

# GENERAL BEST PRACTICES FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

# GARBAGE / RECYCLING / COMPOST

Here are some best practices when it comes to garbage, compost, and recycling. By following these suggested best practices not only will this make it easier for yourself, it will also help FERO workers.

#### **Excess Cardboard**

All cardboard should be flattened and placed into the recycling bin. Excess or large cardboard that does not fit into your bin can be flatten and bundled together using twine. Any cardboard longer than 3 feet must be cut down in size.

### **Bag your Compost**

Place your compost in paper or compostable bags in the winter so it does not freeze in the cart. Compost can freeze to the bottom of the compost cart when not bagged, which makes it very difficult to get the items out of the cart. Workers may have to use force to get the cart empty, which can result in damage to the cart. Look for these symbols for compostable bags that are accepted by Fundy Regional Service Commission:





#### Bag your garbage

Loose garbage in the bin can result in wind, animals, or other causes for the garbage to end up on the road, sidewalks, and surrounding areas. By bagging all your garbage you can reduce the amount of trash littered in your community. Tip: Place a large garbage bag in your bin prior to filling. Once your bin and bag is full of your loose garbage, tie up the top. Now your garbage is safely secured in a bag.

## Do not Overfill your Garbage Bins

It does not take much for garbage bins to get very heavy. Make sure you are not overfilling your garbage bins to the point where they are extremely heavy. There is no tipper on the truck for garbage collection, as there is for compost. Therefore the workers need to pick up the bins themselves. On regular garbage days, FERO will collect up to 5 bags of garbage.

**Reminder:** Compost carts are NOT to be used for garbage collection. Workers will not pick up garbage that is placed in the compost cart.

#### Do not overfill your compost carts

Compost carts need to be able to close in order for the tipper on the truck to dump the compost in. Please do not overfill your compost bins.





