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# 2025 WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG

# January

Collection for New Year's Day will take place Saturday, December 28.

Place Your Waste  
Curbside by 7 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 No Collection New Year's Day Waste Site Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Christmas Tree Collection			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Christmas Tree Collection			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

**Christmas Tree Collection:**  
Trees collected on your regular pickup day between January 6 - 17. Remove all decorations and place trees roadside by 7 am on pickup day. Two trees collected, per house.



**Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) has added several new types of electronics items for recycling:**

- **Floor & carpet care appliances:** vacuums and carpet cleaners
- **Garment care appliances:** irons and steam cleaners
- **Counter-top cooking appliances:** food processors, coffee grinders, coffee makers
- **Devices for cutting food items & opening/sealing packages**
- **Time measurement devices & weight scales:** alarm clocks, wall clocks, food scales, weight scales
- **Personal care appliances:** hair dryers, electric toothbrushes
- **Portable air treatment devices:** portable fans, heaters, humidifiers (does not include air conditioners)

These items can be collected during the fall electronics pick up. The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement accepts electronics year-round. For a full list of accepted electronics, visit <https://recyclemyelectronics.ca/ns> or call 902-543-2991.



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Collection for Heritage Day
16	17 Heritage Day No Collection Waste Site Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

## Waste Collection Notifications & Cancellations

Visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca), get notifications and collection reminders. Sign up for the **R6Recycles Waste App**



Visit the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Facebook page



Call **902-543-2991**

Listen to **CKBW 98.1 fm & Country 100.7 fm**

**New Battery Recycling Program:** Recycling batteries keeps harmful chemicals out of the environment, prevents waste facility fires and ensures they are made into new batteries.



### Accepted Products:

- A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries
- Button and coin batteries (used in hearing aids, watches, musical greeting cards)
- Rechargeable battery packs from power tools (under 5 kgs)
- E-bike and E-scooter batteries

### Products Not Accepted:

- Batteries over 5 kgs (including car and forklift batteries)

## How to Recycle Batteries:

1. **Collect** - store in a glass or plastic container.
2. **Protect** - tape off the terminals of all lithium, rechargeable and alkaline batteries over 9V and all button/coin batteries.
3. **Deliver** - take to an approved drop off location (at least every 3 months to avoid corrosion).

The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement accepts batteries. Visit <https://recyclemybattery.ca/>

**Important safety information:** damaged, corroded and leaking batteries require special handling.

Visit <https://recycleyourbatteries.ca/battery-safety/>.

**Recyclable batteries are no longer accepted during curbside collection. Questions? Call 902-543-2991.**

# March

Place Your Waste  
Curbside by 7 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### Winter Green Cart Tips

- ✓ Put your cart out for collection every two weeks. Large carts can hold up to 250 lbs. Carts over this weight will not be emptied.
- ✓ Cool stove ashes completely before putting them in the cart, to prevent damage and fires.
- ✓ Line your cart with paper leaf bags or cardboard so contents slide out easily when frozen.



Cart melted by hot ashes

### NEW: Lightbulb Recycling Program

#### Bulbs Accepted:

- Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
- Fluorescent tubes
- Halogen & incandescent bulbs
- Light-emitting diodes (LEDs)
- UV and germicidal bulbs
- Miniature bulbs
- High-intensity discharge (HID) & special purpose bulbs

**Items not Accepted:** light ballasts, light fixtures, string lights and Christmas lights.



**Recyclable lightbulbs are no longer accepted during curbside collection.** The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement accepts lightbulbs free of charge. Questions? Visit <https://www.productcare.org/products/lights/nova-scotia/> or call 902-543-2991.

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday No Collection Waste Site Closed	19 Collection for Good Friday
20	21 Easter Monday Regular Collection	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

**Earth Day Litter Clean Up:** First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day takes place annually on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's recognized through litter clean ups, tree planting events and other activities which raise environmental awareness.

**Get a group together and gather litter from a road or playground around April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

You'll receive bags, gloves, a certificate of recognition and litter bag collection. Call the waste site at 902-543-2991 to register.

**Litter Clean Up Incentive Program:** Fundraise for your non-profit or charity group by collecting litter along roadways in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. Groups earn \$100 per km for cleaning both sides of the road.

Applications are available online at [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca). Questions? Call 902-543-2991. Groups must apply before doing a cleanup.

