



# Colchester Newsletter

## Hello Colchester!

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of Colchester's newsletter, where we share exciting news, helpful tips and much more with our residents!

Photo by Felicia Marie

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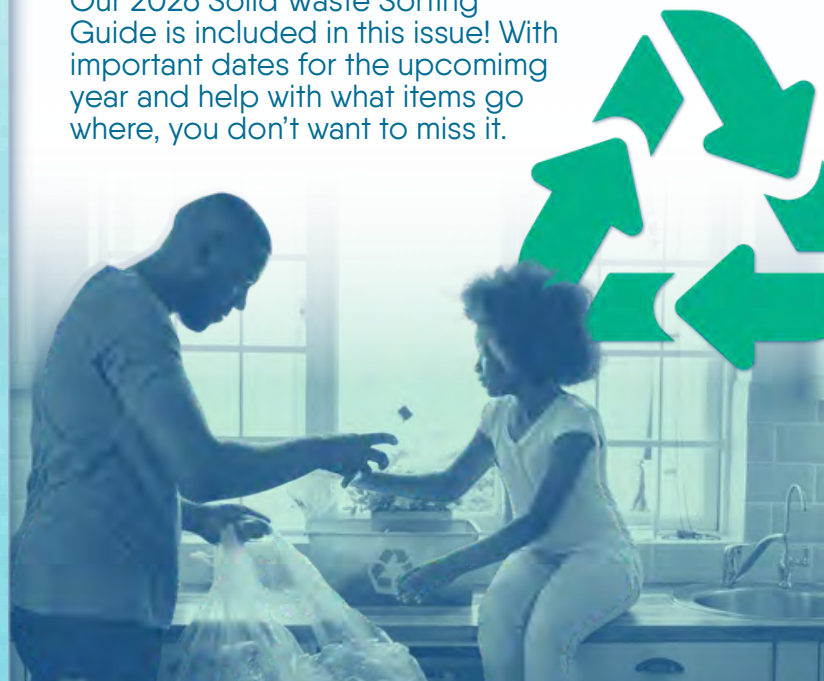
## PHOTO CONTEST

**Want your photo featured in our newsletter?** Submit your photos and you will be entered to win a Colchester swag bag and could be our next lucky winner!

Visit [colchester.ca/photo-contest](https://colchester.ca/photo-contest) or email [photos@colchester.ca](mailto:photos@colchester.ca) to enter!

## SOLID WASTE SORTING GUIDE

Our 2026 Solid Waste Sorting Guide is included in this issue! With important dates for the upcoming year and help with what items go where, you don't want to miss it.



# From the Mayor's Desk



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**Support for Fire Protection Services:** The Province of Nova Scotia introduced legislation to support fire services that is expected to help ensure consistent training standards across the province for standards as firefighter training, certification, personal protective equipment and reporting. The Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS) has been involved making some recommendations wanting better governance, safer training and standardized services.

Our fire departments receive funding through a tax rate which is determined based on their needs; they receive insurance on their assets and for firefighters on or off duty. We have an Emergency Management/Fire Protection Coordinator who works with our Fire brigades and first responders, along with the Colchester Firefighters Association (CFFA). However, we are still talking with our brigade Chiefs to learn their perspectives on this new legislation and will send information to the Dept. of Emergency Management.

**Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC):** A special thank you to the new Board of Directors, duly appointed according to the legal and binding Operating Agreement and By-laws of the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society (also known as the RECC Board) which was established by the two municipal owners to operate the RECC facility when it was first established. These board members bring decades of experience as entrepreneurs, business owners, educators, and former provincial employees in the fields of Agriculture, Sport Nova Scotia, Natural Resources and Tenancy. The Board will work with interim General Manager Joel Dawe, who has 25 years of experience with multiple-sport facilities, and with engineers who will determine upgrades that are needed to our mutually-owned health and wellness centre. Thank you again for the positive work you are doing for our communities.

**Salmon River Bridge:** We have been advised by the NS Department of Public Works, that the Salmon River bridge, Main Street, Bible Hill, will be reduced to one lane until late September - early October for much-needed work to be done. Be prepared to allow extra time getting to and from our destinations because of it. Emergency services are always a concern if vehicles are slowed but with other avenues to access the hospital and with services on both sides of the river emergency response will be available as usual.

**Provincial Budget 2026:** Within the millions of dollars in grant cuts proposed by the Provincial Government, 49 municipalities are losing \$17M in assistance grants for infrastructure, community recreation, the impacts of climate change like flood risk, water, sewer, accessibility projects. By legislation, Municipalities are not permitted to run deficits so we must be attentive and frugal with our taxpayers' dollars as we work on our budgets. Losing these four programs may have a substantial impact on that process. Colchester County expects to have its 2026-27 operating budget approved by April 30.

