

# Public Space Litter Receptacle Criteria

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## General

Litter and recycling receptacles are provided to support collection of incidental waste generated by pedestrians in specified areas within the municipality. Receptacles are installed and serviced (emptied) by Municipal staff from Transportation & Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Corporate & Customer Service.

Requests for placement of new receptacles are evaluated by staff from the applicable department and installed where criteria are met. Requests for consideration of receptacle placement can be made by calling 311.

The placement of litter receptacles must:

- Permit easy access for service vehicles and personnel to service and inspect the receptacle safely.
- Permit unimpeded pedestrian traffic flow.
- Permit unimpeded vehicular parking and/or traffic flow.
- Remain within the public right-of-way (i.e. sidewalk)
- Consider principles of the Municipal Design Guidelines and Accessibility Strategy

## Locations where litter receptacles may be placed

1. Mixed-use business<sup>1</sup> and business improvement districts with a frequent pedestrian presence
2. On public sidewalk right-of-way adjacent to a group of businesses.
3. At each end of a block, with additional receptacles between if the block exceeds 100 m.
4. At Halifax Transit Bus Stops with high-use volume or in proximity to mixed-use businesses.
5. Within existing and new Municipal owned parks, playgrounds, beaches, and sports fields where they can be easily accessed by park users and staff.
6. Municipal Facilities – outdoor building sites/washrooms/transit terminals

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<sup>1</sup> Includes areas with a combination of retail, commercial, schools, residential and civic space.

## 7. Active Transportation (AT) - Trails

- Serviced by local community groups and funded through a grant program
- Promote, as much as possible, a pack-it-in pack-it-out policy understanding the importance of litter receptacles being placed at trailheads and access points (e.g. intersections and parking lots).
- AT facilities that are located on Municipal parkland (e.g. Chain of Lakes Trail or Sackville Greenway) would also be subject to criteria used by Parks and Recreation.

### **Litter receptacles will generally not be provided:**

- In locations where privately provided litter receptacles are currently in service.
- Within residential neighbourhoods
- In the right-of-way for the purpose of disposal of dog feces<sup>2</sup>
- At Canada Post Community Mailbox Locations<sup>3</sup>.
- For the sole use of adjacent businesses, not located in a Business Improvement District.
- In business areas already served by private receptacles<sup>4</sup>.

The Municipality does not service litter receptacles in the right-of-way outside of the core area/NSTIR Service boundary.

### **Reasons which may lead to removal or relocation of bins**

#### Illegal Dumping

- Depositing any waste generated in a household, institution, or place of business in a litter receptacle is considered illegal dumping.

#### Vandalism/Graffiti

- Receptacles in locations that are subject to repeated vandalism may be relocated or removed from service.

#### Winter Maintenance

- Receptacles may be removed from service during winter months where servicing is not possible.

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<sup>2</sup> By-Law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership - owners are responsible to remove defecation from public and private property.

<sup>3</sup> Maintenance issues concerning Community Mailboxes can be directed to Canada Post: [www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/support](http://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/support)

<sup>4</sup> By-Law S-600 requires all businesses to provide litter receptacles on site, including in drive-thrus.