

# THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF GUYSBOROUGH

## COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE & RECYCLABLES BY-LAW

### 1. **DEFINITIONS:**

- a. **SOLID WASTE** - shall mean all refuse which can be disposed of at the Guysborough County Landfill Site and which is **NOT** compostable or recyclable.
- b. **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS** - shall mean, but is not limited to, plastic, wood, metals, mortar, concrete, brick, asphalt, asphalt shingles, soil, cellulose, fiberglass fibers, gyproc or vinyl; from excavations, building construction, repair, alterations, maintenance and demolition.
- c. **MUNICIPALITY** - shall mean the Municipality of the District of Guysborough.
- d. **BULK ITEMS** - shall mean, but is not limited to, weighty articles such as household furniture and appliances, stoves, furnaces, fridges, washers, dryers, bed springs, fuel tanks less than 200 gallons and Christmas trees. Bulk items do not include automobile parts and accessories or tires.
- e. **COMPOSTING** - shall mean the storage and controlled biological aerobic decomposition of organic matter such as vegetables, fruit, garden and yard waste and any materials deemed compostable.
- f. **COMPOSTABLES** - shall mean, but is not limited to, organic matter such as vegetables, fruit, garden and yard waste, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags and leaves, hay or straw, sawdust, egg shells, crushed nutshells and seafood shells, manure, ashes, damp paper towels and serviettes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, cereal boxes, soups and sauces, baked goods and soil.
- g. **RECYCLING** - shall mean the collection, storage and reuse of materials such as redeemable beverage containers, newsprint, corrugated cardboard, milk containers, or any items banned for disposal at the Landfill Site by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment or the Municipality of the District of Guysborough.
- h. **RECYCLABLES** - shall mean, but is not limited to, redeemable beverage containers, corrugated cardboard, newsprint, milk containers, or any items banned for disposal at the landfill site by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment or the Municipality of the District of Guysborough.

2. Any and all solid waste originating within the Municipality of the District of Guysborough shall be disposed of at the Guysborough County Landfill Site. Any and all recyclables originating within the Municipality and placed at roadside for collection shall be deposited at an Enviro Depot; or Material Recovery Facility within the Municipality as designated by Council.
3. Every household and every operator of a business establishment or institution shall, at their own expense, make adequate arrangements for the storage of solid waste and recyclables which is to be picked up by the Contractor in such a manner that is impervious to animals.

Homeowners must compost their organic materials in a backyard composter and business establishments and institutions must either compost their organic material or deliver their compostable material to an appropriate facility.

4. Homeowners, business establishments and institutions shall ensure that any material placed at roadside for pickup by the Contractor is placed in a container weighing not more than 23 kg. (50 lbs.) with a volume capacity of not more than 78 liters (bags) and containers shall be of adequate strength to allow the container to be removed from the roadside or storage box and placed in the truck.

Homeowners should provide a storage box at roadside for Solid Waste and Recyclables, however, fridges and freezers shall not be used for this purpose.

Recyclables shall be placed in plastic **semi-transparent** disposable bags **BLUE** or **CLEAR** in color having a volume capacity of not more than seventy-eight liters (78 L.) and being strong enough to hold twenty-three kilograms (23 kg) (50 lbs.).

5. Cardboard, newspaper, magazines and wastepaper for recycling **MUST** be tightly compressed and flattened and securely tied with strong twine or rope in convenient bundles not to exceed twenty-three kilograms (23 kg) (50 lbs.) in weight and shall not be more than two feet (2') in diameter and four feet (4') in length.

Boards, lumber, building materials and brush shall be placed in containers or secured in bundles with strong twine or rope. Each container or bundle shall not exceed twenty-three kilograms (23 kg) (50 lbs.) in weight and shall not be more than two feet (2') in diameter and four feet (4') in length. Residents are encouraged where possible to use, compost or handle this type of material on their own property.

6. No solid waste of a hazardous nature shall be placed for collection or deposited at the Guysborough County Landfill Site except antifreeze, waste paint, household cleaners, or lead/acid batteries which may be delivered to the Site by the Generator (homeowner) and placed in the appropriate designated zones. Hazardous waste includes, but is not limited to, explosives or combustible materials, radio active corrosive or toxic materials and biological waste.