**In closing:** The Bible Hill Fire & Emergency service is celebrating 80 years this year. It joins Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services 81 years, Onslow-Belmont Fire Department 65 years, Salmon River Fire Department 65 years, Great Village Fire Brigade 101 years, and next year Tatamagouche Fire Department celebrates 80 years. Congratulations and a very special thank you from our Municipality.

Kindest regards to all  
**Christine Blair**



**Mayor Blair with Anne MacLean**  
Former President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities; former Mayor, Town of New Glasgow; and Honorary member of the North Nova Highlanders

# Recreation

PARKS AND TRAILS | PROGRAMS | EQUIPMENT LOAN | FACILITIES | GRANTS & FUNDING

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colchester.ca/recreation

**Facebook**  
@MunColRec

## Step Into Spring Challenge 2026 March 30 to May 24

Let's kick off the season by getting active together! The **Step into Spring Challenge 2026** is a free, 8-week program designed to help you move more and feel great this Spring. Walking is one of the easiest and healthiest ways to stay active – and this challenge is the perfect motivation to get started!

The program runs from **March 30 to May 24, 2026**. Registration opens March 16, 2026. To sign up, visit [colchester.ca/spring](http://colchester.ca/spring) or email [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca) for more information.

Let's have fun, enjoy the fresh air, and step into Spring together!



## Celebrate Colchester's Volunteers!

**National Volunteer Week April 19–25**

National Volunteer Week 2026 takes place April 19–25. The Municipality of Colchester is proud to celebrate the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers who help our communities grow and thrive.

We invite you to **recognize those who make a difference by submitting a nomination** this spring. Whether it's an individual, youth, group, or family serving within Colchester County, we want to hear about them!

Visit [colchester.ca/volunteers](http://colchester.ca/volunteers) to complete and submit a nomination form. Let's shine a light on the incredible volunteers in our community.

## Bruce Moore Memorial Park

The small, beloved **Halfmoon Park at 76 Eagle Drive in Valley** was recently renamed **Bruce Moore Memorial Park**. This park was one of many projects Bruce was involved with in his community, and Colchester County Council wholeheartedly supported a request by his friends and neighbours to rename the municipal park in his honour. Full of energy and humour, Bruce loved the outdoors, adventures, people and teaching. This community space where families can play and have fun, be outdoors and create memories together, is a wonderful tribute to him.

On December 20th, Bruce's family, friends and many neighbours past and present gathered in perfect weather conditions to celebrate the renaming of the park. A ribbon cutting ceremony at the new sign and unveiling of a new bench marked Bruce's legacy as a contributor to the community. The bench plaque reads "Dedicated to the memory of Bruce Moore (1956–2022) whose stewardship, community-minded spirit, and generosity shaped our neighbourhood parks and trails."

Afterward, Bruce's wife Nancy Moore shared,

*"Bruce would have been very pleased and appreciative of the recognition. Thank you to the Colchester Recreation team for arranging the sign, bench and event. A heartfelt thanks to all who showed up."*



# Emergency Management

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS | EMO COORDINATOR

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colchester.ca/emergency-management

## 72 Hours – Are You Prepared?

Emergency Management personnel strongly encourage citizens to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least the first 72 hours after an emergency or disaster occurs.

This timeframe is critical as it can take emergency response agencies some time to reach you. The best way to be prepared is to remember these 3 key points:

### 1 Know Your Risks

As residents in your community, you are familiar with the events that are possible. Whether your region is susceptible to **flooding, extended power outages, hurricanes, transportation accidents** or another event, it is always best to know what the risks in your community are.



### 2 Make a Plan

Every household should have some type of emergency plan. Plans can be created in as little as 20 minutes! It is the best way to ensure that the people in the household can contact each other if they are not together when an emergency strikes. **Emergency plans often include household safety, plan for your pets, special health needs and emergency contacts.**



### 3 Prepare Emergency Kits











Emergency Kits should have the **basic needs to sustain yourself and your family for that crucial first 72 hours.** This kit should be stored in one location that is easily accessible and everyone knows where to find it.

See the *Emergency Kit Checklist* for recommended kit items.



## Emergency Kit Checklist

A basic kit should include:

- Water - 2 litres per day per person 
- Foods that do not spoil (Non Perishable) 
- Copy of Your Emergency Plan 
- Battery or Windup Radio 
- Flashlight 
- Extra Keys for the Vehicles and House 
- Cash (smaller bills) & Change 
- First Aid Kit 
- Cell Phone Chargers 
- Manual Can Opener 

**Note:** Replace food & water annually

### Learn More

For more information on how to best prepare, or to schedule an Emergency Preparedness presentation for a group, please reach out to the Colchester Regional Emergency Management Organization at [remo@colchester.ca](mailto:remo@colchester.ca) or **902-893-8511**.

