

Curbside Collection Guidelines

For weekly collection of regular household garbage and bi-weekly collection for recyclables.

To ensure your discards are collected on time in the most safe and efficient manner, please follow these collection guidelines:

- Bags must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m., within 4.5 meters (15 feet) from the edge of pavement.
- Do not exceed the bag limit for your area. For **Clarke's Beach and Port de Grave Peninsula area**, the limit for household garbage is 6 bags per week. In 2024, the bag limit for household garbage will be 5 bags per week.
- The number of blue bags you can place curbside on any scheduled recycling day is unlimited.
- Garbage and recycling bags must be regular size (66 cm x 82.5 cm).
- Each bag must not weigh more than 20 kg (45 lbs).
- All bags must be tied closed.
- Transparent blue bags must only be used for recyclable materials.
- Blue bags containing contaminated materials (i.e., wet cardboard, food scraps mixed in) will not be collected.
- Blue bags containing improperly sorted materials (i.e., mixed containers and paper in same bag) will not be collected.
- Sharp objects (i.e. broken glass, needles, knives) must be in a puncture-proof container and clearly marked "broken glass" or "sharps".

- Do not leave any items not intended for waste collection near the garbage box or collection area as they may be collected as weekly or bulk waste.

- Waste must be accessible and garbage boxes free of snow and/or debris.

- Garbage boxes containing maggots, wasp nests or other vermin material will not be collected for the safety of contractors.

- Items not accepted for curbside collection include: bulk waste, household hazardous waste, fish nets and rope, acids and caustics, containers of liquids, tires, electronics, unused fireworks, ammunition, marine flares, etc.



REJECTED WASTE

- Check for an orange tag indicating possible reasons why waste was not collected. Once remedied, it will be removed on the following collection day. If you cannot determine why your waste was left, contact us.



Clear Bags 2024

We're moving to clear bags in 2024.

Our clear bags policy comes into effect on January 1, 2024, with a four-month grace period to help customers adjust to the change.

In a nut shell, you will be swapping your black bags for clear bags.

Check our website for details.



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Proper Disposal of Grease Products

The build-up of grease in the plumbing system creates sewer back-ups and overflows that can damage your home and the environment. Grease washed down the kitchen sink sticks to the insides of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets. Over time, the build-up can block the entire pipe resulting in sewer back-ups and overflows.

By following these simple guidelines, home owners can make a significant difference in preventing sewer back-up and overflow by keeping grease products out of the sewer system.

Guidelines for Homeowners:

1. Do not pour grease products down sink drains or into toilets. Grease products include meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products.
2. Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
3. Do not put grease products down garbage disposals. These units are for shredding solids and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.
4. Be cautious of chemicals and commercial additives (including soaps and detergents) that claim to dissolve grease. Some of these additives simply pass grease down pipes where it can clog the sewer lines in another area.
5. Place baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty the baskets/strainers into the trash for disposal.
6. Speak with friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.

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