

Recycling in apartments and condos

Every building in the Halifax region is required to have separate bins for garbage, recycling, organics (green cart), paper, and corrugated cardboard. All residents must sort waste and place it in the proper bins. This is good environmental practice, **and it is also a legal requirement.**

Effective November 1, 2021 Clear bags will be required for garbage in all condominiums within the Halifax Regional Municipality. Waste management crews will leave improper bags in our recycling and garbage room and will eventually issue tickets for non-compliance. We must have full compliance by all owners and residents.

Use a blue bag for your recyclables

- all plastic containers
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- glass and tin containers
- all milk containers
- aluminum foil and plates

Paper goes in a grocery/retail bag or clear bag

- paper
- envelopes
- magazines
- boxboard (like cereal boxes)
- paper egg cartons
- shredded paper

Corrugated cardboard goes in the separate bin. Flatten corrugated cardboard boxes before placing them in the bin.

Green carts are for:

- all food waste
- napkins
- kitchen paper towels

You can't put plastic, *including plastic bags labelled "biodegradable" or "compostable,"* in the green cart—only use liners made of paper or boxboard.

What items cannot go in the garbage or recycling bin?

- [household special waste](#) like chemicals, motor oil
- [sharps](#) like needles
- [electronics](#)
- [construction and renovation waste](#)