# Community Development

PLANNING | BUILDING INSPECTION | PROPERTY INFORMATION | SUSTAINABILITY

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comdev@colchester.ca

**Website**  
colchester.ca/community-development

## Spring Permit Reminders

As Spring projects get underway, remember that many types of work require a municipal building permit and/or development permit.

### Development Permit Only

<b>Pools</b>	<b>Signs</b>
<b>Fences</b> over 6.6 ft	<b>Home Occupation</b>
<b>Solar Panels:</b> Ground-Mounted	<b>Sheds</b> Under 215 sq. ft (no power)
<b>Communication Towers</b>	

### Building Permit + Development Permit

<b>New Buildings:</b> Commercial, Residential, Industrial, & Institutional	<b>Garages or Sheds</b> over 215 sq. ft
<b>Additions</b> to Any Building	<b>Renovations</b> involving structural changes
<b>Relocating</b> a House or Mobile/Mini Home	<b>Demolition</b> of Buildings
	<b>Solar Panels:</b> Roof-Mounted



## **NEW** ONLINE PERMIT SYSTEM

We now offer a streamlined online permit platform for all municipal permits.

You can **apply, pay fees, track your application, send messages to staff, and upload required documents**, all from your own online account.

[colchester.ca/permits](http://colchester.ca/permits)

## Transportation Projects

### Regional Transit Feasibility Study

**95% COMPLETE**

The Regional Transit Feasibility Study is now in its final stage. The project team is completing revisions to the final draft, informed by strong community participation throughout the process.

#### Public Engagement included:

- Three public surveys
- Several pop-up sessions
- One-on-one consultations
- Meetings with key stakeholders

We appreciate the community's input and interest in improving transportation in the region. Final results are expected in Spring 2026.

[colchester.ca/transit](http://colchester.ca/transit)

### Active Transportation Strategy

**55% COMPLETE**

The Municipality of Colchester and the Village of Bible Hill have begun Round 2 of public engagement for the joint Active Transportation (AT) Strategy.

Public input from Round 1 of engagement has helped shape the strategy's draft vision and goals, network routes and infrastructure recommendations, now being explored in Round 2.

Round 2 of public engagement is taking place throughout the months of **March and April** and there is still time to share your thoughts!

#### Public Engagement

**Round 2**  
*March - April 2026*

Visit the project webpage to explore the draft AT network, take the survey, and share your thoughts!

Survey Open:  
**March 23-April 17**

Find the project webpage at the link below or by scanning the QR code

[colchester.ca/AT](http://colchester.ca/AT)





Colchester

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

Municipal Dates & Meetings

APRIL 2026

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FRI

**Municipal Office Closure**

Good Friday

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MON

**Municipal Office Closure**

Easter Monday

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SAT

**Household Hazardous Waste**

640 MacElmon Road, Debert, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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MON

**Council Committee Meeting**

Maintenance Budget

6 PM

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THURS

**Council Committee Meeting**

See the upcoming agenda @  
[colchester.ca/meeting-agenda](http://colchester.ca/meeting-agenda)

6 PM

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MON

**Council Committee Meeting**

Budget Additions and Deletions  
Also on 21<sup>st</sup> if needed

6 PM

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WED

**Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up Begins**

Clean-Up ends on May 2, 2026

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MON

**Council Meeting**

See the upcoming agenda @  
[colchester.ca/meeting-agenda](http://colchester.ca/meeting-agenda)

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# MAY 2026

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SAT

## Household Hazardous Waste

640 MacElmon Road, Debert, 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

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## Spring Compost Giveaway Begins

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM on Saturday  
Continues Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 9,  
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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TUES

## Council Committee Meeting

6 PM

Presentation Meeting, on as needed basis

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THURS

## Council Committee Meeting

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[colchester.ca/meeting-agenda](http://colchester.ca/meeting-agenda)

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MON

## Office Closure

Victoria Day

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## Community Paper Shredding Event

RECC Parking Lot, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon  
625 Abenaki Road, Truro

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THURS

## Council Meeting

6 PM

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[colchester.ca/meeting-agenda](http://colchester.ca/meeting-agenda)

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SAT

## Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Economy Fire Hall, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
3340 Highway 2, Economy

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# Tax Office

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902-895-3150 Option 3

**Email**  
taxoffice@colchester.ca

**Website**  
colchester.ca/finance

## Low Income Municipal Tax Assistance Program

*Submission Deadline is May 8, 2026*



### ELIGIBILITY

Residential property owners may be eligible for a reduction on their 2026/2027 property taxes of **\$652.50**.

