

WINTER CONSIDERATIONS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

GARBAGE / RECYCLING / COMPOST

The winter can be challenging for curbside collection for both residents and collectors. Please note the following considerations during the winter months to make collection day safer and easier for residents, neighbours, snowplow operators and waste collection service providers.

Collection Changes Due to Snowstorms

Check for collection schedule changes. Heavy snow accumulation, icy roads and poor visibility in snowstorms can make it necessary for collection to be postponed for safety reasons. Check the Rothesay Facebook page or website for notices of collection being rescheduled.

Tip: Never miss another garbage/compost/recycling collection day. Download the APP or sign up for collection reminders on the Fundy Region Solid Waste website to be directly notified of any changes in collection: www.fundyrecycles.com/solid-waste/garbage-recycling/garbage-bulk-items/

Consider Taking Bins Curbside in the Morning

Placing your collection materials curbside the night before could create more hassle when a snowstorm is forecasted. Consider taking your bins in the morning by 7:00AM to avoid having your bins knocked over by strong winter winds or snowplows and it will give you a chance to clear away snow that has accumulated overnight so your bins will be accessible to collectors.

Tip: Remove bins from the curbside as soon as possible after collection to avoid obstacles for snow plows and strong winter winds from blowing them into the street.

Please ensure bins are placed out of snow removal equipment path.

Please place your collection materials in a visible location at the end of your driveway ensuring that the materials are placed well out of the path of snow removal equipment. If collection bins are hit by snow removal equipment and contents are spilled, it is the resident's responsibility to clean up the materials.

Please ensure bins remain visible to collectors.

Should it snow or if snow removal equipment covers collection materials after they have been placed out for collection, it is the responsibility of the resident to remove the snow from their materials so they are accessible and visible to the collector.

Tip: In the winter, tall snowbanks can hide your bins from a driver coming up your street. By placing your materials on the left hand side of your driveway (when you are facing your house) they are more visible.

Please do not place bins/bags atop snowbanks.

Please do not place collection materials on top of or behind snowbanks. Materials placed on a snowbank presents an unsafe and awkward reach for the collectors and will not be collected.

Tip: Clear an area at the end of your driveway and place materials there, as far from the road as possible without blocking the sidewalk. Stacking your recycling bins also helps if possible (so they are visible and take up a smaller footprint).

Bag your Compost and Garbage

Use a garbage bag for your garbage bin and compostable bags in your compost bin to help prevent the contents from freezing to the bin and keep it from blowing all over the neighbourhood if it tips over. Garbage should never be loose in the bin. It is the responsibility of the resident to pickup any of their waste that spills.

Storage of Bins

Try to keep your recycling, compost, and garbage bins in a dry area throughout the week so that materials do not freeze to the bottom or sides of the containers, and so that they are safe from snow build up. Materials frozen to the recycling, compost or garbage containers may not be emptied. The collectors will lightly tap the containers to loosen material however; there is a risk of damaging the containers if aggressive force is required to remove remaining frozen materials.

While winter weather can make trash day a little more challenging, taking these simple precautions against mishaps during a snowstorm can help make things run more smoothly for all involved. *Thank you!*