**In 2024: 15 groups cleaned up 95 kms of roadway. A BIG thank you to all the groups that have participated to date!**



# May

Place Your Waste  
Curbside by 7 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	<b>Victoria Day</b> Regular Collection Seasonal Private Road Collection Begins	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Items Not Collected Curbside:**

Hazardous waste, paint, propane tanks, batteries, lightbulbs, fridges, air conditioners and asphalt shingles.



**Drop these items off at the waste site at 908**

**Mullock Road, Whynt's Settlement.** Tipping fees apply for some items. Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca).

**Read about Efficiency Nova Scotia's Appliance Retirement Program:**

<https://www.energycyns.ca/>



**Bulky Landfill Collection:** Two items can be collected on your collection day, year-round. Items may weigh up to 100 kgs (220 lbs) and measure up to 1.8 m (6 feet). Accepted items include: couches, mattresses, box springs, plastic furniture, toilets, windows, vinyl siding, artificial Christmas trees and plastic kids toys.

**Wood and metal items are collected during a special fall collection only, not bi-weekly.** Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca).



**Clear Bags** are used for curbside garbage collection in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to improve waste collectors' safety and to keep recyclables, organics and hazardous waste out of landfill.

**Each household, apartment or business can put out one non-transparent (black, green or white) bag curbside, every two weeks.** Waste inside clear bags must be loose and not contained within other bags. Questions? Call 902-543-2991.

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Collection Day for Canada Day</b>
29	30	1	2	3	4	5



**Household Hazardous Waste Depot:** Residents can drop off hazardous waste including batteries, light bulbs, waste fuels, pesticides, fertilizers, aerosol cans and paint for free at the waste site, at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement. Visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca) for a list of accepted items. Questions? Call 902-543-2991.

**Flares, fireworks and ammunition: contact local RCMP to arrange disposal.** These items cannot be put in your garbage, doing so can cause an explosion or fire!



### Summer Green Cart Tips: Reduce Odour & Pests

- ✓ Put your cart out every collection. Food waste will spend less time breaking down; this will decrease odour.
  - ✓ Use a paper leaf and yard waste bag to line your cart. Roll the bag shut to contain odours. You can also line your cart with cardboard.
  - ✓ Wrap meat and bones in newspaper. Put wet or oily foods in cereal boxes and put them in the cart.
  - ✓ Store your cart in the shade to slow the breakdown of food waste.
- Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca).



# WASTE COLLECTION

## Municipality of the District of Lunenburg



**Which Week?**

If you live in the shaded area, your pickup weeks are shaded in the calendar.

If you live outside the shaded area, your pickup weeks **are not** shaded.

**Which Day?**

The colour of your area coincides with the pick up days below:

Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
	Friday



If you are still not sure, give us a call at the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre: 543-2991



# July

Collection for Canada Day will take place Saturday, June 28.

Place Your Waste Curbside by 7 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Canada Day No Collection Waste Site Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

**Public Event Sorting Bins:** The Community Recycling Centre lends sorting bins for public and private events. Bins are labelled with signs.

Book in advance by calling 902-543-2991. Event organizers are responsible for waste disposal afterward.



**Bears & Waste Storage:** When bears come into a residential area they're usually looking for food. Being careful about how you handle food waste can minimize odours which could attract bears. Bears can smell food odours coming from green carts and garbage containers; they consider this a food source and will return again. Bears can smell food over one kilometer away.

**What Can You Do:** Store green carts and bagged waste in a shed until pickup day. Put carts and bags out on the morning of pickup. Clean your green cart with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water after every pickup. Freeze food scraps and put them in your cart the morning of pickup.

**Read About What Attracts Bears:** <https://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/bear/>



# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Collection for Natal Day
3	4 Natal Day No Collection Waste Site Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
31 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 30 Collection for Labour Day

**Used Oil Recycling Program:** residents can drop off used oil, oil filters, glycol (antifreeze) and jugs for oil, glycol and DEF at the waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement for free. Questions? Visit <https://uoma-atlantic.com/ns/> or call 902-543-2991.



**Leaf & Yard Waste** is collected year-round, on regular collection days. A maximum of 3 bags or bundles of branches can be collected when your green cart is curbside, and 4 bags or bundles collected when your cart isn't curbside. **Paper leaf bags must be used.** **Branches: must be bundled and tied.** Branches up to 3 feet long and 2 inches in diameter are accepted; 55 lbs per bundle. Questions? Call 902-543-2991.