To qualify, applicants must:

**1** Own and occupy the property as their principal residence

**2** Fall into one of the categories listed below:

 Family Size	 Gross Income
Single	Less than \$32,310
Family of 2	Less than \$42,676
Family of 3+	Less than \$51,213

### WHAT IS GROSS INCOME?

Gross Income refers to the total gross income from all sources for the calendar year ending **December 31, 2025**. This must include the income of all members of the household, except full-time students.



 You should **NOT** include income from the following sources:

- War Veterans Allowance Act (Canada);
- Veterans Affairs Canada Pension; or
- GST/HST Rebate

## APPLICATION

Application forms will automatically be mailed to last years eligible applicants. **If you have not received your application form by April 1st, please call 902-897-3162.**



*Late applications will **not** be accepted.*

Applicants must reapply annually. You may obtain an application from the Municipal Tax Office, 1 Church Street, Truro, or by calling 902-897-3162. Exemptions are granted only for the current year. No retroactive exemptions will be granted.

**NEW - Notice of Assessments are now accepted.**

For income verification purposes, please bring your **2025 INCOME TAX RETURN**, which you submit to Revenue Canada OR your **NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT**, which you received after filing. If you have filed via telephone through the File My Return service, please request a proof of income statement to provide as proof of income.

**2025 Income Tax Return**



**Notice of Assessment**



*Submission Deadline May 8, 2026*

*colchester.ca/finance*



# Public Works

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS | SIDEWALKS | SEWER | WATER | STREETLIGHTS | FLOODING

**Phone**  
902-895-3150 Option 2

**Email**  
engineer@colchester.ca

**Website**  
colchester.ca/public-works

## Sewer Permits

Planning to install or repair a sewer lateral on your property? Please review the following information before beginning any work.

Sewer lateral installations typically begin in the Spring once road restrictions are lifted and conclude in the Fall. A permit is required prior to starting any work. Applicable fees for sewer lateral installation or repair are available on our website.

[colchester.ca/sewer](http://colchester.ca/sewer)

## PROCESS

### 1 Permit Application

You can apply for a permit at the Community Development office located at 1 Church St., Truro, or online at:

[colchester.ca](http://colchester.ca)

### 2 Installation Scheduled

Once your permit has been issued, your project will be added to the installation list and scheduled accordingly. **Please note:** processing and scheduling times may be longer during peak seasons. All conditions outlined on the permit must be strictly adhered to.

### 3 Mandatory Inspection

Most importantly, prior to backfilling, you are required to contact our office at least 24 hours in advance to arrange for mandatory inspection.

## Spring Ready

As the snow melts and Spring arrives, the impacts of Winter snow-clearing activities are becoming visible.

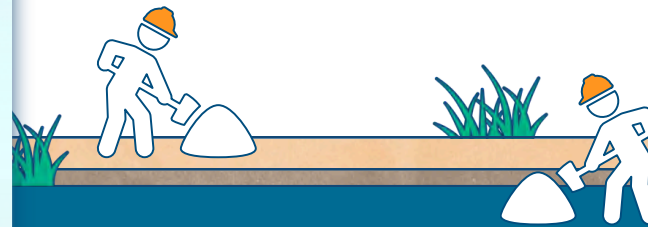
Public Works staff are working diligently to complete necessary repairs to sidewalks, roads, shoulders, and grassed areas affected by plowing operations.

### Please Note

This work **does not include damage to gravel or sod that extends into the public right-of-way.** Repairs will not be completed where property owners have extended lawns beyond their property line.



Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to get our community ready for the season ahead.



## We're Here to Help

For additional information or assistance, please contact the Public Works Office at **902-897-3175**, or email [engineer@colchester.ca](mailto:engineer@colchester.ca).



# Homeowner Programs

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE | CARBON-FREE COLCHESTER

## County Flood Advisory Committee

The Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) has been supporting property owners since the mid-1990s by assisting with repairs to properties affected by localized flooding.

The Committee provides consulting services and supports the design and construction of mitigation work through cost-sharing arrangements with property owners.

## Completed Work

Below is a sample of the work completed by FAC in 2025/2026:

### NORTH RIVER

**Project Costs:** \$11,600

150' of bank stabilization along a riverbank to reduce flooding on property.



### BELMONT

**Project Costs:** \$17,900

Stormwater management channel to alleviate flooding to multiples properties.



## Learn More

For more information or to apply, please reach out to the Public Works department by emailing [engineer@colchester.ca](mailto:engineer@colchester.ca) or by calling **1-902-897-3175, Option 2.**

[colchester.ca/flooding](http://colchester.ca/flooding)



Low-interest financing for your next home energy efficiency project.

