

Dalhousie Guide to Waste Management In Residence

Look for the six-bin system designated for paper, recyclables, refundables, organics, garbage and glass.

Paper/Cardboard

Paper should be dry and clean. Flatten cardboard boxes and place beside paper bin.

- Dry and clean paper (white or coloured)
- Newsprint

What belongs:

- Envelopes
- Glossy flyers and magazines
- Hardcover books (with covers removed)
- Paper egg cartons and drink trays
- Corrugated cardboard including pizza boxes (must be flattened and placed beside the paper bin)
- Boxboard (cereal boxes, pizza slice trays, etc.)

Not acceptable:

- Coffee cups
- · Carbon paper
- Soiled paper

Recyclables

Remove caps and straws from containers. Materials should be clean and dry.

What belongs:

- All plastic containers
- Glass containers
- Tin, steel and aluminum cans
- Tetra juice packs and mini sips
- Clean aluminum foil and plates
- All plastic packaging including: grocery, retail, bread, dry cleaning and frozen food bags and bubble wrap

Not acceptable:

- Coffee cups
- Non-container plastics: straws, plastic cutlery, etc.
- · Broken glass

Refundables

What belongs:

Remove caps and straws from containers. Materials should be clean and dry.

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- All beverage containers: pop, water, juice, milk
- All alcohol containers: beer cans and bottles, cooler bottles, wine and spirit bottles; wine boxes
- Note: Funds from refundables are used for student activities. Speak to your RA or Council to learn more.

Organic Waste

What belongs:

No liquids.

- · All food waste
- Kitchen paper towel and food napkins
- Paper bags
- Paper plates and cups
- Small amounts of yard waste
- · Paper food wrapping
- Wax paper
- · Soil and plant waste

Not acceptable:

- · Coffee cups
- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspapers and magazines
- Plastic or biodegradable plastic bags

Garbage

Reconsider all waste for potential reuse before discarding.

Universal Waste

What belongs:

- · Disposable coffee cups
- Aerosol cans (empty non- hazardous)
- Floor sweepings
- Disposable gloves (latex, vinyl, etc.)
- Ceramics
- Potato chip bags and candy wrappers
- Styrofoam

Not acceptable:

- Organics
- Recyclables
- Paper
- · Cardboard
- Metal

What belongs:

- Florescent bulbs: Please submit a maintenance request form at http://mrf.housing.dal.ca
- Batteries: Can be brought to your front desk. Please tape the ends of the battery.
- Printer cartridges: Can be recycled at your local office supply store.
- Cell phones: Should be disposed of as electronic waste. Please drop off at your front desk.
- Electronics: Please put all electronic waste (TVs, radio, computers, etc.) on the floor of your garbage room.
- Sharps: All resident-used sharps, needles, razors, epi-pens, etc., can be brought to your front desk where there will be a sharps container available.

Heavy Items:

Please place large or heavy items in the garbage rooms on the floor immediately next to the appropriate garbage container. Staff may be injured when lifting garbage bags when heavy items are not seen.

Broken Glass:

In most garbage rooms, there will be a solid container marked "Broken Glass". Please put all broken glass into this container.

How to use your residence suite bin system:

Collect recyclables and paper in the blue bin and place garbage in the black side-saddle bin. When full, the blue and black bins should be emptied into the six-bin sorting station in the residence recycling room. All organics should be taken to a six-bin sorting station daily. This is to prevent organic materials from remaining in the residence space for longer than one day.

Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle

Unwanted items can also be donated to the Halifax Dump & Run. This event occurs each Spring; visit: halifaxdumpandrun.webs.com

Off campus - Bring unwanted items in good condition to a charitable organization or a thrift store.

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