



# IWMC

ISLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

## WASTE WATCH

# News

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

This year Island Waste Management Corporation embarked on a new and important strategic planning process. A strategic plan will set IWMC on a solid course to further strengthen our programs and services.

In June, we gathered valuable insights from Island residents regarding our waste management services through a public survey.

I am pleased to note the enthusiastic participation of Islanders and the great suggestions and constructive feedback they provided.

With the wrap up of public engagement activities in December, and our analysis of the input received from Island residents and stakeholders, we are heartened by an overwhelmingly positive response to the Waste Watch Program. Islanders clearly share our commitment to environmental protection and understand the value of proper waste sorting.

IWMC is proud to work with and for Islanders to ensure the health of our earth and the future of our beautiful Island.

On behalf of our team at IWMC, I wish you a happy holiday season, and a healthy and joyous New Year.

***Karen MacDonald***



# Proper Christmas Tree Disposal

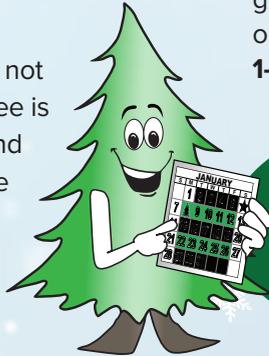
Once the holiday season concludes, it is essential to handle your Christmas tree responsibly. Islanders have three safe disposal options for their holiday trees. To ensure hassle-free disposal, remember to remove all decorations, including lights, bulbs, and wires. Please do not place your tree in a bag, as it will not be collected.

## Curbside Collection

Curbside collection of Christmas trees commences on **Monday, January 8th**.

To guarantee your tree is eligible for collection, take note of the following: The tree must be placed curbside by 7 am on Monday, January 8th to ensure collection, which will occur sometime during that week.

Our drivers cannot return if the trees are not curbside during their pass. Ensure the tree is easily accessible, not frozen to the ground or concealed by snow, and placed where it's visible. If the tree is taller than 8 feet or heavier than 50 pounds, it must be cut in half.



If your tree was curbside by January 8th at 7 am but was not collected, please notify IWMC Customer Service no later than Tuesday, January 16th.

## Deliver to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center (WWDC)

Residential customers can drop off their trees free of charge at any WWDC throughout the month of January.

## Deliver to a Participating Goat Farm

Christmas trees are a delightful treat for goats, and numerous local goat farms are ready to accept your trees. For a list of participating goat farms and their drop-off guidelines, please visit [iwmc.pe.ca](http://iwmc.pe.ca) or contact our toll-free Customer Service line at **1-888-280-8111**.



Dispose of your Christmas tree responsibly and help us keep our Island beautiful.

## DON'T MISS SPRING CLEANUP!

Spring Cleanup takes place across the province as follows:

**Monday, May 6th: Yard Debris**

**Monday, May 13th: Waste**

**Monday, May 20th: Yard Debris**

*\*Contact IWMC by Tuesday of the following week if your material was missed.*

Please follow these guidelines for Spring Cleanup

- Bundle and tie similar items, such as twigs, branches, etc.
- Each item (or bundle) must not exceed 50 lb in weight or 4 ft for any dimension.
- Place grass, leaves, and other loose yard debris in paper bags or open rigid containers (containers cannot exceed 32 gallons/121 litres).
- Place waste items in clear, transparent plastic bags, or open rigid containers (containers cannot exceed 32 gallons/121 litres).

To learn more about Spring Cleanup, including guidelines and items that are never collected curbside, please visit our website: [www.iwmc.pe.ca](http://www.iwmc.pe.ca)

Changes are coming to Spring and Fall Cleanup, beginning Fall 2024!

To learn more, please visit our website [www.iwmc.pe.ca/spring2024](http://www.iwmc.pe.ca/spring2024).

**NEW**



# Sorting at the Source

Sorting at the source is an important practice, empowering Islanders to play a pivotal role in caring for our planet. This simple yet powerful act involves the active sorting of items after use, directing them to the correct bins for recycling and composting, which has far-reaching implications for our environment.

Why is Sorting at the Source important? We visited the Central Compost Facility, located in Brookfield, to learn why.

Organic waste should initially be sorted correctly at the source and placed in the green bin. Once collected from residential and commercial buildings, these organics are transported to the Central Compost Facility. Here, the dedicated facility staff inspect the more than 20,000 tonnes of organic materials received annually.

