



**COLCHESTER**  
WASTE/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Keep  
Colchester  
Clean**

# “Illegal Dump Sites are just that... ILLEGAL”

### Congratulations to Colchester residents.

- According to recent studies they are disposing 12% less garbage than the provincial average - 141 Kg per resident compared to the Provincial average of 148 Kg. This does not include commercial, industrial or construction and demolition debris.
- On September 1, Colchester residents will be start using “clear” bags for garbage disposal. Six bags are permitted from each residence, comprising 5 clear bags and 1 non-see through privacy bag.
- The purpose is to encourage more recycling to extend the lifespan of the balefill cells in Kemptown. Across the province clear bag programs in other municipalities, on average, have reduced garbage disposal by 30%.
- Clear bags for garbage will be for everyone businesses, schools, apartments and institutions.
- Public education sessions will be held in September and by request during the months of May to August. Contact 895-4777 to schedule one for your worksite.
- On January 1, 2012 enforcement will begin where the non-clear bags (exception privacy bag) will not be collected or accepted for disposal at the Colchester Balefill Facility.
- Black garbage bags can hide banned materials that should be either recycled or composted. Recycling and composting is much more economical activity than landfilling.
- The current cell I-3 is scheduled to be filled by 2013. It is estimated that the next cell will cost four million dollars.
- It costs about \$1.5 million per hectare to develop a landfill cell and it is expected to last seven years. Reducing garbage disposal by 30% will probably extend the life to 10 years and defer costs into the future.

### Much needs to be done.

- Across Nova Scotia, the current average of garbage going to the landfill is 401 Kg per person, which includes residential, institutional, commercial, construction and demolition debris. By 2015 the province has set a target of 300 kg per person.
- This target includes all waste disposed by residents and businesses at municipal facilities and the waste materials disposed at private construction and demolition sites.
- Institutional and Commercial waste at 291 Kg is the third highest currently at 63% higher than the provincial average of 179 Kg.
- Colchester residents are disposing less than the Provincial average but the construction and demolition (178 Kg) are the second highest per person in the province 141% higher than the provincial average of 74 Kg.
- In Colchester, the commercial sector accounts for 70 percent of the total weight going to the landfill and by private construction and demolition disposal facilities (C&D).
- To ensure Colchester is clean, we will be increasing our surveillance for illegal dumping sites. If you find an illegal dumping site, please contact your local councilor or the municipal office.



**Illegal dumpsite discovered on Lornevale Road, Great Village.**



**Thank You!**



The Staff at Colchester Waste Resource Management would like to Thank You, the Residents of the Municipality of

Colchester and the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke, for your continued support and participation in the recycling and composting programs. The small daily contributions of many individuals to these programs help to ensure their success and the continued preservation of our beautiful communities and neighbourhoods. We look forward to your continued participation and welcome your comments and ideas on future waste reduction programs and services.

**Here's to a Healthy and Green 2011!**



**Recycling  
Questions?**

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