

Waste Management at Moving Time



Moving out?

Moving out of your apartment is an event in itself, let alone thinking about how to sort waste. It's quite often the last thing people think about, but it can be done.

Why?

Your discarded move-out belongings are in as much need of recycling and composting as your everyday household waste. The items you recycle have value as a commodity, sometimes a non-renewable natural resource. Once disposed as garbage all value is lost. Properly sorting your waste will also keep you in good standing with your landlord (you never know when you'll need them as a reference). All it takes is a bit of planning.

Tips for Moving Day

Start early! If you know when you are moving, it's a great chance to de-clutter your belongings. Residential tenants should place properly sorted items curbside during their regular collection. Don't know your collection day; call the Town hotline at 863-4949.

Residents of the Town of Antigonish can bring bulky items such as a dresser, bed, table, couch, bike, etc to Eastern Sanitation Ltd, on Adams Street during regular business hours.

Start with papers. Use the collection days in the months before a move to get rid of old magazines and books, shoe boxes, etc. If you need a sorting guide call 1-888-377-9622 or visit putwasteinitsplace.ca

Fridge & Cupboards: If you know you're not bringing your food with you, start emptying open food into the green cart. Consider donating good unwanted food to the Antigonish Community Food Bank: 863-0611.

Clear Bag Policy

Garbage must be placed in clear bags (no colour) for disposal. This is to improve safety for those who handle garbage and to divert as much as possible from landfill. In addition, all waste inside the bags must be properly sorted, regardless of who bagged the material. Daily at our waste facilities, bags are inspected at random. Solid coloured bags and/or garbage bags containing recycling and compost may receive a disposal penalty fee or be turned away from the facility for resorting.

Other Waste

Electronics - TV's, computers and Audio/visual items can be dropped off, free of charge to an EPRA Nova Scotia depot www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns

Furniture - If the item is still in good repair, try to sell, there are many free classified options, such as kijiji.ca, through a Facebook group such as Antigonish Buy & Sell or the X-Change at www.989xfm.ca or try giving it away.

Clothing - There are many options for clothing donation including the Opportunity Shop, Red Cross and Canadian Diabetes Association Bins.

Food - Consider donating unopened, non-perishable food to the Food Bank. Opened unwanted food must be de-packaged into a green cart for proper disposal.