Following this, organics continue to the Composting, Curing, Refining and Storage phases of the process, culminating in the creation of Category A compost. This high-quality compost can then be returned to the environment, enriching soil and promoting agricultural sustainability.

By Sorting at the Source, Islanders not only support composting but also significantly reduce contamination, minimize waste, and help build a more sustainable and eco-conscious community. Every small effort counts towards a greener, healthier planet, making Sorting at the Source a valuable practice for Islanders committed to preserving the environment for future generations.



## QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

### Janet from Charlottetown asks:

*"Why does sorting matter if all items end up in the same place anyway?"*

### Our Response:

A fantastic question, Janet. You've raised a common misconception, the idea that regardless of sorting, all items ultimately end up in the same destination. This is not correct. On Prince Edward Island, each discarded item has a designated place to go, and when sorted correctly, every item has a purpose in its "end of life."

A great example is sorted recyclables. Through proper sorting, discarded items like water bottles are directed to a facility that transforms them into new and usable products. Without sorting, these water bottles might end up in a landfill, but thanks to the Waste Watch program, they are repurposed into valuable new items. Sorting truly makes a meaningful difference.

If you are unsure of how to properly sort, we are here to help! A few ways to "check your sorting":

- ❄️ Download the use the RecycleCoach App
- ❄️ Use the interactive sorting guide on our website
- ❄️ Ask our team! Our Customer Service Team is here to help. You can call (toll-free) Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm at **1-888-280-8111** or by email at **info@iwmc.pe.ca**



# WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTERS (WWDCs)

REGION / ADDRESS	WINTER		SUMMER	
<b>WEST PRINCE:</b> <b>Brockton,</b> 2202 Dock Rd., Rte.150	8:00 - 4:30	Monday Wednesday Friday	8:00 - 4:30	Monday Wednesday Friday
	8:00 - 12:30	Saturday	8:00 - 12:30	Saturday
<b>EAST PRINCE:</b> <b>East Prince Waste Management Facility</b> Wellington Centre 29786 Rte. 2	8:00 - 4:30	Monday - Friday	7:00 - 4:30	Monday - Friday
	8:00 - 12:30	Saturday	7:00 - 12:30	Saturday
<b>CENTRAL:</b> <b>New London,</b> 10142 Route 6	8:00 - 4:30	Tuesday Thursday	8:00 - 4:30	Monday Tuesday Thursday
	8:00 - 12:30	Saturday	8:00 - 2:00	Saturday
<b>CAPITAL:</b> <b>GFL Environmental</b> 8 Superior Cr. Charlottetown	7:00 - 5:00	Monday - Friday	7:00 - 5:00	Monday - Friday
	7:00 - 2:00	Saturday	7:00 - 2:00	Saturday
<b>EASTERN:</b> <b>Dingwells Mills,</b> 100 Selkirk Road Rte. 309	8:00 - 4:30	Monday Wednesday Friday	8:00 - 4:30	Monday Wednesday Friday
	8:00 - 12:30	Saturday	8:00 - 12:30	Saturday
<b>EASTERN:</b> <b>Murray River,</b> 378 Cape Bear Road Rte. 18	8:00 - 4:30	Tuesday Thursday Saturday	8:00 - 4:30	Tuesday Thursday Saturday

**PLEASE VISIT [iwmc.pe.ca](http://iwmc.pe.ca) FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## RECYCLE COACH APP

IWMC is pleased to offer the Recycle Coach App  
*Free for everyone!*

Download on your mobile device for 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 hall, city hall, or Access PEI.



**[iwmc.pe.ca](http://iwmc.pe.ca)**



**1-888-280-8111**

*Une version française, également disponible.*

# SORTING GUIDE

Customer Service: 1-888-280-8111  
 Sorting information: [iwmc.pe.ca/sort](http://iwmc.pe.ca/sort)

## RECYCLABLES

### BLUE BAG #1



**USE TRANSPARENT** • Recyclables must be clean & dry.  
**BLUE BAGS ONLY!** • Ensure blue bags are tied securely.

### BLUE BAG #2

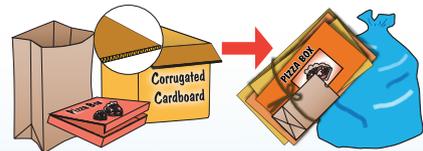


Plastics with symbols:



METAL

PLACE THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW BESIDE YOUR BLUE BAGS



