

IWMC

ISLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

WASTE WATCH News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Over the past 18 months, Islanders shared their experiences and ideas on waste management with Island Waste Management Corporation (IWMC) to support our development of a strategic plan. This plan sets a solid foundation for IWMC and will guide our work over the next five years. Our team is grateful for your participation throughout this process. Islanders continue to have a strong commitment to the Waste Watch Program, to responsible stewardship of our environment, and to the preservation of our beautiful province.

We take great pride in the work we have accomplished together over the last 22 years, and we look forward to continuing that work with Island residents and businesses. To view IWMC's strategic plan, please visit www.iwmc.pe.ca/strategic-plan or scan the QR code provided below.

On behalf of our entire team, we extend our warmest wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer on PEI.

Karen MacDonald



Changes Coming to Fall and Spring Waste Cleanup



This November, we are improving the way we collect your waste items during cleanup. Previously, waste was collected over one week sandwiched between two compost cleanup weeks. Now, waste cleanup will take place on your regularly scheduled waste (black cart) collection days during November and May.

Waste items being collected must still be placed curbside by 7 A.M. to ensure collection.

Note: There is no change to compost and yard debris cleanup

Please see below for cleanup guidelines:

- ✓ Each item should not exceed a length of four (4) feet for any dimension
- ✓ Each item should not exceed fifty (50) lbs (22 kg)
- ✓ Larger items can be cut/folded to meet these guidelines
- ✓ Multiple items must be bundled (when practical), but the bundle must still meet the guidelines
- ✓ Leaves can be in compost carts, rigid containers or paper bags
- ✓ Waste can be in waste carts, rigid containers or clear plastic bags

There are some items that are never collected curbside, such as:

- X Leaves in plastic bags
- X Household hazardous waste (cleaners, pesticides, etc.)
- X Items heavier than fifty (50) lbs (22 kg) or longer than four (4) feet for any dimension
- X Appliances containing Ozone Depleting Substances (Freon, etc.) or that don't meet the above guidelines
- X Tires

For a full list of Spring/Fall Cleanup guidelines, please visit our website: iwmc.pe.ca



Questions from the Community

Nicole from Kensington asks:

"Why can't I put my garbage in white bags? I have been rejected just because of the bags I buy."

Answer:

Ensuring Islanders use the appropriate bags for their garbage is a crucial aspect of the Waste Watch Program.

It is important to remember that for Waste and Compost – "no bag is best", but if you do wish to use a bag – here are the important guidelines you must follow.

Waste:

Waste should be placed in clear, transparent bags. Waste placed in white, black, or colored bags will be rejected curbside.

Why? Clear, transparent bags allow collection drivers to inspect the contents to ensure proper sorting. Additionally, transparent bags contribute to the health and safety of collection drivers and employees at our facilities by reducing injuries from dangerous items such as needles.

Recycling:

Recycling (**Blue Bag #1** and **Blue Bag #2**) should be placed in blue, transparent bags.

Why? Transparent bags enable collection drivers to assess the contents for proper sorting and potential hazards. Blue bags are universally recognized as a recycling color, aiding collection drivers in distinguishing between recycling materials and waste or compost.

Compost:

Islanders can use boxboard or brown paper bags to bag their compostables, before placing in their green bin.

If you use a compostable bag, organics must be placed in an IWMC - approved compostable bag.

How can you be sure that the bag you have purchased is approved for IWMC usage? There must be one of these logos imprinted on the bags:



ISLAND RESIDENTS SPOKE AND IWMC LISTENED

Following consultation and input from Island residents, stakeholders and more, IWMC is proud to present our Strategic Plan that will help guide the future of waste management in Prince Edward Island.

Please see our website or scan this QR Code to view the Plan.

If you would like a copy of the Strategic Plan mailed to you, please reach out to our customer service team.



www.iwmc.pe.ca/strategic-plan

Are You Living on a Private Lane or Road?

If so, the private lane or road must be properly maintained to allow the collection vehicle to have access.