7. A maximum of eight (8) bags, containers or bundles and a total weight not exceeding seventy kilograms (70 kg) (150 lb.) shall be collected in accordance with the Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Contract for each dwelling unit, business establishment or institution. In the case of the Recyclable Collection Service a maximum of eight (8) bags, containers or bundles and a total weight not exceeding seventy kilograms (70 kg) (150 lb.) shall be collected in accordance with the Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Contract for each dwelling unit, business establishment or institution.
8. All solid waste and recyclables shall be adequately drained of liquid and securely wrapped before being placed for collection.
9. Solid waste and recyclable containers and bundles shall be placed for collection by the side of the road in front of the premises where it was accumulated, and as close as practicable to the driving surface of the designed route unless specified elsewhere by the Municipality. Containers shall be provided to ensure the solid waste is adequate and impervious to animals. Solid waste or recyclables will not be collected from roadside ditches.

Backyard composting sites shall be located in the rear yard no closer than three (3) meters from the adjoining property boundaries.

10. Solid waste or recyclable containers or bundles shall not be placed for collection before 5:00 a.m. of the day on which such collection is to be made.
11. All solid waste or recyclables placed for collection in a manner not provided for by this by-law shall not be collected. All such solid waste or recyclables not collected **MUST** be removed from the front of the premises not later than 8:30 p.m. of the day on which it was placed for collection.
12. Except for the purpose of composting or recycling, no householder shall permit solid waste to remain on his/her premises for more than seven (7) days unless solid waste is normally collected from the premises and a public or statutory holiday has occurred on the seventh (7th) day in which case such solid waste shall be prepared for collection on the next collection day.
13. All solid waste placed in containers or bundles which is designated to be collected by the hauler of solid waste, and which contains materials which are deemed recyclable or BANNED by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment or the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, shall be left at roadside. An appropriate sticker will be placed on the container or bundle indicating the reason it was not collected and the Homeowner will be responsible for separating the material and placing it for collection in the manner required under this By-Law for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables.

All containers or bundles placed at roadside for collection by the designated hauler of recyclables which contain solid waste will be left at roadside with the appropriate sticker

placed on the container or bundle indicating why it was not collected and the Homeowner will be responsible for sorting the material and placing it for collection in the manner required under this By-Law for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables.

14. It shall be an offense against this By-Law for any person to place any solid waste or recyclables for collection in any type of container or in any manner not provided for by this By-Law.
15. Wrecked or derelict motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies or parts shall **NOT** be included with solid waste or recyclables for collection and are not considered to be “Bulk Items” which can be picked up by the Contractor.
16. It shall be the responsibility of every householder to make adequate arrangements for the disposal of bulk items such as notifying the Contractor at least one day in advance of the size, weight and quantity of bulk items to be picked up on that particular route.
17. No person(s) shall dump, place, leave, or deposit any solid waste, recyclables, compostables or bulk items in any public place within the Municipality or on any public beach or shore within the said Municipality except in any place as has been designated by the Municipality for that purpose.
18. No person(s) shall place or cause to be placed, in the Guysborough County Landfill Site any material of whatever nature or kind except during such time or times as may or shall be fixed by the Municipality and any material so placed in the Landfill Site shall be placed in accordance with the directions of the Site Operator or person in charge of the Landfill Site and in the appropriate designated zones.
19. The Guysborough County Landfill Site shall be open Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise directed by Council.
20. No person(s), other than employees or a Contractor of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorized to do so, shall pick over, remove, disturb, or otherwise interfere with any materials, whether solid waste, recyclables, bulk items, compostables or construction debris placed for removal by the Municipality, whether or not it is contained in containers or bundles.
21. No person(s) shall trespass upon or remove any materials from the Guysborough County Landfill Site unless authorized to do so by the Municipality or by any person authorized by the Municipality to grant such permission.
22. Any person(s) who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this By-Law shall be liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

23. All other By-Laws respecting the collection and handling of Solid Waste (garbage) and Recyclables heretofore passed by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough are hereby **REPEALED** as of the effective date of this By-Law.