

# Fast Facts for Businesses

## Solid Waste Management Bylaw; Municipality of the District of West Hants

**Disclaimer:** This resource does not supersede or contravene the original bylaw; it is intended solely as a tool to use in tandem with the bylaw to help understand the bylaw's content and provide quick reference for frequently asked questions.

### **How should waste be separated?**

According to the solid waste bylaw, businesses must ensure waste is separated into uncontaminated waste streams. Four streams are accepted for curbside collection: Compost, General Recyclables (Plastic, Glass, Tin), Paper Recyclables, and Residual Waste (Garbage). [Section 15]

This can be achieved by providing proper bins with signage to ensure customers *and/or* staff can sort their waste correctly.

### **How much can I put out for curbside collection at my business location?**

Businesses located along the regular residential collection route are provided the allotted collections amount\*, while any additional solid waste must be removed by the business at their own expense. This could be through a contractor, or the business could deliver their solid waste to the appropriate facility and pay the associated tipping fees. [Section 17]

\*For allotted collection amounts, refer to the **Curbside Guidelines** page of our waste collection mailout that are circulated annually. To pick up a hard copy, visit 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, or visit our website to view online and/or print: <https://westhants.ca/waste-and-recycling.html>.

### **Who can I contact to remove additional solid waste?**

The West Hants Regional Municipality does not recommend any one company over another. It is encouraged that businesses seek out quotes from multiple contractors to ensure they can meet your business' specific needs at a fair price. You can begin your search by researching options online or by asking neighbouring businesses what company they use.

## **What am I required to have for the storage of solid waste?**

Businesses are required to have proper storage for solid waste at all times. It is up to the business to decide if they wish to use storage containers or a storage room (if provided within the business or building). [Section 16]

All compost must be stored and collected from a green cart, which can be requested through the Municipality.

It is the responsibility of the business to ensure garbage is kept separate from recyclables, paper recyclables and compost, and that all streams are uncontaminated.

## **What can I use for a storage container?**

Storage containers, including commercial containers (*AKA: "dumpsters"*), are permitted if desired. They need to be sturdy, waterproof and animal-proof. They need to have a tight-fitting lid, that is designed to avoid the entrapment of children. They are not to be overfilled and the lid is to be kept closed. These bins need to be kept clean and in working condition, and be placed on a hard, level surface. There are full details for placement requirements and setback requirements within the bylaw. [Section 18]

It is important to note that the area surrounding the bin/container/storage room needs to be kept **free of litter and debris**, by the business, and emptied at least once every 30 days. [Section 18]

## **My green cart is dirty, who cleans it?**

It is the responsibility of the business to clean the green cart.

Using paper liners or cardboard at the bottom of the cart can help keep liquid from accumulating at the bottom, making cleanup easier while also reducing odour.

## **How can Region 6 Solid Waste Management help me?**

Region 6's programs and services are all free! We provide adhesive labels for bins, staff training, waste audits and recommendations to help improve your separation and reduction of waste. Visit our website at [www.region6swm.ca](http://www.region6swm.ca), email us at [info@region6swm.ca](mailto:info@region6swm.ca), or call us at **902-624-1339**