

# WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES ON PRIVATE ROADS

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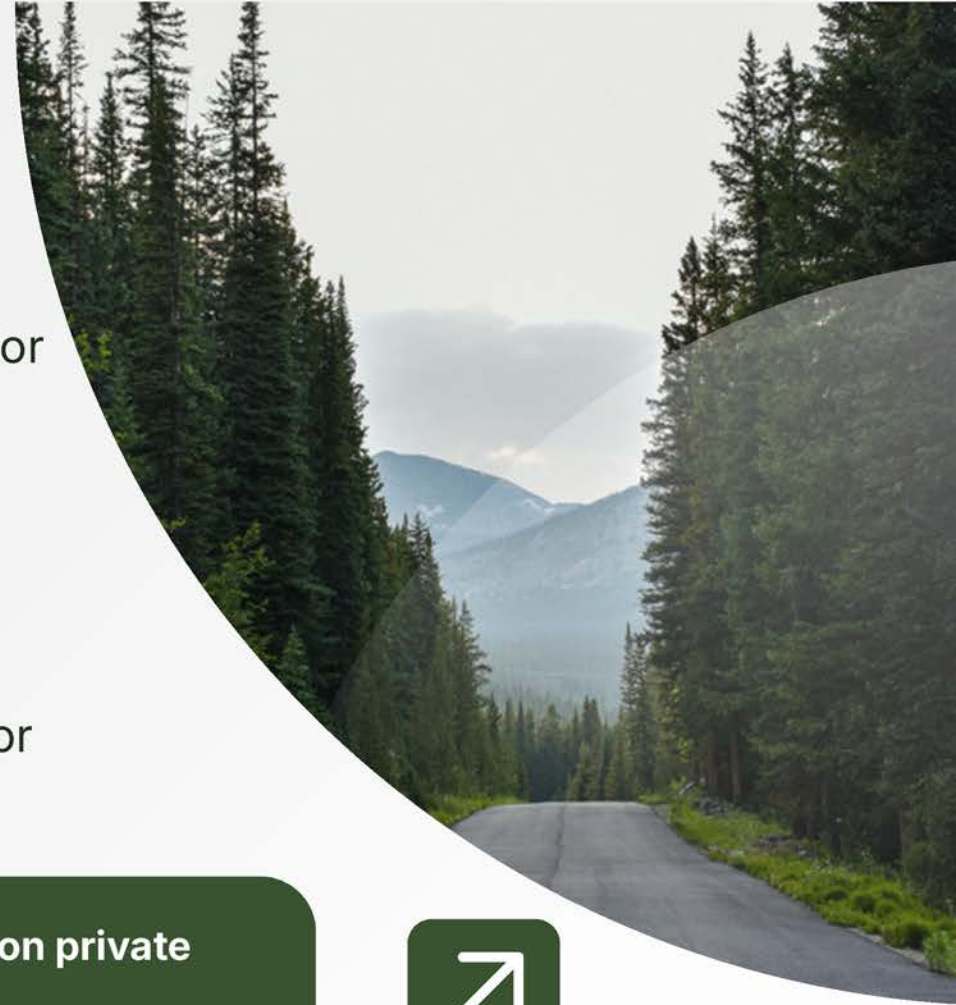


# INTRODUCTION

Private roads can be challenging to navigate for waste collection services. They are privately managed and do not receive the same maintenance as public roads.

There are many things to consider when managing your waste while living year round or vacationing on a private road.

Please visit [www.vwrm.com](http://www.vwrm.com) for more information on private roads and to sign up for our email list.



# ROAD ASSOCIATION

Road associations are a great tool in managing waste collection services on your road as well as road maintenance.

*If you have a road association, please give them your email for easier communication with Valley Waste. Alternatively, you can add your name to our email list by emailing [education@vwrm.com](mailto:education@vwrm.com).*



# PRIVATE ROAD VEHICLE



The truck that travels private roads is different than the regular curbside trucks.

- ✓ 2 stream truck: garbage, compost and recycling
- ✓ Smaller and narrower
- ✓ No four wheel drive
- ✓ Only one type of truck for all private roads

# SHARED WASTE STORAGE BINS

If your road does **NOT** receive curbside collection and instead uses a shared storage bin, then it is the responsibility of **ALL** users to maintain the bin.

Remove any stickered bags of your own and help to keep it clean.



**Be a good neighbour and help keep the bin clean!**

# COLLECTION LIMITS

Each residence has a collection limit of 4 bags of garbage, unlimited recycling and one compost cart every two weeks.

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- ✓ Within your 4 bags of garbage, you are allowed one solid privacy bag.

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- ✓ Recycling must be sorted into two separate blue bags: 1. plastic/metal/glass and 2. paper/cardboard

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- ✓ We can provide you with a compost cart for your food and yard waste



For sorting guidelines please visit our website [www.vwrm.com](http://www.vwrm.com) or [CLICK HERE](#)

# BULKY WASTE

Starting April 1, 2026 public roads will receive bulky waste collection bi-weekly. Most private roads will not have this service because they are travelled by the smaller cottage truck.