## Eligible Projects

- Solar Panels
- Heat Pumps & Electric
- Thermal Storage
- Insulation & Air Sealing
- Exterior Windows & Doors
- EV Chargers
- And Other High Efficiency Upgrades

## How do I participate?

1. Contact us for advice, get quotes from local contractors and sign up for a free home energy assessment.
2. When you are ready, sign our Participant Agreement.
3. We authorize the contractor to proceed and pay them once the work is complete.
4. Start your payments and start saving!

## Contact

**Solar Colchester**  
 902-920-0615  
[info@solarcolchester.ca](mailto:info@solarcolchester.ca)  
[www.solarcolchester.ca](http://www.solarcolchester.ca)

**Cozy Colchester**  
 902-920-0615  
[info@cozycolchester.ca](mailto:info@cozycolchester.ca)  
[www.cozycolchester.ca](http://www.cozycolchester.ca)

# EDIA

EQUITY | DIVERSITY | INCLUSION | ACCESSIBILITY

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spearson@colchester.ca

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colchester.ca/EDIA

## Flag Raisings

In 2025, the Municipality of Colchester expanded its Flag Flying Policy to include the flying of seven pre-approved community flags on the newly installed 4th flagpole. These flags honour communities whose histories, identities, and contributions have been shaped by systemic inequities and discrimination.

### PAN-AFRICAN FLAG

African Heritage Month	February
Emancipation Day	August 1

### TRANSGENDER FLAG

Trans Day of Visibility	March 31
Trans Day of Remembrance	November 20

### ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK FLAG

Access Awareness Week	last week of May
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### PRIDE FLAG

Pride Week	June
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### EVERY CHILD MATTERS FLAG

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	September 30
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### MI'KMAW GRAND COUNCIL FLAG

National Indigenous Peoples Day	June 21
Mi'kmaq History Month	October

### ACADIAN FLAG

National Acadian Day	August 15
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## REQUESTING A COMMUNITY FLAG RAISING

- Applications must be submitted at least one month in advance using the official form
- All submissions are reviewed and approved by Council in the order they are received

To learn more, visit

[colchester.ca/EDIA](https://colchester.ca/EDIA)

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

Municipal Council, staff, and community members gathered with **Heather Stevens of Millbrook First Nation**, who offered a smudging ceremony before the Every Child Matters Flag was raised in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



## Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

Community members and municipal staff raised the Transgender Flag in remembrance of lives lost to violence and systemic harms, joined by **Brendyn Creamer of Truro Pride**, who spoke on the importance of visibility, learning, and continued advocacy.



## African Heritage Month

February, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

Colchester residents gathered with Mayor Blair, **ANSA rep Tamara Tynes-Powell**, and staff to raise the Pan-African Flag and launch African Heritage Month under this year's theme: *"Strength in Unity: Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress."*



# Solid Waste

GARBAGE & RECYCLING | COLLECTION SCHEDULE | EDUCATION | SORTING GUIDES | GREEN CARTS

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**Email**  
helpline@colchester.ca

**Website**  
colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling

**Instagram**  
@colchesterwrm

## Solid Waste Facilities

### COLCHESTER BALEFILL FACILITY

188 Mingo Road, Exit 18 Highway 104 Kemptown

#### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

### MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY

185 Mingo Road, Exit 18 Highway 104 Kemptown

#### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



## Closures & Curbside Collection

The Balefill and Materials Recovery Facilities will be closed on the following holidays:

<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday, April 3
<b>Easter Monday</b>	Monday, April 6
<b>Victoria Day</b>	Monday, May 18

If your regular collection day is scheduled for Good Friday, April 3, this collection will take place on the PREVIOUS Monday, March 30. Ensure materials are curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.



## Connect With Us Online

 **Website** [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca)

 **Facebook** [@ColchesterNS](https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterNS)

 **Instagram** [@ColchesterCounty](https://www.instagram.com/ColchesterCounty)

 **LinkedIn** [@Municipality-of-Colchester](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Municipality-of-Colchester)

## Work With Us

[colchester.applytojobs.ca](http://colchester.applytojobs.ca)

The Municipality of Colchester is committed to treating people fairly, with respect and dignity. We encourage all qualified applicants who identify as Indigenous, Black/African Nova Scotian, Persons of Colour, Newcomers, Persons with Disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ to apply and self-identify on their applications.

## Contact

**Phone:** 902-897-3150

**Hours of Operation:** Monday to Friday  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
For evening and/ or weekend emergencies, call 902-897-3175

## COUNCIL

Looking to contact your councillor? Stay up to date on meetings? Visit:

[colchester.ca/municipal-council](http://colchester.ca/municipal-council)

or scan the QR code below!





