

IWMC

ISLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

WASTE WATCH News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The start of a new year brings opportunity for reflection and fresh beginnings. After more than 22 years of the Waste Watch Program in Prince Edward Island, it can be easy to lose sight of the amazing efforts across the province to keep waste out of our only landfill. Did you know many places in North America are just now starting to separate waste into compost and recyclable streams?

Our reputation as a leader in waste management is thanks to your participation in the program each day. From collection drivers to each of you sorting at home, we all have a part to play, and our actions do make a difference.

Every year, Islanders repurpose thousands of tonnes of organics and recyclable materials by diverting them from the waste stream.

In our changing world and shifting climate, IWMC must also be able to “Adapt and Innovate” — one of our central values. As we focus on continuous improvement and innovation, it remains our priority to provide quality services and ensure that Islanders have the knowledge and confidence to be fully engaged in the Waste Watch Program.

Our IWMC team wishes you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and joyous 2025!

Karen MacDonald



Visiting East Prince Waste Management Facility



Waste processing on PEI is handled at several facilities that manage waste safely, giving new life to materials whenever possible.

One of those facilities is the **East Prince Waste Management Facility (EPWMF)** in Wellington Centre. It's home to the province's only sanitary landfill for municipal solid waste (black cart waste) and each year, **40,000 to 50,000 tonnes of waste** are accepted at EPWMF.

The landfill at EPWMF is fully lined to prevent leaks and the liquid that drains from it (called leachate) is captured and is treated on-site. The leachate treatment system includes an aerated lagoon, a settling lagoon, and a constructed wetland. The treatment system is monitored daily, and samples are tested monthly to ensure everything is running as it should.

While EPWMF is home to the landfill, it also operates a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center for the convenient drop-off of source-separated materials, household hazardous waste, and other items that require special handling. These items are then transported to the appropriate locations for proper disposal.

A small amount of composting takes place at EPWMF through an aerobic, open windrow composting operation (meaning organic material is collected into a long and narrow pile and turned on a regular basis). The compost produced is then used on-site as intermediate cover material at the landfill cell.

When we sort waste materials properly, we play a crucial role in reducing the number of unnecessary items that take up space in the landfill. Instead of losing valuable resources like recyclable items and producing methane (a potent greenhouse gas) through food waste that ends up in the landfill, we can create a cleaner, healthier future on PEI for generations to come!



New recycling options available for fitness technology!

Did you know **electronic fitness and activity equipment** can now be recycled in PEI?

If your old treadmill, rowing machine, or smart watch is broken and can't be reused or donated, simply take it to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center or designated depots for FREE disposal.

NEW items added to the program that can be recycled:

- ❄️ e-Bikes/e-Scooters
- ❄️ Ellipticals
- ❄️ Pedometers
- ❄️ Virtual reality glasses
- ❄️ Smart watches
- ❄️ Rowing and step machines

For a complete list of items, or more information, visit recyclemyelectronics.ca/pei

Proper Disposal of Construction, Demolition, and Renovation Material

Tackling a small job around the house? Where does all that leftover material go?

Even small DIY repairs and weekend projects can create what's known as **Construction, Demolition and Renovation Material**. It doesn't go in your waste cart, and it's not collected curbside. It must be taken to your local Waste Watch Drop-Off Center for safe and proper disposal.

Construction, Demolition, and Renovation Material includes:

- Wood
- Glass
- Flooring
- Insulation
- Gyproc
- Old windows and doors

For more information on disposal of these items, check out our Recycle Coach app, visit iwmc.pe.ca/sort, or contact our Customer Service Centre.

Spring Cleanup Reminder

Last November, we changed the way our bi-annual cleanup happens! Waste cleanup now takes place on your regularly scheduled waste (black cart) collection days during November and May.

NOTE: There is no change to yard debris cleanup.

If you have questions about this year's Spring Cleanup, please contact our Customer Service Centre by email (info@iwmc.pe.ca) or phone (**1-888-280-8111**).

Your Questions

Each week, our Customer Service Centre receives questions from people across PEI. We asked some of our team members for some of your recent questions.

Question:

Are cardboard boxes with images or designs printed on them still able to be recycled?

Answer:

Yes, they are still recyclable. Cardboard boxes with images or designs on them can be broken down and bundled and tied with other cardboard. If you only have a few small pieces of cardboard, they can be disposed of in Blue Bag #1 with other paper products.

- Tanya (IWMC Customer Service)

Question:

What do I do if today is my collection day and I think I've been missed?

Answer:

If it's your collection day and your cart has not been picked up, please wait until the next business day to call IWMC's Customer Service Centre (for example, if your collection day is Monday, please wait until Tuesday to call). Collection worker reports are submitted at the end of their workday so waiting until the next day to call allows the customer service staff to provide you with better information.

- Brittany (IWMC Customer Service)

Question:

What are my options if I want to use a bag for my compost bin? Is one type of bag best?

Answer:

Since Day One of the Waste Watch Program, we've always said that no bag is best! But we understand that people may want to use a bag for their compost bin.

Boxboard (e.g., cereal or cracker boxes) is compostable and can be used to gather food scraps. **Paper bags** are carbon rich and help compostable materials break down. If you do choose to use a compostable film bag, make sure it has a **BPI or BNQ certification logo** (not all bags that claim to be "compostable" have this logo).