**Paper items and recyclable containers go in separate bags:** paper items are processed separately from recyclable containers. Do not mix paper and containers together in the same bag—they could be rejected.

**Containers must be empty and clean.** Bottle brushes and dishwasher can clean recyclables easily. Remove lids and put them in a smaller bag with your containers. Sorting guides are online at [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca).

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <b>Labour Day</b> <b>No Collection</b> <b>Waste Site Closed</b>	2	3	4	5	6 <b>Curbside Giveaway Event</b> <b>Starts at 7:00 am</b>
7 <b>Curbside Giveaway Event</b> <b>Ends at 5:00 pm</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Wood &amp; Metal Collection</b>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Wood &amp; Metal Collection</b>						
28	29 <b>National Day</b> <b>Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b> <b>Regular Collection</b>	30	1	2	3	4
<b>Electronics Collection</b>						

**Wood & Metal Collection takes place once a year. Wood and metal will be picked up on your collection day between September 15 – 26.**

**Tancook Islands: collection will take place September 17 and 24.**

Each household/ business can put out a combined volume of 4 cubic metres. Remove spikes and brackets larger than 6 inches from wood. Place wood and metal in separate piles.

**Curbside Giveaway: September 6-7**



Give away your reusable items -- keep them out of landfill.

Put a "FREE" sign on your items. Put them along the roadside, avoid blocking vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Questions? Call 902-543-2991.



# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Thanksgiving Day Regular Collection</b>					Seasonal Private Road Collection Ends	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

**Curbside Electronics Collection:** Each household can put out three electronics on their regular collection day between September 29 – October 10.

**Tancook Islands Electronics Collection: October 1 & 8.**

Drop electronics off at a depot during the rest of the year. The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whyntott's Settlement accepts electronics.

Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/NS](http://www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/NS) to find out what's accepted.



**Always Secure Your Load:** Use a tarp or netting to contain small items and bagged waste when you deliver them to the waste site. Larger, heavier items must be firmly secured with straps, rope or netting.

Test the load to see if it moves before you start driving and keep an eye on the load while you're driving.

Spread out a tarp on the bottom of your truck bed or trailer to contain small pieces. **Unsecured loads can create roadside litter and cause accidents. Nails and screws can cause flat tires.**



# November

Place Your Waste  
Curbside by 7 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Collection for Remembrance Day
9	10	11 Remembrance Day Waste Site Closed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



**Safe Sharps Program:** Safely dispose of needles and lancets. Pick up a free sharps container at your local pharmacy. Place your used sharps in the Safe Sharps container. When the container is *almost* full, seal the lid, return it to your community pharmacy. **Consider Waste Collectors' Safety: Do not put sharps in garbage or blue bags.**



**Recycle Your Tires:** You can return up to four used tires for recycling at any time, to any tire retailer in Nova Scotia, free of charge. Tires must be off the rim and free of mud.

For more information about the provincial tire recycling program, visit <https://divertns.ca/used-passenger-tires> or call 1-877-313-7732.

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Collection for Christmas Day
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day No Collection Waste Site Closed	26 Boxing Day Regular Collection	27 Collection for New Year's Day
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day No Collection Waste Site Closed	2	3



**You Can Prevent Illegal Dumping:** Always ask your contractor, roofer or waste hauler for proof of responsible disposal. Request a copy of the disposal receipt from the waste site, along with your bill.

**Report It:** For more information or to report illegal dumping, call (902) 543-2991.

Anyone charged with dumping may face a minimum Summary Offense Ticket of \$250, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

### Waste Collection Reminders:

- \* Put your waste out by 7 am on collection day to ensure pickup.
- \* Place your waste within 10 feet of the road.
- \* Call 1-855-530-3324 if your waste hasn't been collected.
- \* Remove any rejected waste or litter from your collection spot before the end of the day.



# RECYCLING GUIDE

## R6Recycles Waste App

Visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca) to find your collection days. Sign up for collection reminders and alerts.