# Colchester

## Solid Waste



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Read about our one stop shop for oil, electronics and tipping fees at our Facility in Kempdown.

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Read about what's NEW for Colchester County, Town of Truro and Town of Stewiacke.

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Mark your calendars - here's a list of all the events happening for Solid Waste.

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Download the Colchester Waste App - Follow us on social media and visit our website.



**New Enhanced Recycling Program...Details inside!!**

**ZERO TOLERANCE**



**Abusive language or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated.**

**Anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff will be asked to leave the premises.**

### Important Facility Reminders!

- All garbage taken by residents to the Balefill Facility, whether residential or commercial, **MUST BE** in clear bags or you will be asked to re-bag into clear bags.
- Ensure that all loads brought to the site are contained using straps, nets, or a secured tarp to prevent unintentional littering. Unsecured loads have a \$20 load surcharge in addition to the applicable tipping fees.
- Cash, personal cheques or interac are accepted as payment. Credit cards are **NOT** accepted.
- 188 Mingo Road, Exit 18 HWY 104 - Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday 8:00am - 12noon

*Be centred here.*

# Colchester Compost & Balefill Facility



## New and Improved Oil Recycling Drop-Off Area!

### Accepted Products



Oils



Oil Filters



Automotive Aerosol Cans



Antifreeze (Glycols)



Plastic oil containers



## NOW ACCEPTING Electronics!

### Drop Off Tips

- Items need to be dropped off loose
- Items must NOT be mixed in garbage bags.

### Accepted Products

- Display Devices, Video Game Devices, Electronic Readers
- Phones, Smart Phone Devices, Portable and Vehicle GPS
- Desktop and Portable Computers, Scanners & Printers
- External Storage Drives, Modems and Computer Accessories
- Personal Care, Garment Care Appliances, Clocks and Weight Scales
- Air-Treatment Appliances and Floor/Carpet Care Appliances (excludes air conditioners)
- Vehicle Audio, Home Audio and Portable Audio
- Small Household Appliances and Microwave Ovens (excludes built-in or over-the-range microwaves)

## Construction and Demolition Fees

- Asphalt Shingles ..... \$35 per metric tonne
- Scrap Metal ..... \$35 per metric tonne
- Clean Unpainted Drywall ..... \$35 per metric tonne
- Clean Untreated Wood ..... \$35 per metric tonne
- Concrete and Bricks ..... \$35 per metric tonne (Including asphalt, clean fill, rocks etc.)
- Treated Wood ..... \$113 per metric tonne
- Mixed loads of only construction material would go the public drop off bin ..... \$75 per metric tonne
- Mixed loads of construction and garbage would go to the tipping floor to be sorted ..... \$113 per metric tonne

[www.colchester.ca/colchester-waste-management-park#tipping](http://www.colchester.ca/colchester-waste-management-park#tipping)



**Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday – 8am to 4pm, Saturdays – 8am to 12noon**



RECYCLABLES

# EPR for Paper and Packaging in Colchester

## What's New for Colchester County, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a regulatory approach that makes producers responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, especially for take-back, recycling, and final disposal. EPR came into effect across Nova Scotia on December 1, 2025.

The main idea of the EPR program is instead of Government and taxpayers bearing the full cost of waste management, producers such as manufacturers, importers, or brand owners are made responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, especially after the consumer has used them.

Colchester Solid Waste has enrolled into the EPR program, allowing the Municipality to continue managing residential recycling collection. This shift is expected to generate operational cost savings while aligning with broader environmental goals to divert more materials from landfill and reduce waste at the source.

On December 1, 2025, Colchester County, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke partnered with Circular Materials to collect, manage and process recycling material collected by the Municipality or its contracted service providers. This change will bring consistency to what can be recycled throughout Nova Scotian municipalities – provincial sorting list.

**New:** On of December 1, 2025, new materials that can be recycled curbside are as follows:

### Containers Recycling

- Multi-layer containers (ice cream, frozen juice, cups and bowls, coffee cups);
- Plastic tubes (toothpaste, deodorant, hand cream);
- Plastic packaging (candy dispensers, bottles/pumps, pails, garden pots, seedling trays);
- Wire hangers

### Paper Recycling

- Laminated paper and gift bags
- Gift wrapping paper
- Coated paper plate (Clean)
- Pizza Box (Clean and empty)

As of December 1, 2025, a few items are longer accepted in the curbside recycling program, these are as follows:

### No longer accepted for curbside recycling:

- Books (can be donated including at community library boxes or shared. Otherwise, will be included in the garbage stream)
- Pots and pans (may be donated or are considered scrap metal. Otherwise, will be included in the garbage stream)

**There are materials that can be recycled at designated depots.**

**( See Depot section of the sorting guide )**

## What is Not Changing for Colchester County, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke

- Residents will continue to sort their recyclables into blue or clear bags and place them at the curb for municipal collection on their regular collection day.
- The Municipality will continue to oversee the collection of recyclables through existing service contracts.
- Residents will continue to contact the Colchester Solid Waste Helpline 902-895-4777, use the Colchester Waste Management App or visit [colchester.ca/EPRcolchester](http://colchester.ca/EPRcolchester) for recycling questions and service concerns.
- Businesses may continue to bring recyclables to the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility in Kemptown.

