



Put Waste in Its Place



The Town of Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove is beginning a pilot project for a curb-side recycling program for residents and businesses. Let's all do our part to make Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove a greener community! The Curb Side Recycling Program will commence on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Did you know **Recycling** is just one part of a **bigger** solution when it comes to reducing the amount of waste you produce?

Recycling is part of the 3 R's concept = **REDUCE**, **REUSE** and **RECYCLE**. See the attached poster for ways to **REDUCE**, **REUSE** and **RECYCLE**.

Have you ever thrown away an aluminum can because it feels like too much work to clean out? Do you know what can and cannot go into your recycling cart? Often, people choose not to recycle because it is an extra step that doesn't reap an instant reward. However, taking small steps to create good recycling habits in your daily life produces benefits that impact you far more than you likely realize.

Recycling has many benefits such as:

- **Reduce Carbon Emissions**

Recycling helps to reduce carbon emissions, otherwise known as greenhouse gasses. How does recycling reduce the need for raw materials? Recycling items such as paper, plastic, and aluminum reduces the need to extract new raw materials from the earth and can help reduce emissions.

- **Lessen the Burden on Landfills- Protects the Environment**

Did you know that as much as 60-75% of the garbage that is in landfills could actually be recycled? What that means is that if everyone took the time to recycle, we would need 60-75% less land space for garbage in the future.

- **Increases Energy Efficiency**

Did you know that it takes twice as much energy to burn plastic as it does to recycle it? It also takes 64% more energy to make paper than it does to recycle and reuse it.

- **Recycling is Environment-Friendly**

Trees play a big role in cleaning the air we breathe. However, every single day trees are cut down to make paper and more paper. Recycling of paper helps in restoring forests, thus protecting our environment.

Knowing what to recycle and what to place in garbage bags is the first step to a greener and healthier community. Recycling household waste does not have to be difficult. The recycling process is as simple as sorting, bagging, and curbing!

Sort It

- Sort recyclables into two types – containers and paper products.
- Make sure everything's clean. Rinse all containers so there is no food or debris left inside to spoil or sour.
- Remove wrap or plastic from boxes and paper.

Bag It

- Put papers and containers in separate, see-through blue bags as we can only take recyclables that aren't mixed together.
- Use see-through blue bags only; available for purchase at most retail stores where garbage bags are sold.
- Cardboard can be put in a tied up blue bag or can be broken down and placed in bundles at the curb. If bundled it must measure no more than 60 cm by 60 cm by 30 cm (2 ft by 2 ft by 1 ft). DO NOT bundle cardboard and then put it in a blue bag; either bundle it or bag it.
- Put loose recyclables in your blue bag; don't put recyclables in smaller plastic bags and then in your blue bag. The blue bags are recyclable; however, other plastic bags aren't.

Curb It

- Put your recycling blue bags at the curb on your scheduled recycling day before 8:00am.
- Recycling bags can be much lighter than regular waste garbage bags. Please cover your recycling or weigh it down so that it doesn't blow away.

Curbside Recycling Collection Tips and Rules

- Recycling is to be placed at the curb on the scheduled day only before 8:00am. Do not place recycling out to the curb the night before.

- Recycling must be in regular-sized see-through blue bags only; there is no limit to the number of recycling blue bags put at the curb.
- When it is windy, cover your recycling at the curb so that it doesn't blow away.
- **Please take note that recyclables will not be picked up if they are not sorted correctly or are not cleaned out properly. Please remember that glass cannot be collected.**
- Most household items can be recycled. Recycling includes much more than just plastic bottles that can be returned for a deposit fee. There are numerous products that can be recycled.

The Town of Petty Harbour- Maddox Cove will collect curbside recycling according to a rotating schedule. See recycling schedule on the Town's website at pettyharbourmaddoxcove.ca/recycling.

Refrigerator magnets with the recycling schedule will be available at the town office in the coming weeks.

The Town of Petty Harbour-Maddox cove would like to advise residents and businesses that the recycling program will be a pilot project. The town encourages all residents and businesses to get involved. Residents and businesses that partake in the program help guarantee the continuation of the program. Please remember that the program's success is contingent on involvement and support. As this is a pilot project, should residents and businesses choose not to partake, the town would have to reevaluate the feasibility of the program. Please show your support by choosing to recycle.

Guides on how to recycle and what can be recycled can be found on the Town's website at pettyharbourmaddoxcove.ca/recycling along with more helpful information.

Recycle- It's not that Hard!