**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg** (902) 543-8181 [info@modl.ca](mailto:info@modl.ca)  
[www.modl.ca](http://www.modl.ca) 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS B4V 9E4

**Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre** (902) 543-2991 [recycle@lrcrc.ca](mailto:recycle@lrcrc.ca)  
[www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca) 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement, NS B4V 5T9

## RECYCLABLES - BLUE BAG *Empty & Clean Recyclables*

### Plastic

- Beverage containers, pop and juice bottles
- Plastic bottles including food, detergent and shampoo bottles, motor oil containers (keep lid on motor oil jugs)
- Rigid plastic: including take-out sandwich, cake and salad containers
- Plastic tubs: ice cream, yogurt and margarine tubs
- Plastic bags: retail, dry cleaning, bubble wrap, frozen vegetable, fruit and bread bags

### Milk and Juice Cartons & Boxes

- Includes Tetra Paks and mini-sips

### Metal Cans

- Food cans and pet food cans

### Glass

- Glass bottles and jars

### Aluminum Foil & Trays

- Pie plates and foil wrap

A bottle brush and dishwasher can clean recyclables quickly and thoroughly.



**Rinse Clean - No food to be seen!**

## PAPER - CLEAR BAG

- Newsprint, flyers and magazines
- Paper bags
- Writing paper and note pads (remove coil, no carbon paper)
- Envelopes (includes windows)
- Wrapping paper and tissue paper (non-metallic paper only, no ribbon or bows)
- Phone books and catalogues
- Soft & hardcover books
- Egg cartons and paper coffee trays
- Boxboard (cereal, frozen food and tissue boxes)

## CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard boxes: Flatten boxes, tie into 3ft x 2ft x 2ft bundles and place for collection beside other recyclables.

**NOTE:** bundling and tying cardboard saves space on the collection truck and prevents it from blowing around curbside.

**Paper items and recyclable containers go in separate bags:** paper items are processed separately from recyclable containers. Do not mix paper and containers together in the same bag—they could be rejected.



**Bag for paper items:**  
Paper, boxboard, newsprint, envelopes



**Bag for containers:**  
Glass, metal and plastic containers, plastic packaging

## ORGANICS - GREEN CART

- All food waste and table scraps
- Meat, fish & bones, shellfish, including shells
- Fruit and vegetables
- Dairy products, pasta and bread
- Coffee filters, coffee grounds and tea bags
- Paper towels and paper flour bags
- Paper napkins and pizza boxes
- Tissues and wet paper
- Waxed paper
- Hair and pet fur

### Yard Waste

- Sawdust and wood shavings (not pressure treated)
- Leaves, plants and twigs (max. 2 inches in diameter and 3 feet long, cart lid must close when filled).
- Ashes from woodstove (**must be cold**)

### Green Cart Safety & Wood Stove Ashes

Cool in a fireproof container for several weeks before putting ashes in your green cart. Stir ashes before placing in your cart, check for hot spots. **Hot ashes can melt your cart or catch it on fire!**

**Plastic-type compostable bags and biodegradable bags are not permitted in green carts.**

Use paper liners, boxboard or cardboard to line your mini bin or cart instead.



## GARBAGE - CLEAR BAG

**One black bag allowed per household, per collection day**

- Paper coffee cups, waxy drink cups, plastic-lined paper takeout packaging
- Coffee pods & coffee pod bags
- Pet waste, kitty litter & dog waste bags
- Styrofoam (cups, trays and packaging)
- **Soiled** plastic wrap and plastic bags
- Potato chip bags, granola bar wrappers and popcorn bags
- Dishes and glasses (put in a sealed box, labelled "glass", place beside garbage bags)
- Clothing and footwear (also donate)
- Gloves, masks and face shields
- Sanitary products, diapers and wipes
- Carbon paper and laminated paper
- Floor sweepings, vacuum bags, string, textiles and dryer lint

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

**(HHW):** Drop off at Depot, 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement

- **NEW:** Batteries: alkaline, rechargeable & lithium
  - **NEW:** Lights: fluorescent, LED, CFL, high-intensity discharge lamps & incandescent bulbs
  - Leftover corrosive cleaners
  - Pesticides & herbicides
  - Used oil and glycol
  - Solvents, thinners & flammables
  - Aerosol cans, propane tanks & propane cylinders
  - Cans of unused paint and stain
- Call RCMP to dispose of: unused flares, fireworks, ammunition and explosives.**  
Not accepted curbside or HHW Depot.

**Waste Hotline 1-855-530-3324** for collection-related issues

**Recycling Questions?** Call 902-543-2991 or visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca)