remain on the leading edge.

On behalf of our team at IWMC, I want to thank our customers for your patience and kindness, the CPHO, HPEI and the Province for your leadership and incredible efforts to protect and support Islanders, and our staff and contractors for keeping this essential service operating throughout this period of uncertainty.

Karen A. MacDonald, CEO



# NO MOW MAY

In spring 2021, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) encouraged people across Canada to delay mowing lawns until June. The No Mow May campaign, which originated in the UK, promoted the delay of mowing to improve habitat for native pollinators and other insects. Insects benefit from flowering plants that bloom in landscapes left to grow, as nectar sources can be scarce in spring.

NCC also asked people to consider growing native perennials that will flower at different times and let a section of the property go wild for the whole summer to encourage biodiversity. Understanding that some people may prefer to mow their lawn in May, No Mow May campaigners suggested adjusting the height of the lawnmower so that the grass could stay longer.

For the past eighteen years, IWMC has offered island-wide Spring Cleanup for excess yard and garden debris during the first and third weeks in May. We would like to remind customers who wish to participate in No Mow May and

wait until later in the season to dispose of excess yard and garden debris that the following disposal options are available to them:



Up to two extra bags of compost, including yard and garden debris, may be placed next to the green cart to be collected free of charge on all regular compost collection days. This does not apply to the period when excess yard and garden debris collection is suspended between the first Monday of April and the completion of Spring Cleanup.



Yard and garden debris may be dropped off at any Waste Watch Drop-Off Center for a minimum of \$5 and a maximum of \$30 per load based on weight as per current rates.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact our customer service center 1-888-280-8111 or email at info@iwmc.pe.ca.



- On snowy days you can place your cart up to 18 ft from curbside. Make sure your carts and bags are visible and not stuck in snow or ice.
- Be considerate of drivers. Use salt or sand if the area around your carts or bags is icy.
- Remove empty carts as soon as possible to prevent them from blowing onto the road.
- \* When driving, do not follow too closely behind a collection truck when roads are snow covered or slippery. Trucks make frequent stops.

For updates on IWMC storm closures and collection cancellations:

- Visit IWMC website at iwmc.pe.ca
- Call Customer Service Center at 1-888-280-8111
- Check IWMC Facebook
- Download free Recycle Coach app



# TINY CHANGES, BIG RESULTS

At IWMC we manage solid waste and work to reduce the volume of materials transported to PEI's only landfill, safely handle and dispose of toxic materials, and recover valuable materials present in various solid waste streams, such as metals and electronics.



While we have invested in modern technologies and best practices, we rely on you - our customers, to join us as partners in protecting our environment. Sharing tips is one way we can help you to make informed environmental choices.

Less waste is generated when manufacturers design products with the eventual disposal of their products and recovery of the materials in mind. As consumers, we too have a role to play and could consider doing the following:

- buy smartly designed, durable products that can be repaired
- support companies that offer take-back programs at the end of their product's life cycle (electronics, chemicals, textiles, etc.)
- opt for minimally packaged products or, whenever practical, buy in bulk to reduce packaging waste

These actions can help reduce waste and reward environmentally responsible manufacturers without sacrificing our comfort and budget in the long term.

# Christmas Tree Disposal Options

Islanders have three Christmas tree disposal options. All three options require that all decorations and especially wire be removed from the tree; and that the tree **not be placed in a bag**.

#### **CURBSIDE COLLECTION**

Curbside collection of Christmas Trees begins on **Monday**, **January 10**. To qualify for curbside collection, Christmas trees have to be:

- ▲ Placed curbside by 7 am on Monday, January 10 to avoid missing your collection. Drivers are not able to come back if trees are not curbside at the time of your pickup.
- ▲ Easily accessible not frozen to ground or buried in snow.
- ▲ Cut in half if taller than 8ft and heavier than 50lb, so drivers can lift trees onto the truck.

Drivers have the entire week to complete island-wide curbside tree collection. Please call IWMC Customer Service no later than **Tuesday**, **January 18** if your tree is not collected by Saturday, January 15.