## Recycling



### Container Bag

#### Plastic containers & bags (Empty, lids & caps on)

- ✓ -All plastic containers #1 to #7 
- ✓ -All plastic bags 
- ✓ -Deodorant, toothpaste & hand cream tubes 
- ✓ -Milk, juice cartons & juice boxes 

#### Metals

(Empty, clean, dry, lids & caps on)

- ✓ -Metal (Food cans etc) 
- ✓ -Aluminum (Foil, trays, cat food cans, beverage containers) 



#### Glass

(Empty, clean, dry, lids & caps off)

- ✓ -Glass bottles & jars 



#### Laminated container packaging

(Empty, dry, lids & caps off)

- ✓ -Hot & cold beverage cups 
- ✓ -Ice cream container, spiral cans & cookie dough package 

### Paper/Fibre Bag

#### Cardboard/boxboard

- ✓ -Pizza boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes 
- ✓ -Cereal boxes, tissue boxes & paper cores 


#### Paper

- ✓ -Gift wrapping paper & bag 
- ✓ -Newsprint, magazines & envelope 

#### Laminated paper packaging

- ✓ -Popcorn bags 
- ✓ -Lined paper bags 
- ✓ -Coated paper plates 


Cardboard flatten 60cm x 60cm (2ft x 2ft), empty

 **Do not include soft or hard covered books/novels**



### Depot-Drop Off

#### Aerosol container


(non hazardous, empty, lids & caps on)

- ✓ -Hairsprays, air fresheners, food spray 

#### Flexible plastics

- ✓ -Candy wrapper, chip & snack bags 
- ✓ -Cereal bag liner, bubble wrap 

#### Styrofoam/Foam Packaging

- ✓ -Styrofoam, styrofoam packaging & meat trays 
- (Empty, remove film wrap & absorbent pads from meat trays)

#### Subway Bottle Exchange

25 Pictou Road  
Bible Hill  
902-893-8312

#### Tatamagouche Recycling

102 Main St.  
Tatamagouche  
902-657-9201

#### John Ross & Sons

85 Glassey Ave.  
Truro  
902-893-9429

#### TNT Recycling

20711 HWY #2  
Shubenacadie East  
902-758-2708

- Separate materials from your refundables
- Separate materials (all styrofoam in one bag, all aerosol in one bag and so on)

# Compost & Garbage

## Compost Cart

### All food waste

✓ -All food, meat, fish & bones

✓ -Vegetables & fruits

✓ -Cooking oil & bacon grease  
(allow to cool)

### Used/Wet Paper

✓ -Coffee grinds, filters & tea bags

✓ -Used napkins & paper towels

✓ -Paper plates (uncoated)

### Yard Waste

✓ -Grass

✓ -Leaves & twigs

✓ -Pet waste & kitty litter

✗ **No poop bags,  
No biodegradable bags,  
No compostable bags**

## Garbage Bag

✓ -Dog poop bags

✓ -Cigarette butts

✓ -Broken glass (safely packaged)

✓ -Plastic straws & cutlery

✓ -Wipes (flushable, sanitizing & baby wipes)

✓ -Pots & pans

✓ -Diapers, gloves, masks & medical tests

✓ -Personal & feminine hygiene product

**All garbage taken to the Balefill Facility by residents must be in clears bags.**

## Other Programs

### Electronics Recycling

- Subway Bottle Exchange
- TNT Recycling
- Tatamagouche Recycling
- Colchester Balefill

### Used Oil Recycling

- Local Garages
- Colchester Balefill
- Clean Harbors, Debert

### Lightbulbs Recycling

- Subway Bottle Exchange
- TNT Recycling
- Clean Harbors, Debert

### Paint Recycling

- Subway Bottle Exchange
- TNT Recycling
- Tatamagouche Recycling
- John Ross & Sons

### Sharps/Needles

- Your Local Pharmacy

**For more information on Recycling Programs visit [www.colchester.ca/provincial-recycling](http://www.colchester.ca/provincial-recycling)**



Helpline 902- 895- 4777

Helpline@colchester.ca

### Questions or Concerns



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# SAVE THE DATES!

