



CHANGES FOR RESIDENTS 2021

Effective **August 1, 2021** there will be changes to your residential waste collection.

What are the changes? There are a few changes that may affect you, either through our weekly residential waste collection or if you use our facilities to drop your personal household waste. These include:

- Changes to weekly bag limits
- Changes to leaf & yard waste brought into our facilities and
- New recycling programs for oil, antifreeze, and auto lubricants

What are the changes to Bag Limits? Beginning **August 1st**, the number of bags you can leave for weekly curbside residential collection are:

- **4 Clear Bags** (garbage): Weighing no more than 23 kilograms per bag
- **4 Blue Bags** (recycling): Weighing no more than 23 kilograms per bag
- **4 Green bags** (compost): Weighing no more than 23 kilograms per bag
- **Cardboard:** No more than two bundles of corrugated cardboard per week. Bundles must be no larger than 30cm X 60cm X 90 cm (1 ft X 2 ft X 3 ft) and weigh no more than 23 kilograms.

What are the changes to leaf & yard waste? Beginning August 1st, 2021, our transfer stations in Baddeck and Dingwall can no longer take tree stumps, rocks, soil or branches larger than 2.5 cm (1 inch) in circumference, the size of a quarter.

What can I do with stumps, rocks & soil? These items and others resulting from home landscaping are natural materials, meaning they have no impact environmentally, so some folks use the stumps for campfires or for fill.

What are the new recycling programs? Beginning August 1, 2021 you can now bring your used oil, antifreeze, and other auto lubricants to our transfer stations in Baddeck & Dingwall to be recycled. This includes oils for lawnmowers and other types of lawn care equipment.

Please note: we cannot accept any gas of any kind.

Why these changes now? Frankly, the world is running out of places to landfill waste, places to send recyclables and ways to use compost. For too long we have ignored the *Reduce & Reuse* part of **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. It is time to look at our consumption & reduce and reuse more often. Also, as new regulations come into effect, Victoria County must adapt. Reducing bag limits forces us to make changes. It may be inconvenient in the beginning, but it will mean a cleaner world for us and the next generations.

Will I be charged when I take my garbage to the transfer stations? If you are bringing your own personal household waste, you will not be charged a tipping fee. Beginning August 30, 2021 tip fees will be charged for businesses who bring waste to our facilities.

To read the Solid Waste bylaw or to find out more about our Solid Waste Facilities visit www.victoriacounty.com