- Jason (IWMC Disposal Supervisor)



COMPOSTABLE
IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

Check locally, as these do not exist in many communities. **Not suitable for backyard composting.** CERT # SAMPLE

WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTERS (WWDCs)

REGION / ADDRESS	WINTER	SUMMER
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	8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday 8:00 - 12:30 Saturday	7:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday 7:00 - 12:30 Saturday
CENTRAL: New London, 10142 Route 6	8:00 - 4:30 Tuesday Thursday 8:00 - 12:30 Saturday	8:00 - 4:30 Monday Tuesday Thursday 8:00 - 2:00 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.



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1-888-280-8111

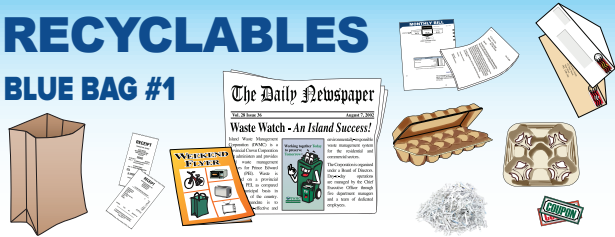
Une version française, également disponible.

SORTING GUIDE

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

RECYCLABLES

BLUE BAG #1

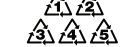


USE TRANSPARENT BLUE BAGS ONLY! Recyclables must be clean & dry. Ensure blue bags are tied securely.

BLUE BAG #2

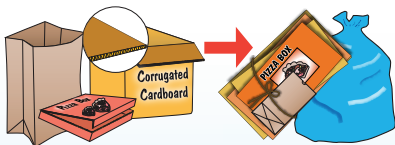


Plastics with symbols:



NOTE: Some beverage containers may be refundable. For more information, visit the Government of PEI's Beverage Container Program web page.

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



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** disposal. *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.**

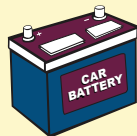
BUSINESSES: Businesses must dispose of hazardous material through a hazardous waste carrier. Visit www.iwmc.pe.ca/commercial for more information.

- 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 RecycleYourBatteries.ca for disposal instructions and additional drop-off locations. eMobility batteries are only accepted by participating retailers.

AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS

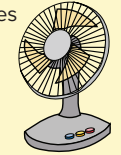
Agricultural plastics such as relatively clean and dry silage wrap and twine are received free at WWDC's. For a complete list of what to recycle and where, visit cleanfarms.ca



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
- Video Game Devices and Accessories/Electronic Readers
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Electronic Exercise Equipment
- Personal Activity Trackers (e.g., smart watch)
- eBikes and eScooters



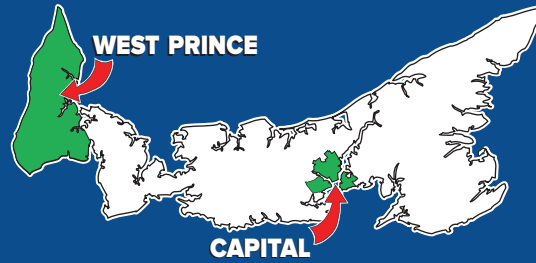
For a complete list of items, search **Sorting Guide** at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort or visit www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/pei/what-can-i-recycle

*WWDC = WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTER


2025 WASTE WATCH RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CALENDAR

CAPITAL* AND WEST PRINCE

*Includes Stratford and Cornwall






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★ HOLIDAY ALTERNATE COLLECTIONS:

New Years Day **Saturday, JANUARY 4**
 Islander Day **Saturday, FEBRUARY 22**
 Good Friday **Saturday, MARCH 19**

🌲 CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: JANUARY 6-11

Place trees curbside by 7 am on Monday, January 6th. *Contact IWMC no later than Tuesday, January 14th if your tree was missed.

🚫 COLLECTION SUSPENSION FOR EXCESS YARD & GARDEN DEBRIS:

From April 7 until Spring Cleanup is complete.

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YARD DEBRIS:
Monday, May 5 / Monday, May 19
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WASTE:
 Put items next to your waste cart on your normal collection day during May. Contact IWMC within two days if your waste was missed.

🏠 COTTAGE COLLECTION: JUNE 2 - SEPT. 26

Extended service available from **May 19 – October 31**. A fee will apply. Contact IWMC to register.

🌩️ STORM DAY INFORMATION:

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EASTERN, CENTRAL, AND EAST PRINCE



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Winter Tips: Keeping Collection Safe!

- ❄️ To help drivers avoid slips and falls, you can apply salt where your cart is placed curbside for collection.
- ❄️ Collection trucks make frequent stops. When driving, do not follow too closely behind a collection truck when roads are snow covered or slippery.
- ❄️ Do not approach collection staff in their work area. Approaching a truck, even if it is not moving, can be dangerous. Collection workers are required to wear proper personal protective equipment to operate safely around the truck.
- ❄️ If stormy weather is predicted, please wait until the morning before placing material curbside by 7:00 A.M. Monitor our IWMC website, radio, Recycle Coach and/or social media accounts for storm announcements. You can also find storm information by calling our Customer Service Centre (**1-888-280-8111**).

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
- ❄️ Notifications 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.

