

**HALIFAX**

# **Curbside Waste Collection**

Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Presentation

March 25, 2019

# Background – Why are we here?

- On March 20, 2018 staff recommended to Regional Council we seek input from the Accessibility Advisory Committee on programs and guidelines with respect to the collection of curbside solid waste
- Planning for the next Request For Proposal (RFP) for curbside collection services
  - Opportunity to review the service model
  - Is access an issue and if so how can we help?

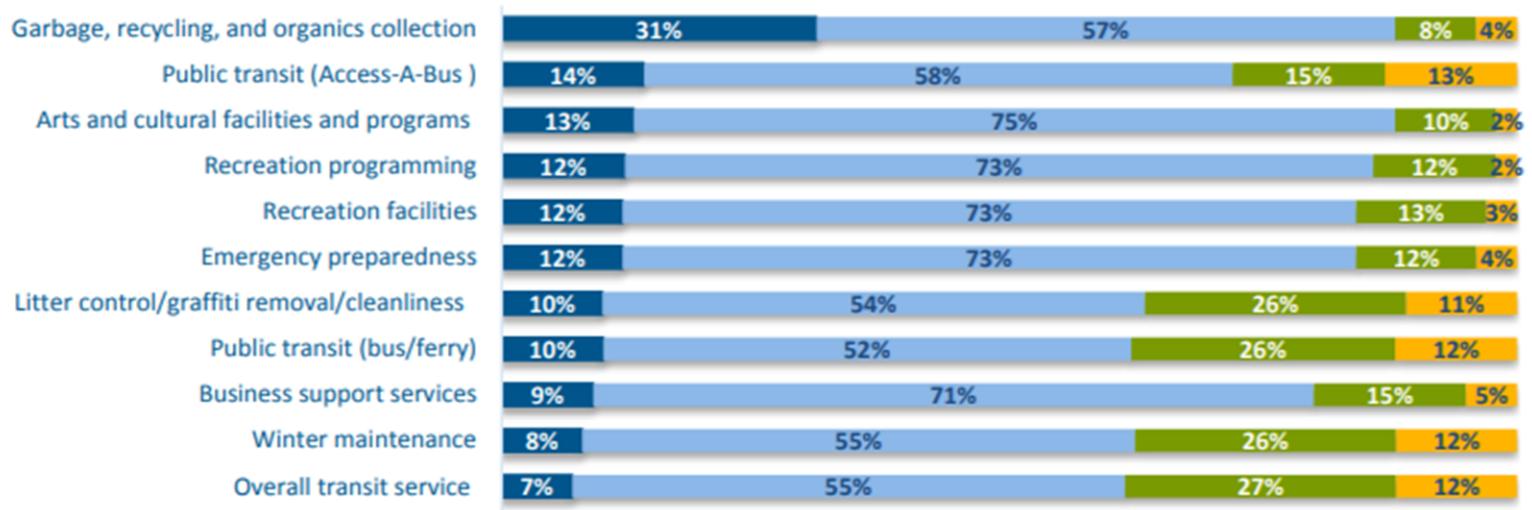
# Curbside Collection Service

- Curbside collection services provided to 145,000 eligible households
  - Highest Level of Service in NS
- Bi-weekly Garbage Collection
  - Includes large item and metal goods collection
- Weekly green cart June to September, bi-weekly remainder of the year
- 75% receive weekly recyclables collection (urban/suburban), bi-weekly in rural areas
- Community mobile HSW events

