

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the two (2) blue bag program?

A. The two blue bag program requires residents to separate paper products from recyclable containers. This means, moving forward all paper such as newspaper, flyers, cereal and cracker boxes, tissue boxes, magazines, frozen food boxes and paper towel rolls belong in one blue bag, while recyclable containers such as all plastic bags, containers, glass, metal and tin cans belong in a separate blue bag.

Q. When does the program start?

A. We are asking residents to make the switch as soon as possible.

Q. Have the sorting rules changed?

A. No. The only change is the requirement to keep paper and boxboard in a separate bag from recyclable containers.

Q. Why do we have to separate paper from recyclable containers?

A. The processing facility that accepts our blue bags is now requiring that paper products be kept separate from recyclables containers. This change also keeps us more aligned with other municipalities across Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia is moving closer to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in 2025, this change will help make the transition a lot easier

Q. What if I don't have enough paper to fill a blue bag, can I put small amounts in the recyclable containers bag?

A. No. All paper products, no matter how much, need to be kept separate in a different blue bag.

Q. Do I still have to rinse my recyclable containers?

A. Yes. All recyclable containers must be clean to be recycled. Some tips for cleaning recyclables are to use leftover dish waster, let hard to clean containers soak for 24 hours, use a bottle brush to clean recyclables.

Q. Will this change affect the amount of waste I can place curbside?

A. No. Your curbside limits have not been affected.

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