



# Colchester

Waste Resource Management

## Residential Sorting Guide

### What goes where?

#### Organic Green Cart



##### All food waste

- Coffee filters & grinds
- Fish & bones
- Meat
- Sugar & flour bags
- Soiled napkins, tissues & paper towels
- Vegetables & fruits
- Bread & pasta
- Pet waste & kitty litter

##### Yard waste

- Leaves
- Grass

**NO PLASTIC**  
**NO BIODEGRADABLE -**  
**PLASTIC BAGS**  
**NO COFFEE CUPS**

#### Recycling Bag 1 No Paper



##### Blue Bag Recyclables

- All plastic containers #1 through to #7
- All plastic bags
- Aluminum cans
- Glass jars & bottles
- Clean aluminum foil & pie plates
- Milk & Juice cartons
- Steel (tin) cans
- Pop & water bottles
- Clean styrofoam
- Juice boxes
- All liquor containers

**NO NEEDLES**  
**ALL RECYCLABLES**  
**MUST BE CLEAN & DRY**

#### Recycling Bag 2 All Paper Products



##### Paper & Cardboard

- Newsprint & Flyers
- Envelopes
- Paper egg cartons
- Catalogues and magazines
- Shredded paper & file folders
- Loose-leaf & Office papers
- Boxboards
- Paperback books & Paper towel cores
- Cardboard bundles (max 3ft x 2ft x 1ft)
- Textiles (Clothing, footwear, bedding, hats etc)

**NO MILK & JUICE CARTONS**  
**NO COFFEE CUPS**  
**ALL MATERIALS**  
**MUST BE CLEAN & DRY**

#### Garbage Clear Bags Only



##### Regular Garbage

- Chip & cookie bags
- Coffee cups
- Lightbulbs
- Cigarette butts
- Broken glass (safely packaged)
- Diapers
- Wrapping papers
- Candy wrappers
- K-cups
- Chewing gum
- Cereal box liners
- Dirty aluminum foil & plastic wraps

**ALL GARBAGE TAKEN**  
**TO THE BALEFILL**  
**FACILITY MUST BE**  
**IN CLEAR BAGS**

## Organic - Green Carts



No biodegradable, No compostable and No oxo-degradable plastic bags are allowed in the green cart. These bags cause operational issues at the composting facility. Carts containing any type of plastic will **NOT** be collected.

### Kitchen Mini Bin Liner Options



Paper bags



Newsprint



Flyers

### Curbside set out limits

One Residential Household is allowed:

#### Garbage

5 clear bags & 1 black bag for privacy  
or 6 clear bags



#### Recycling

12 blue bags



#### Organic

1 green cart



#### Bulk items

2 bulky items

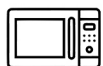


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### Electronics

Electronics are **NOT** accepted as garbage.  
Electronics can be dropped off for recycling.  
To find out what you can recycle and where, visit  
[www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns](http://www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns)



## Why Should Recyclables Be Clean?

Dirty recyclables contaminate clean ones. At the Colchester Materials Recovery Facility, every piece of recycling is touched by a worker. If it is dirty it slows the sorting process and if not removed, it lowers the quality of the material going to market.

### Tips to Reduce Single Use Plastic

1. Use reusable bags when you go shopping.
2. Carry a reusable water bottle, lunch containers & coffee cup.
3. Say no to disposable straws.
4. Skip the plastic produce bags & use reusable mesh produce bags.
5. Store leftovers in glass jars.

### Sharps

- Pick up a free Safe Sharps container at your local pharmacy
- Place your used sharps into the container.
- When the container is full, return it to your local pharmacy for free.



Recycling and compostable materials are banned from landfill.

All residential properties are required to have a green cart. All recyclable materials should be properly separated (e.g paper recyclables into a blue bag and container recyclables into a separate blue bag).



### Reminder!

**Materials must be curbside before 7:00 am to ensure collection.**

Use the "Colchester Waste" App to learn what goes where & when there are any service disruptions.  
Challenge yourself & play our Waste Sorting Game



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