2026/2027

Solid Waste Dates & Events

## March 2026

16

MON

**Early Bird Registration OPENS: Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up**

Register at: <https://www.colchester.ca/colchester-clean>

31

MON

**Early Bird Registration CLOSED: Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up**

## April 2026

22

WED

**Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up STARTS**

Clean up ENDS on May 2, 2026

## May 2026

02

SAT

**Spring Compost Giveaway**

188 Mingo Road, Kemptown

Mon - Fri 8:00am to 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am to 11:30am

02

SAT

**Colchester Clean Litter Clean-Up ENDS**

Submit your Data Card: <https://www.colchester.ca/colchester-clean>

04 - 09

MON - SAT

**Spring Compost Giveaway**

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Mon - Fri 8:00am - 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

23

SAT

**Community Paper Shredding Event**

Time: 9:00am - 12noon, Rath Eastlink Community Centre, 625 Abenaki Road, Truro

30

SAT

**Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, Economy Fire Hall, 3340 NS - 2, Economy

# SAVE THE DATES!

## Solid Waste Dates & Events 2026/2027

### June 2026

13  
SAT

#### Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, North Shore Recreational Centre, 30 Blair Avenue, Tatamagouche

20  
SAT

#### Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, Stewiacke Fire Hall, 111 NS - 2, Stewiacke

#### Community Paper Shredding Event

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm, Stewiacke Fire Hall, 111 NS - 2, Stewiacke

### October 2026

17  
SAT

#### Fall Compost Giveaway

188 Mingo Road, Kemptown

Mon - Fri 8:00am - 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

19 - 24  
MON - SAT

#### Fall Compost Giveaway

188 Mingo Road, Kemptown

Mon - Fri 8:00am - 3:30pm and Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

Compost is available for bulk sale from our facility year round while supplies last! The cost is \$3.00 per bag and \$35.00 per metric tonne. You are allowed to come out with your truck and trailer to purchase bulk compost.

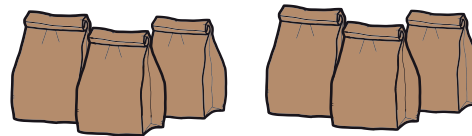


#### Residential Leaf Collection



##### MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER RESIDENTS

Residents can place up to three (3) bags of leaves on their garbage collection day as long as the leaves are in PAPER leaf and yard waste bags. Reminder: Leaves can also be placed in your green cart for collection.



##### TOWN OF STEWIACKE RESIDENTS

This leaf program in the Town of Stewiacke starts on October 23, 2026 and ends on November 20, 2026. Residents can place up to six (6) bags of leaves on their garbage collection day as long as the leaves are in PAPER leaf and yard waste bags. Reminder: Leaves can also be placed in your green cart for collection.

For more information on Leaf Collection in the Town of Stewiacke call 902-639-2231.



##### TOWN OF TRURO RESIDENTS

Residents can place up to three (3) bags of leaves on their garbage collection day as long as the leaves are in PAPER leaf and yard waste bags. Reminder: Leaves can also be placed in your green cart for collection.

For more information on Leaf Collection in the Town of Truro call 902-893-6078 or visit <https://www.truro.ca/solid-waste-collection.html>

# SAVE THE DATES!

## Solid Waste Dates & Events

2026/2027

### Household Hazardous Waste

Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Clean Harbors  
640 MacElmon Rd  
Debert, NS, B0M 1G0



February - 7th	July - 4th
March - 7th	August - 8th
April - 11th	September - 12th
May - 2nd	October - 3th
June - 6th	November - 7th

This is a FREE service for residents of the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke and the Municipality of Colchester.

For information on acceptable materials visit  
<https://www.colchester.ca/special-events#hazardous>

No commercial material.

### Holiday Tree Collection



### Colchester County Residents

Holiday tree collection will begin on January 12 and end on January 22, 2027. Please place your tree curbside by 7:00 a.m on your regular collection day, starting January 12, 2027, to ensure it is collected.

### Towns of Truro & Stewiacke Residents

Town of Truro - January 5-8, 2027  
Town of Stewiacke - January 8, 2027

All trees must be visible (unburied), free of lights, ornaments and stands. Trees must be debagged and NOT frozen to the ground to ensure collection.

## Stay Up To Date With Us!

With our online service, you can print a calendar specific to your own address, sync with your own electronic calendar, & receive weekly reminds about collection by phone, email or twitter at  
[www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling](http://www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling)

This service gives you all the sorting and collection information at your fingertips.  
Once you sign up, we can notify you when collection is interrupted.

## Questions or Concerns

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