**PAPER BAGS & CORRUGATED CARDBOARD**  
 (Collapsed & bundled)

### LARGE METAL 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)



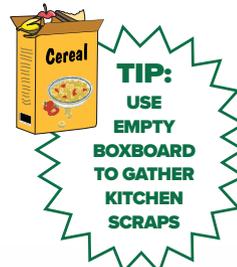
## COMPOST



Food Waste (including bones & shells)



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



Coffee Grounds and Filters, Tea Bags, Yard & Garden Waste

### NO BAG IS BEST!

If bags are necessary:

- ✓ Paper bags are preferred
- ✓ Film compostable bags must be identified by:



✗ DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS



**NO Plastic  
 NO Metal  
 NO Glass**  
 IN COMPOST CART

## WASTE

Non-Recyclable Plastics with no Symbols or Recycle Symbols



WET WIPES

### NO BAG IS BEST!

If bags are necessary:

- ✓ Use clear, transparent plastic bags
- ✗ No blue bags
- ✗ No solid-coloured bags
- ✗ No paper bags



**DO NOT USE solid-coloured 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**  
CURBSIDE AT ANY TIME

## PROPANE TANKS

**30 lb. or less:** Propane tank exchange 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 FREE*



## PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Accepted at WWDC\* for **FREE** and at most electronic retailers. Search *Printer Cartridges* at [www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort](http://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](http://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](http://www.productcare.org) for drop-off locations and disposal instructions.



### PRESCRIPTIONS, OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AND NATURAL HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS

**RESIDENTS:** Return to participating pharmacies.

For disposal instructions & drop-off locations visit [www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medications](http://www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medications)

**BUSINESSES:** Search **Medication** at [www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort](http://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](http://www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medical-sharps)

**BUSINESSES:** Search **Medical Sharps** at [www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort](http://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](http://www.uoma-atlantic.com)



### PAINT, STAINS AND EMPTY CONTAINERS

Bring to WWDC\* for **FREE** disposal, exceptions apply. Visit [www.productcare.org](http://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](http://www.call2recycle.ca) for disposal instructions and additional drop-off locations. eMobility batteries are only accepted by participating retailers.

### AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS

Agricultural plastics such as relatively clean and dry silage wrap and twine are received free at WWDC's. For a complete list of what to recycle and where, visit [cleanfarms.ca](http://cleanfarms.ca)

### 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](http://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/pei/where-can-i-recycle)

- Portable Air-Treatment Appliances (no A/Cs)
- 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

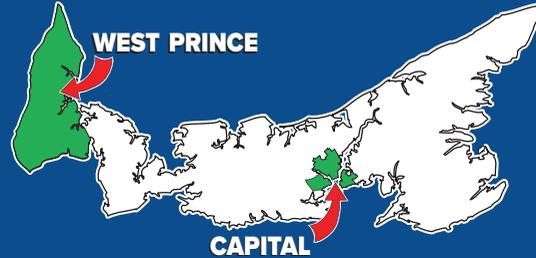


For a complete list of items, search **Sorting Guide** at [www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort](http://www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort) or visit [www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/pei/what-can-i-recycle](http://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/pei/what-can-i-recycle)

\*WWDC = WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTER

# 2024 WASTE WATCH RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CALENDAR

# CAPITAL AND WEST PRINCE



 = COMPOST     = WASTE

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## ★ HOLIDAY ALTERNATE COLLECTIONS:

New Years Day ..... Saturday, JANUARY 6  
 Islander Day ..... Saturday, FEBRUARY 24  
 Good Friday ..... Saturday, MARCH 30

## 🌲 CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: JANUARY 8

Place trees curbside by 7 am on Monday, January 8th. \*Contact IWMC no later than Tuesday, January 16th if your tree was missed.

## 🚫 COLLECTION SUSPENSION FOR EXCESS YARD & GARDEN DEBRIS:

From April 8 until Spring Cleanup is complete.

## 🌱 SPRING CLEANUP:

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- 🌿 YARD DEBRIS ..... Monday, MAY 20

Not necessarily collected on cart day.  
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## 🏠 COTTAGE COLLECTION: JUNE 3 - SEPT. 27

Extended service available from May 20 – October 25. A fee will apply. Contact IWMC to register.

## 🌩️ STORM DAY INFORMATION:

- [www.iwmc.pe.ca](http://www.iwmc.pe.ca)
- 1-888-280-8111
-  at IWMC PEI 

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