#### **DELIVER TO A WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTER**

Residential customers can drop off trees **free** of charge during January.

#### **DELIVER TO A PARTICIPATING GOAT FARM**

Several Island goat farms have registered for the IWMC Christmas Tree Program. For a list of goat farms accepting Christmas trees and their drop-off guidelines, please visit IWMC website at **iwmc.pe.ca**, or call our toll-free Customer Service at **1-888-280-8111**.

#### ATTENTION GOAT FARMERS

If you would like to accept Christmas trees from the general public, please contact IWMC. We will add your farm to the current list of participating farms on our website, and post your drop-off instructions. Please note you can deregister from the list at any time.



# **WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTERS (WWDCs)**

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) accepted anytime site is open

REGION / ADDRESS	WINTER	SUMMER
WEST PRINCE: Brockton, 2202 Dock Rd., Rte.150	8 - 4:30 Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 12:30 Sat	Same
<b>EAST PRINCE:</b> East Prince Waste Management Facility Wellington Centre, 29786 Rte. 2	8 - 4:30 Mon - Fri 8 - 12:30 Sat	7 - 4:30 Mon - Fri 7 - 12:30 Sat
<b>CENTRAL:</b> New London, 10142 Route 6	8 - 4:30 Tues and Thurs 8 - 12:30 Sat	8 - 4:30 Mon, Tues, and Thurs 8 - 2 Sat
<b>CAPITAL: GreenIsle,</b> 8 Superior Cr., Charlottetown	7 - 5:30 Mon - Fri 7 - 2 Sat	Same
<b>EASTERN:</b> Dingwells Mills, 100 Selkirk Road, Rte. 309	8 - 4:30 Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 12:30 Sat	Same
<b>EASTERN:</b> Murray River, 378 Cape Bear Road, Rte. 18	8 - 4:30 Tues, Thurs and Sat	Same

PLEASE VISIT iwmc.pe.ca FOR MORE INFORMATION

## **RECYCLE COACH APP**

IWMC is pleased to offer a free Recycle Coach app. Download on your mobile device for a convenient access to collection schedules, sorting information, reminders and notifications.







## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Additional sorting guides & calendars can be printed from our website or picked up at any town/city hall or Access PEI.



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1-888-280-8111

Une version française, également disponible.

### **Customer Service: 1-888-280-8111** SORTING GUIDE Sorting information: iwmc.pe.ca/sort



#### PLACE THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW BESIDE YOUR BLUE BAGS



**LARGE** METAI **ITEMS**  bundle multiple items (tent poles, curtain rods, etc.)

less than 4 ft & 50 lb

dismantle large items

no propane cylinders, tanks or items containing ozone-depleting substances (e.g. Freon)



Food-Soiled Paper, Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues, Paper Food Bags, Wrapping Paper (non-foil/glitter)



#### **NO BAG IS BEST!**

If bags are necessary:

Paper bags are preferred

Film compostable bags must be identified by:



**(X)** DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS



IN COMPOST CART



If bags are necessary:

Use clear, transparent plastic bags

(X) No blue bags

No solid-coloured bags

No paper bags



bags

EXCESS **MATERIALS:** 

When your cart is full, drivers will accept up to **TWO** open rigid containers, extra bags, or bulky items placed **BESIDE** the appropriate cart. If bags are used, paper bags must be used for COMPOST, and clear, transparent plastic bags for WASTE. All excess items, including additional bags and containers placed beside carts must be under 50 lb and 4 ft.

# SPECIAL DISPOSAL NOT COLLECTED AT ANY TIME **AT ANY TIME**

#### **PROPANE TANKS**

**30 lb. or** Propane tank exchange less: location or WWDC\*

Over 30 lb.: Propane dealer Cylinders: WWDC\*

For businesses only cylinders

are accepted at WWDC and disposal fee applies

#### LARGE BULKY FURNITURE

Items larger than 4 ft or heavier than 50 lb are accepted at WWDC\* for FREE. Businesses: disposal fee applies



#### **LARGE APPLIANCES**

Bring to WWDC\* for FREE disposal



#### **TIRES**

Return to place of purchase or WWDC\*. Tires without rims are



#### **PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

Accepted at WWDC\* for FREE and at most electronic retailers Search Printer Cartridges at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort for more information.