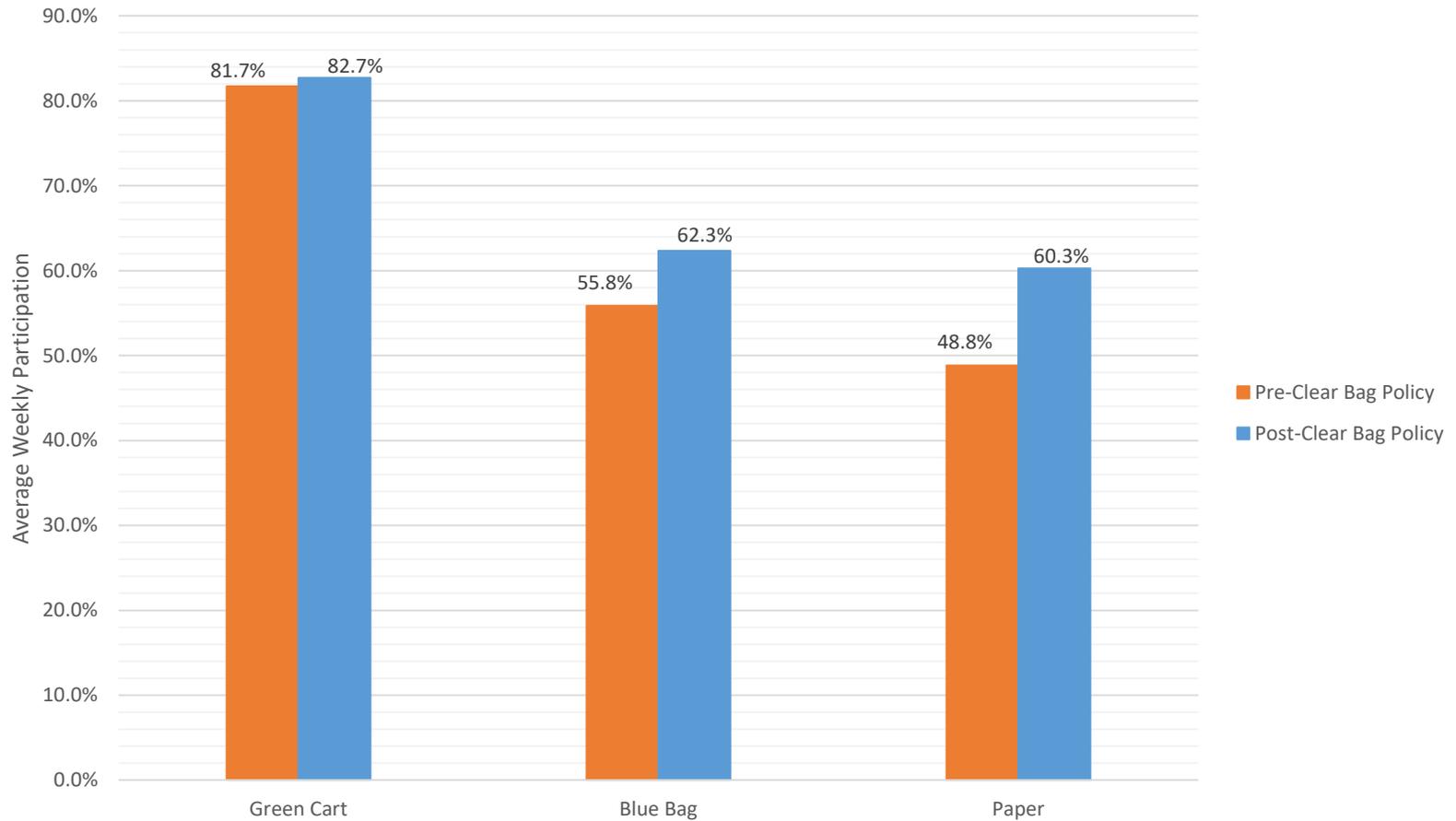
# Citizen Survey

- Highest rated municipal service in 2018
- Residents are proud of our waste diversion programs

## Satisfaction with municipal services



# High Participation Rates for Source Separation Programs





Materials must be curbside by 7:00 am to ensure collection.

### ORGANICS

#### GREEN CART

Collected every 2 weeks (even if not full)  
Weekly in July and August



**All Food Waste:** Fruit and vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, dairy products, cooking oil and fat (cool, wipe with paper towel and place in green cart), bread, rice, pasta, bones, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags and eggshells.

#### Yard Waste:

Excess leaves, brush and plants.



#### Soiled Paper:

Food napkins, kitchen paper towels.

**Other:** Sawdust and wood shavings.

#### Not for the Green Cart:

- ⊘ Ashes
- ⊘ Cans, bottles or glass
- ⊘ Corrugated cardboard (pizza boxes)
- ⊘ Decorations or wire wreaths
- ⊘ Grass clippings
- ⊘ Milk containers
- ⊘ Newspapers, magazines or shredded paper
- ⊘ Paper, coffee or styrofoam cups
- ⊘ Pet or animal waste
- ⊘ Plastic/biodegradable/compostable bags
- ⊘ Rocks, logs or tree trunks
- ⊘ Soil or sods
- ⊘ Waxed/film packaging

 Use boxboard or one sheet of paper to wrap wet food waste.

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### RECYCLING

#### BLUE BAG, PAPER, CARDBOARD

**Urban/Suburban:** Collected every week  
**Rural:** Collected every 2 weeks



**1 Blue Bag Recyclables:** Place in a see-through blue bag

- All deposit-bearing containers (place all caps in garbage)
- All plastic containers (no styrofoam)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Clean aluminum foil and plates
- All milk containers
- Mini Sips and Tetra Juice Paks
- Plastic bags including: grocery, retail, bread, bubble wrap, dry cleaning, and frozen food bags. Remember to remove all receipts. Please stuff all bags inside a grocery bag, tie and place in blue bag.

**2 Paper Recycling:** Place in a grocery bag, retail or clear bag

Dry and clean paper, newspaper, flyers, glossy magazines, catalogues, envelopes, paper egg cartons, paperbacks, phonebooks, shredded paper, receipts and boxboard (i.e. cereal and cracker boxes)

**3 Corrugated Cardboard:** Fold boxes flat. Tie in bundles approximately 0.6 m x 0.9 m x 0.2 m (2 ft x 3 ft x 8 in)

- Appliance boxes
- Pizza boxes

 Paper and corrugated cardboard is placed next to blue bag recycling.

