

## WASTE FAQs

### What day is my collection?

Wolfville's collection day is every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday. Check the Valley Waste website for more details about holidays or service interruptions.

### What time should my waste go out?

On your collection day, waste should be curbside by 7:00 AM.

### How many bags can I have?

You can have up to four bags on collection day.

### Can I use black bags?

Yes, one of your four bags on collection day can be a solid colour for personal items.

### How do I dispose of clothing or household items in good condition?

These items can be sold on Facebook or Kijiji or donated to local organizations. Damaged textiles can also be donated unless contaminated with chemicals or paint.

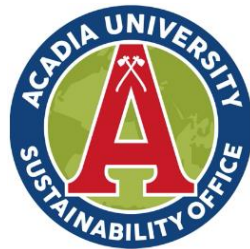
### What do I do with broken glass?

It is important not to place loose broken glass into your bags as it could pose a risk for waste handlers. Instead, use a box or plastic container and label it with "broken glass" so workers know to handle with care.

### Where do I put lightbulbs?

LED and incandescent bulbs go in garbage, CFLs go in Household Hazardous Waste.

# ACADIA OFF-CAMPUS LIVING WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE



## WHY CARE ABOUT WASTE?

Our small actions can have a big impact on the environment, on campus and in our community. There are many ways you can have a positive impact everyday. When you sort your waste and dispose of items correctly you help keep waste out of landfills, reduce litter that can harm wildlife, increase the amount of recycled material, and create compost for local gardeners. As a student living off campus, this may be the first time you are responsible for managing household waste and it can be confusing. This brochure will offer you important information about waste management in Wolfville, and helpful tips to correctly sort your waste.

## HELPFUL CONTACTS

**Valley Waste Resource Management**  
90 Donald Hiltz Connector Rd.  
Kentville Industrial Park  
[vwrm.com](http://vwrm.com)

**Valley Recycling Enviro-Depot (bottles)**  
311 Sunnyside Rd,  
Wolfville (near Greenwich)  
[divertns.ca](http://divertns.ca)

**New Minas Recycling (electronics)**  
8751 Commercial Street,  
New Minas  
[recyclemyelectronics.ca/ns/](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca/ns/)

**Acadia Sustainability Office**  
52 University Avenue (DeWolfe House)  
[sustainability.acadiau.ca](http://sustainability.acadiau.ca)

## WHERE DOES YOUR WASTE GO?



Wolfville waste is transferred to Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM) in Kentville, our regional waste management authority. From here, waste is shipped to a variety of locations depending on the material. Garbage is shipped to the landfill in Chester, paper and recyclables are shipped to Kentville for processing and organics are shipped to Brookfield, where commercial compost is produced.

## RECYCLE COACH APP

Download the **Free Recycle Coach App** for complete waste and recycling information.



We gratefully acknowledge the support of WWF-Canada and the Living Planet Recycling Grants.

## HOW TO SORT WASTE

When waste is not sorted correctly it can contaminate the whole load making it hard to recycle and compost. Some items can be confusing so check this brief guide for tips. Visit [vwrn.com](http://vwrn.com) to find a search engine for common waste items.

### PAPER (blue bag)

DRY paper items are sorted separately from other recyclables. They must be UNSOILED and not made from mixed materials.



**Accepted:** Writing paper, post-it-notes, newspaper, food boxes (dry goods), envelopes

**Not Accepted:** Pizza boxes (organics), coffee cups, (most are lined with plastic), soiled food trays

### RECYCLABLES (Blue Bag)

Many items can be recycled in Nova Scotia. Recyclables includes EMPTY plastic, metal, and glass containers as well as Styrofoam. Keep an eye out for containers such as juice boxes or beverage bottles that are refundable.



**Accepted:** Shampoo bottles, plastic bags, milk cartons, Styrofoam containers

**Not Accepted:** Food waste, bottle caps (garbage), broken glass, items with excess food residue, foam peanuts

### REFUNDABLES (blue bag)

When purchasing beverage containers, you pay a small deposit. Return these to a local **Enviro- Depot**, for a refund. Make sure they are EMPTY.



**Accepted:** Wine and beer bottles, metal beverage cans, juice boxes

**Not Accepted:** Milk containers, food containers, bottle caps, straws

### ORGANICS (Green Bin)

Did you know that organics are banned from landfills in Nova Scotia and must be composted?



**Accepted:** Food waste, pizza boxes, paper towel, fibre food containers, cat litter

**Not Accepted:** Items with mixed materials and any plastic, glass, or metal

### GARBAGE (Clear Bag)

This category is for everything else not able to be recycled or composted.



**Accepted:** Broken glass, potato chip bags, most coffee cups, coffee pods

**Not Accepted:** Food waste, beverage containers, electronics, Styrofoam

## RENTER INFORMATION



As renters, it is important to know what the landlord's responsibility is for managing waste and what is yours.

Unless otherwise stated in your lease, the landlord is responsible for:

- Ensuring that waste is set out on collection day.
- Providing two week storage containers that are animal and weather-proof.
- Providing a kitchen compost bin
- Providing support to help you learn how to manage waste correctly.

As a tenant, you are responsible for:

- Sorting and packaging your waste correctly.
- Placing your waste in the designated storage area provided by your landlord.
- Requesting support or information from your landlord.
- Learning how to manage your waste correctly and safely.

## MOVING DAY

Students move often, which can create a lot of waste. Here are some tips for managing your waste at moving time.



- Start early! If you know you are moving, work on sorting and decluttering as soon as possible.
- Remember that there are bag limits on collection days so you might need to spread out waste disposal.
- Sell or donate useable items on Facebook or Kijiji, or take to stores like Jane's Again, Value Village, SPCA Thrift Store, and others.
- If you are in a hurry waste items can be taken directly to Valley Waste in Kentville for a small fee.
- You can put out 20 items for collection in the spring and fall clean-up. Check dates each year.
- Donate non-perishable food items to the Acadia Food Cupboard or the Wolfville Area Food Bank.
- Contact your landlord if you have remaining furniture or household items, they may be able to help.
- Packaging, such as cardboard and Styrofoam (except foam peanuts), is recyclable, but please separate.