A passable lane for collection vehicles is one that:

- ✿ Is clear from obstructions that would impede passage of the collection vehicle
- ✿ Has a suitable area for collection trucks to turn if needed (e.g. a dead end)
- ✿ Has smooth roads with adequate surface strength, to support very heavy trucks
- ✿ Has a relatively dry surface

If access is not possible, carts and recyclables must be placed at the nearest serviceable road for collection.

Unsure if your road is passable? Please contact IWMC so we can assess your lane or roadway. After a large amount of rain or snow, dirt roads may be impassable due to mud, and collection drivers will need to make an assessment on access at the time of collection.

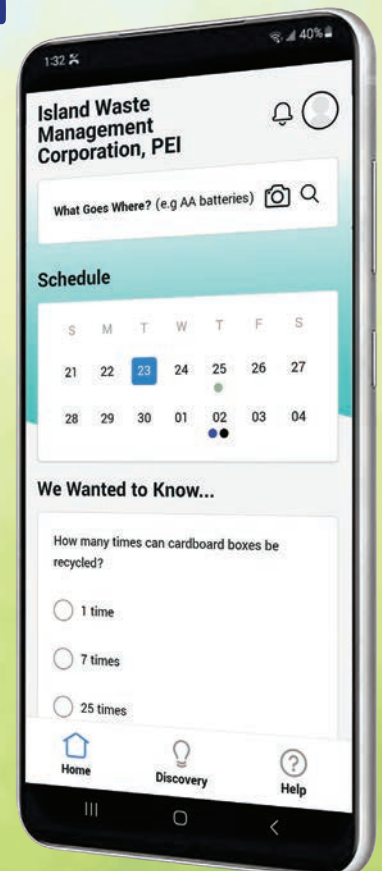
Do you have the Recycle Coach App?



The app is **FREE** to download on your smart device (mobile phone or tablet) and offers:

- ✿ Convenient access to collection schedules
- ✿ Reminders on your smart device to place your carts and recyclables curbside
- ✿ An easy-to-use interactive sorting guide
- ✿ And more!

Download the app today and don't miss another schedule collection or notification from IWMC.



WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTERS (WWDCs)

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

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



1-888-280-8111

Une version française, également disponible.

SORTING GUIDE

Customer Service: 1-888-280-8111
Sorting information: 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



PLACE THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW BESIDE YOUR BLUE BAGS



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)



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



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 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.

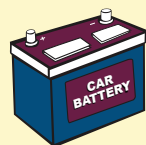
BUSINESSES: Businesses must dispose of hazardous material through a hazardous waste carrier. Visit www.iwmc.pe.ca/commercial for more information.

- 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.



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

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. 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

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)
- 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

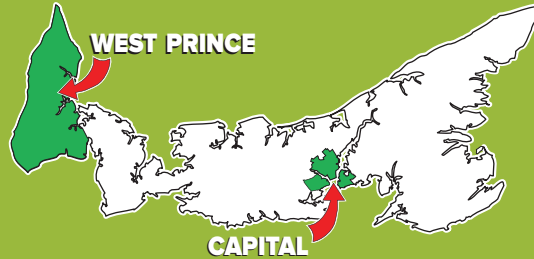


For a complete list of items, search **Sorting Guide** at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort or visit www.recycleMyelectronics.ca/pei/what-can-i-recycle

*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:

Canada Day **Saturday, JULY 6**
 Labour Day **Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7**
 National Truth & Reconciliation Day
 **Saturday, OCTOBER 5**
 Thanksgiving Day **Saturday, OCTOBER 19**
 Remembrance Day **Saturday, NOVEMBER 16**
 Christmas Day **Saturday, DECEMBER 28**

COLLECTION SUSPENSION FOR EXCESS YARD & GARDEN DEBRIS:

From October 7 until Fall Cleanup is complete.

FALL CLEANUP: Place Material Curbside by 7 A.M.

YARD DEBRIS:

Monday, November 4 /
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*Yard debris will not necessarily be collected on cart day.

WASTE:

Put items next to your waste cart on your normal collection day during November.

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

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

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EASTERN, CENTRAL, AND EAST PRINCE



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