#### **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

RESIDENTS: Bring to a WWDC\* for FREE disposal - Must be in sealed

original container. Jerry cans and other containers must be left behind with contents.

BUSINESSES: Businesses must dispose of hazardous material through a hazardous waste carrier.

Visit www.iwmc.pe.ca/commercial for more information.

- fuel (gasoline, kerosene, etc.)
- silicone, caulking, adhesives
- aerosol cans (with contents)
- cosmetics & personal care products
- pesticides, herbicides, insecticides
- items with mercury
- pet medications
- · cleaning products and more

#### **STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS**

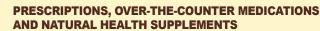


#### **AUTOMOTIVE LEAD ACID BATTERIES**

Bring to WWDC\* for FREE disposal. Also accepted at place of purchase and licensed bottle depots.

#### **LIGHT BULBS**

All types of bulbs removed from fixture are accepted for FREE at WWDC\*. Call in advance for more than 16 bulbs. Visit www.productcare.org for drop-off locations and disposal instructions.



**RESIDENTS:** Return to participating pharmacies. For disposal instructions & drop-off locations visit

www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medications

BUSINESSES: Search Medication at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort

#### **MEDICAL SHARPS (Needles, Syringes, Lancets, Epi-Pens)**

**RESIDENTS:** Pick up free sharps container at participating pharmacies. When container

is full, return to pharmacy. For disposal instructions & drop-off locations visit

www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medical-sharps

BUSINESSES: Search Medical Sharps at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort

#### **AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS (less than 50L container sizes)**

Motor oil, oil filters and containers; automotive antifreeze and containers; aerosol cans for propelled lubricant and brake cleaner. Bring to WWDC\* for FREE disposal or return to collection facilities listed at www.uoma-atlantic.com

#### **PAINT, STAINS AND EMPTY CONTAINERS**

Bring to WWDC\* for **FREE** disposal, exceptions apply. Visit **www.productcare.org** for limits, guidelines and additional drop-off locations.



#### **RECHARGEABLE AND NON-RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**

Accepted for FREE at WWDC\*. Visit www.call2recycle.ca for disposal instructions and additional drop-off locations.

#### **ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS**

Bring to WWDC\* for **FREE** disposal. Call in advance when bringing more than 25 items. For additional drop-off locations visit www.recycleMyelectronics.ca/pei/where-can-i-recycle

- Portable Air-Treatment Appliances (no A/Cs)
- Floor, Garment and Carpet Appliances
- Countertop Appliances
- Personal Care Appliances
- Time & Weight Measurement Devices Computers and Computer Accessories
- Phones and Pagers
- TVs and Monitors
- Photocopiers, Printers, Scanners and Multifunction Office Equipment
- Portable, Home and Vehicle Audio/Video Devices and Accessories
- Electronic Readers
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Video Game Devices and Accessories

For a complete list of items, search Sorting Guide at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort or visit www.recycleMyelectronics.ca/pei/what-can-i-recycle







## 2022 WASTE WATCH RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CALENDAR



# CAPITAL AND WEST PRINCE



Green Squares = COMPOST DAY

Black Squares = WASTE DAY

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# HOLIDAY ALTERNATE COLLECTIONS

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## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Place trees at curb by 7 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 10. Contact IWMC by Jan. 18 if your tree was missed.



# FOR EXCESS YARD & GARDEN DEBRIS

From **April 4**<sup>th</sup> until Spring Cleanup is complete.

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Place material curbside by 7 a.m. on:

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Not necessarily collected on cart day.



## COTTAGE COLLECTION MAY 30 - SEPTEMBER 30

Extended service available May 16 to October 28. (A fee will apply.) Contact IWMC to register.

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1-888-280-8111

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