



Help divert waste from our landfill

A Guide to Waste Diversion in Yellowknife for Residents



Public Drop-Off Area at the Solid Waste Facility

For information about the Solid Waste Facility or the Curbside Cart Program, visit www.yellowknife.ca/garbage

The City of Yellowknife has many waste diversion programs in place at the Solid Waste Facility to help you get rid of your:

- Leaf and Yard Waste
- Honey Buckets and Pet Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Tires
- Scrap Metal
- Freon Appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers)



- Non-Freon Appliances (stoves, dishwashers, laundry machines, hot water heaters)
- Construction and Demolition Waste
- Excess Mixed Solid Waste
- Mattresses
- Electronic Waste
- Salvageable Items



Certain materials are subject to tipping fees as outlined in the Fees and Charges By-Law No. 4436. www.yellowknife.ca/tipping-fees

Green Cart – Organics

For information on composting in Yellowknife, visit www.yellowknife.ca/composting

The following materials are accepted in your household Green Cart or organics dumpster:

- Food Waste
- Small Amounts of Yard Waste (must fit in the green cart)
- Paper Towels/Tissues
- Paper Cartons (e.g. paper egg cartons, beverage take out trays)
- Pizza Boxes
- Paper Food Takeout Packaging (e.g. brown bags, paper food boxes)
- BPI Certified Compostable Bags/Containers



Green Cart items that are not accepted and will be refused at pick-up include: garbage, plastic bags, plastic containers/items, coffee cups, soft drink cups, ice cream containers, juice boxes, Styrofoam, diapers, tampons/pads, sanitary wipes, hazardous waste, electronics and pet waste.



Look out for these logos on bags and containers:



NO SHARP OBJECTS! Organic waste is sorted by hand at the Solid Waste Facility.



Blue Bin Depots

For a detailed list of accepted items and information on the location of the Blue Bin Depots, visit www.yellowknife.ca/blue-bin-stations

The following materials can be disposed of in the appropriate bin at the Blue Bin Depots:

- Cardboard (corrugated - with wavy lines between layers)
- Mixed Paper (Ink and Staples are acceptable)
- Newspaper
- Plastics
- Tin cans
- Glass

Find tips on how and where to place different material with the City's "Waste Wizard" tool at www.yellowknife.ca/recycling



Why Help Divert Waste?

- 1) Waste Diversion helps to avoid early expansion and closure costs by extending the lifespan of our landfill.
- 2) You can help reduce the production of leachate by diverting materials like metals, electronics, organics, and hazardous waste from the landfill. Separating organic waste also reduces the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas.
- 3) Placing plastic in the garbage instead of in the blue bin contributes to windblown litter. Plastics placed in the blue bin are baled to help prevent litter from blowing into the environment surrounding the Solid Waste Facility.
- 4) You can help avoid unnecessary contamination of the environment by sorting your hazardous waste and bringing it to the Solid Waste Facility for proper disposal. For more information, visit www.yellowknife.ca/hazardous-waste
- 5) Before visiting the Solid Waste Facility, make sure to check out all the local reuse and repair locations for items such as glass, bikes, clothing, bedding, pet supplies, and more!

