

Waste Watch Program

Business Participant Guide

Waste Watch is a mandatory program which helps protect the environment by separating waste resources into four categories – compost, waste, recyclables and special disposal. **Compost** is made from organics and can be used as a valuable soil conditioner. **Waste** is the “leftover” – items that can neither be recycled nor composted. **Recyclables** allow the collection of marketable materials that can be remanufactured. This reduces waste going to landfill, reuses valuable materials and helps to stabilize program cost. **Special Disposal** are items that have to be recycled and disposed of in a way that addresses their hazardous and other properties.

The first priority of Waste Watch is to reduce. While we are able to responsibly manage waste, it would be best to avoid creating it unnecessarily. Businesses are encouraged to take into account the impact of their operations and practices on waste management.

Like residential customers, businesses are required to source-separate materials into the compost, waste, recyclables and special disposal streams. Businesses are responsible for providing clearly labeled sorting containers for patrons and employees.

TIPS TO IMPROVE SORTING

- Establish sorting stations with appropriate signage and sorting guides.
- Periodically review waste management procedures.
- Perform spot checks for quality control.
- Set a positive example.
- Provide training to ensure staff, contractors, and cleaners are familiar with the program requirements.
- Consider an incentives program.

SORTING GUIDELINES

For sorting information visit www.iwmc.pe.ca, download a free **Recycle Coach app** at www.iwmc.pe.ca/rc, or call Customer Service toll-free at **1.888.280.8111**.

DISPOSAL

Businesses may deliver sorted material to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center (WWDC) or hire a waste hauling contractor. Disposal fees, based on weight, are the responsibility of the waste hauling contractor or business customer delivering sorted material to the disposal site.

Source separated materials (recyclables, compost and waste), contaminated materials (excluding asbestos and commercial bio-medical/hazardous waste), contaminated soil (maximum 3 tonnes), construction and demolition debris, and metals are subject to disposal fees at WWDCs.

Please note: Loads containing mixed waste or solid-coloured bags are subject to surcharges in addition to the normal disposal fee. **Mixed Waste** is waste, compost and recyclable loads with an unacceptable level of contamination.

SPECIAL DISPOSAL ITEMS

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Waste produced by businesses is not accepted at IWMC disposal sites. This includes products which are corrosive, flammable, reactive, or toxic, except for those outlined on the reverse of this guide. Businesses are responsible for arranging a safe and appropriate method of disposal. If you require further direction, please contact IWMC Customer Service at **1.888.280.8111** or visit www.iwmc.pe.ca/commercial for more information.

Bio-Medical Waste

Businesses are required to arrange for appropriate disposal of bio-medical waste, such as medical sharps and medications. Search *Medication* and *Medical Sharps* at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort for options.

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SPECIAL DISPOSAL ITEMS (Continued)

Paint, Stains and Empty Containers

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal, exceptions apply. Visit www.productcare.org for limits, guidelines and additional drop-off locations.

Light Bulbs

All types of bulbs that can be removed from light fixture are accepted at WWDC for free disposal. For additional drop-off locations and disposal instructions visit www.productcare.org.

Electrical and Electronic Products

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal. Call in advance for more than 25 items. For additional information visit www.recycleMyelectronics.ca/pei.

Automotive Fluids (under 50L) and Containers

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal. Alternatively, return to collection facilities listed at www.uoma-atlantic.com.

Automotive Lead Acid Batteries

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal, at place of purchase and licensed beverage container depots.

Rechargeable and Non-Rechargeable Batteries

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal. For disposal instructions and additional drop-off locations visit www.call2recycle.ca. eMobility batteries are only accepted by participating retailers.

Printer Cartridges

Some are accepted at WWDC for free disposal and at most electronic retailers. Search *Printer Cartridges* at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort for more information.

Tires

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal. Disposal fee applies to tires on rims. Alternatively, return to place of purchase.

Large Appliances (White Goods)

Accepted at WWDC for free disposal.

Large Bulky Furniture

Accepted at WWDC. Disposal fee applies.

Propane Cylinders

Accepted at WWDC. Disposal fee applies.

Silage and Boat Shrink Wrap

Half-ton loads of clean and dry wrap can be taken to any WWDC at no charge. For larger loads or stockpiled material, contact IWMC to make arrangements. **Heavily soiled wrap is waste and subject to a disposal fee.**

Agricultural Containers, Seed Bags, Pesticides and Medication

Visit www.cleanfarms.ca or call **1.877.622.4460** for recycling and disposal information regarding containers, seed and pesticide bags, obsolete pesticides, and livestock medication.

PUBLIC WASTE GUIDELINES

Public Waste is recyclable, compost, and waste material that is placed in unsupervised containers in public areas such as campgrounds, parks, special event grounds, restaurants, etc.

When disposing of public waste, businesses have to assess the contents of each container when emptying. Identify the bag as public waste by writing the following on the bag before placing in the container:

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*The name of the business
(or event if a community function)*

If the bag contains mixed waste - more than 10% contamination due to improper sorting, place it in waste stream. Otherwise, place the bag in the proper

stream. If using plastic bags to line compost containers, empty the bag into the compost dumpster and place the soiled plastic bag in waste stream.

Businesses that generate public waste are required to facilitate sorting by:

- Providing clear signage explaining Waste Watch guidelines.
- Providing clearly marked containers for each stream.
- Ensuring containers are grouped into sorting stations (recyclable, compost, waste) for easy disposal.



Please note: These guidelines apply to public waste only. If these guidelines are followed, public waste is not subject to mixed waste surcharges. Businesses are required to separate materials from controlled areas (business offices, kitchen, etc.).