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### GARBAGE

#### CLEAR BAG OR CONTAINER



Collected every 2 weeks

Garbage must be contained in a clear bag. Bags may be secured in a metal or plastic garbage container. Scattered garbage due to bags that are broken open is the responsibility of the householder.

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum foil (soiled)
- Ashes (cold)
- Broken glass (wrapped)
- Bulky items (furniture, stoves, etc.)
- Ceramics
- Coffee cups (disposable)
- Diapers (disposable)
- Dishes
- Floor sweepings
- Frozen juice cans
- Latex gloves
- Light bulbs
- Mattress and boxspring
- Motor oil containers (empty)
- Packaging (non-recyclable)
- Paint cans (empty or dry)
- Pet/animal waste
- Plastic wrap (soiled)
- Potato chip bags
- Styrofoam™
- Tissue
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toys (broken)
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Wallpaper

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### SPECIAL WASTE

#### HSW DEPOT

Call 311 or visit [halifax.ca/recycle](http://halifax.ca/recycle) for hours and locations for drop off



Take these items to the HSW Depot:

- Aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- Batteries of all types
- BBQ propane tanks
- Fuel oil
- Gasoline
- Leftover corrosive cleaners
- Motor oil (or contact your oil retailer for a used oil drop-off site near you)
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Pharmaceuticals and drugs
- Small propane cylinders (e.g. camp fuel)
- Solvents and thinners

 Leftover liquid paint should be returned to the ENVIRO-DEPOT™ in your neighbourhood. Visit [regeneration.ca](http://regeneration.ca) or call 1-888-772-9772.

 Drop-off locations for alkaline and rechargeable batteries can be found at [call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca)

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### Questions?



Call 311 or visit [halifax.ca/recycle](http://halifax.ca/recycle) for more information including hours of operation for all waste facilities.

### GREEN CART



#### ORGANICS



- All food waste



- Cooking oil and fat



- Leaves, brush and plants



- Soiled napkins and kitchen paper towels



- Coffee filters and tea bags

*Boxboard or one sheet of paper can be used for wet food waste in your green cart.*

#### NOT FOR GREEN CART

- NO plastic bags ( including those labelled "compostable" or "biodegradable")
- NO ashes
- NO grass
- NO pet waste
- NO soil or sods
- NO coffee cups
- NO glass or metals
- NO milk cartons

### RECYCLING BAG 1

NON PAPER



#### BLUE BAG RECYCLABLES



- All plastic containers



- All redeemable beverage containers



- All plastic bags



- Milk and juice containers (caps removed)



- Glass bottles and jars



- Aluminum foil and plates



- Tin/aluminum food cans

#### NOT BLUE BAG RECYCLABLE

- NO Styrofoam
- NO Paper
- NO Plastic cutlery
- NO Disposable cups
- NO Bottle caps
- NO Broken glass

### RECYCLING BAG 2

PAPER PRODUCTS



#### PAPER AND CARDBOARD



- Boxboard including frozen pizza outer packaging



- Shredded/intact paper



- Paper egg cartons



- Newsprint and flyers



- Catalogues, paper backs, magazines and phone books



- Envelopes



- Flatten and bundle corrugated cardboard boxes including pizza boxes.



Grocery/retail carry out bags may be used for paper products.

### GARBAGE



#### CLEAR GARBAGE BAG



- Aerosol cans (empty)



- Animal feces



- Broken glass (wrapped)



- Coffee cups



- Potato chip bags



- Styrofoam



- Empty oil and antifreeze containers



Use the Halifax Recycles mobile and web app to see what goes where and receive weekly notifications.

[halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere)

### HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE (HSW)



Drop off items with the above symbols at the HSW Depot. Hours and an acceptable item list is available online.

### OTHER

#### Paint and empty cans



- Take to any Enviro-Depot
- Other return to retail sites visit [regeneration.ca](http://regeneration.ca)

#### Electronics



- Take to Recycling centres - see site locations and accepted items at [recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca)

#### Batteries



- Retail take back program for recycling sites visit [call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca)

#### Clothes/Textiles



- Donate old clothes, shoes and textiles (any condition)

#### Medications/ Syringes



- Pharmacy return program
- Contact pharmacy for safe sharps container

# Halifax Recycles App

- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines - Level 2
- Available in English, French and Mandarin



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# Diversity & Inclusion Input

- Staff want to ensure residents know there are programs available to assist if/when needed
- Staff want to receive your input on programs that may be available in order to share with residents

# Home Services Nova Scotia

- Network of organizations offering:
  - Household tasks
  - Errands
  - Meal prep
  - Companionship
- Costs vary depending on eligibility
  - \$0 to \$20 per hour



# Veterans Independence Program

- Offers financial assistance to eligible Veterans for services that help them remain independent and self-sufficient
- Eligible Survivors or Primary Caregivers may receive housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance benefits.
- Administered through Veterans Affairs Canada

# How to find services

- 211 provides referrals to community and social services



# Next steps

- Work towards raising awareness of programs available through links on our website
  - Home Services Nova Scotia
  - 211 for referrals
  - Veterans Independent Living
- Production of braille and large print sorting guides

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