

Municipal Joint Services Board

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RE: CLEAR BAGS FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES

Effective October 1, 2014, all residents and businesses will be **required** to place garbage and recyclables in clear bags for curbside collection. Clear bags are available at local hardware stores, department stores and grocery stores presently. We encourage businesses and residents to begin using clear bags for garbage and recyclables at their earliest convenience.

For privacy reasons, each household and/or business will be allowed to use one opaque bag (black, dark green or white), per collection day which is sized between 66 cm x 91 cm and 75 cm x 120 cm. Recyclables were previously collected in transparent blue bags.

Up to a maximum of six (6) bags of garbage may be placed per any one eligible premise, per collection. Five (5) garbage bags may be clear and one (1) garbage bag may be opaque. Privacy bags must be sorted correctly and may be subject to curbside inspection. The contents of garbage bin liners (kitchen catchers/ shopping bags) must be emptied into clear garbage bags; once emptied, bin liners may be disposed of in clear garbage bags as well.

The bag colour changes will mean that residents and businesses in Mahone Bay will be required to use:

- **clear bags for garbage:** chip bags, diapers, vacuum cleaner bags, Styrofoam, textiles, kitty litter;
- **clear bags for recyclables:** plastic food containers and bags, metal can, glass jars, milk and juice cartons; and
- **one opaque bag for garbage is allowed for privacy:** waste items which residents or businesses consider private/ personal.

All other wastes will be collected the same way:

- **green cart for organics:** all food scraps, meat and bones, wet or soiled paper, paper plates and pizza boxes;
- **clear bags or plastic grocery bags for paper:** newsprint, flyers, food boxes, books and magazines; and
- **tied bundles for corrugated cardboard:** cardboard flattened and tied in bundles no greater than 3 feet by 2 feet; bundles no thicker than 2 feet.

If you have any questions, please call (902) 543-2991. Visit www.communityrecycling.ca to view the updated Town of Mahone Bay Solid Waste Management Bylaw and waste sorting brochures. Waste sorting presentations may be arranged by calling (902) 543-4277.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Smits - Public Outreach Manager
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