***Private roads will continue to have a twice-a-year bulky waste collection. Each residence will be allowed to put a maximum of 20 items out at a designated spot.***

Valley Waste will communicate about when and where collection will be.

## Some examples of bulky waste:

Furniture

Appliances

Lawn & Garden Tools

Construction Materials

Large Childrens Toys

***We do not accept things like electronics or hazardous waste. Please see next page for guidelines.***





## ACCEPTED BULKY WASTE ITEMS

**\*Limit of two items per bi-weekly collection.**



### HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

Such as a washer, dryer, or stove.

**NOTE:** Cooling devices such as fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, and dehumidifiers **must be brought to our sites for CFC removal or display a certified CFC removal sticker.**



### FURNITURE ITEMS

Such as a sofa, mattress, shelving. **Any one furniture or appliance item can weigh up to 91kg (200lb): other items must weigh no more than 34kg (75lb) each.** Carpet should be rolled in 4ft lengths.



### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Such as a water tank, boiler (which **must all be drained**).



### CONSTRUCTION WASTE

Lumber or loose items must be bagged or tied securely in bundles **no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft)**. Nails should be bent over or removed.



### SMALL AUTO PARTS

No fuel or fluids

**NEW!** \*As of April 1st, 2026, bulky waste will be collected on the same day as regular curbside collection on public roads. Residents on private roads should contact their cottage association for details.

### RULES FOR BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

- A maximum of 2 bulky items will be collected per stop, with each item defined as a single object or securely tied bundle up to 4ft in length.
- Remove batteries from items; they can be dropped off at participating locations or our sites for free. This includes items with encased batteries.
- Do NOT leave items at the end of your driveway that you do not want collected, or mark them clearly with a sign that says **Do Not Collect**.
- Residents must remove any uncollected items from roadside after collection.



## NOT ACCEPTED

**Items not collected curbside!**

### COOLING DEVICES

Fridges, freezers, air conditioners, ice makers, water coolers, and dehumidifiers **without a CFC sticker can be brought to our sites for a small fee to remove the CFCs.**

### ELECTRONICS\*NEW\*

Similar to televisions, you can bring kettles, computers, monitors, stereos, printers, telephones, hairdryers, countertop microwaves, air fryers, toasters, and more into our sites or participating EPRA locations for FREE. Visit <https://epra.ca/> for info.

### AUTOMOTIVE TIRES

Up to four rimless tires a day can be returned to any tire dealership, free of charge.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Visit [vwrn.com](http://vwrn.com) for information on disposal.

### HOUSEHOLD AND LITHIUM BATTERIES

Bring to our sites or participating locations for FREE!

### LARGE AUTO PARTS

Call your local auto salvage yard for more information.



# COMPOST CARTS

We can provide one large compost cart by delivery or pickup at one of our two locations: Lawrencetown or Kentville. We also provide one mini kitchen bin for every new build.

Only food and yard waste can go in the compost cart and you will need to ensure that it does not get overloaded - otherwise it will not be able to be collected due to weight limits.



You can request a compost cart by calling our hotline  
902-679-1325 or  
[CLICK HERE](#) to order on our website

# SHORT TERM RENTALS

Garbage issues with short-term rentals stem from high turnover, improper sorting, and overflowing bins, often resulting in pests, odors, and neighbourhood friction.

These issues can be avoided by ensuring there is clear signage and proper guest communication.

***It is the owner's responsibility to deal with all unsorted waste and rejected bags.***



Clear signage posted for guests

Sorted waste and recyclables



Collection limits are still the same

Waste needs to be out on time



# WINTER COLLECTION

Winter collection on private roads is at the driver's discretion. The truck does not have four wheel drive. Below are the factors that could affect collection:

Compacted  
snow + Ice

Narrow roads

Turnaround  
not plowed

Not  
sanded or  
salted

In order to guarantee your garbage will be collected, please put items out at the nearest public road. You can work with other residents to have a shared bin for the winter only at the end of the road and we can deliver a compost cart to dump organics into.



# BEAR COUNTRY

Living on a private road in a rural area means that you have an increased chance of attracting bears to your garbage. There are many preventative steps you can take to keep them away from your property:

- Only put garbage out as close as possible to collection day or on the morning of
- Freeze food waste - especially items like fish and meat
- Use a bear proof bin or store garbage indoors
- Take waste home if you only go on the weekend
- Take down bird feeders when not needed.
- Keep BBQ grills clean and free of grease
- Feed pets indoors
- Pick fruit trees as soon as they ripen and remove fallen fruit
- Irish Spring soap and chlorine pucks are good deterrents



# ILLEGAL DUMPING

Report any instances of illegal dumping and burning on our website.

[Click Here](#)



Burning



Dumping



Disposal on private property



Disposal at shared bin site

# GOT QUESTIONS?



*Get in touch with our education team!*

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