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# **Practical Ecocitizen Guide**

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**RECYCLING** 



**COMPOSTING** 



**ECOCENTERS** 



BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.
YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!



# RECYCLING it's that easy

Is it a container, a wrapping or a printed material?



Is it made from paper, cardboard, metal, plastic or glass?

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If you answered YES to both of these questions, it goes in the RECYCLING BIN!

# **RECYCLING TIPS AND TRICKS**

Empty and flatten your boxes and containers.

Publisac flyers must be removed from the plastic bag.

Do not crush paper sheets.
Put shredded paper in a clear tied bag.

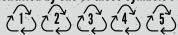
Leave your recycling articles loose in the bin.



Properly rinse all containers.

# Plastic

All plastic containers and bottles such as personal hygiene and household cleaning products, or packaging identified by one of these symbols:



- Caps and lids
- Plastic bags gathered in one clear tied bag (bag of bags)



Look twice at the number on your plastic article, because these plastics go in the garbage bin:



- Cardboard boxes, rolls and tubes
- Cereal /cookie boxes and egg crates
- Milk and juice cartons and aseptic containers (Tetra Pak<sup>TM</sup> type)
- Newspapers, flyers, magazines, books, catalogues, telephone directories, envelopes, paper bags and sheets of paper



- Caps and lids
- Tin cans, aluminum plates, beverage cans and foil



# Glass

• Glass containers, bottles and jars



MANY GLASS Container Deposit Sites are available!





PRIORITIZE DEPOSIT SITES

FOR RETURNABLE

CONTAINERS.



# COMPOSTING it's that easy

Can it be eaten?

Is it soiled paper or cardboard?

Is it garden waste?

If your answer is YES, it goes in the

**BROWN BIN!** 



# Kitchen Waste

- **Animal food**
- Cereal products (bread, pasta, etc.)
- Dairy products and egg shells
- Fruits, vegetables and their peels
- Meat and fish (all parts)
- **Nut shells**
- Spoiled food (no packaging)



# **Garden Waste**

- Grass, garden waste, straw, hay, etc.
- Leaves and conifer needles
- **Potting soil**



# Paper/Cardboard soiled and non-waxed

- Cardboard dishware
- Muffin paper molds
- **Newspapers**
- Paper towels (without chemical products)
- Pizza boxes (non-waxed)
- Tissues
- Parchment paper



# Other materials

- Animal litter or feces loose or in a paper bag
- Cold ashes and natural corks
- Fur, feathers and hair

# DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Only compostable non-waxed cardboard dishware and packaging are accepted in the brown bin.

44% of your garbage is organic matter. **Keep composting!** 

Compost is available for free to all MRC residents. **Consult bmvert.ca** 



# **COMPOSTING TIPS AND TRICKS**

Rinse your bin often to reduce bad odours.



Wrap your leftovers meat, fish, seafood, shells and bones as well as soggy food in a newspaper sheet and twist it at each end.



Put any leftovers meat or fish in the freezer until collection day.

Sprinkle with sodium bicarbonate (baking soda), salt or vinegar to avoid fruit flies and maggots.



Take off stickers and elastics bands from your fruits and vegetables before putting them in the brown bin.



# **ONLY PAPER BAGS ARE** ACCEPTED.

No biodegradable or compostable plastic bags in the brown bin.



lawnmower and leaving them to breakdown on your lawn.



# Regional Ecocenter open year round

2500, St-Joseph Road, Cowansville, 450 263-2351

Monday to Thursday: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 4:30 PM

Saturday : 8 AM - 12 PM & 12:30 PM - 4 PM

**Closed on Sundays and Holidays** 

**ECOCENTERS ARE FREE** FOR ALL MRC RESIDENTS.

Consult BMVERT.CA for **LOCAL ECOCENTERS SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR** 

# Steps to follow...

- Separate your items before coming to the ecocenter.
- 2 Show an ID card and proof of residence.
- 3 Put your items by yourself in the designated sections. No help provided on site.

Residential trailer with a maximum of 64 ft<sup>3</sup> (1,8 m <sup>3</sup>)

(example: 4' x 8' x 2')



# **ACCEPTED ITEMS**

# **AGGREGATES**

Brick, concrete, asphalt, rock, etc.



Wood, branches, wood furniture, pallets, etc.



Televisions, computer hardware, etc.

ROOF SHINGLES REFUSED

**Construction, Renovation and Demolition items** Insulation wool, gypsum, PVC pipes, etc.

# METAL

Iron, aluminum, metal scraps, appliances, etc.

# HHW

**Household Hazardous Waste** 

Paint and oil in their original containers, filters, batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, etc.

# **RECYCLABLE ITEMS**

Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal

Bring your used but still good items to local charity organisations or thrift stores.



# DEAD LEAVES AND **GARDEN WASTE**

In bulk or in paper bags only

# **VARIOUS ITEMS**

Carpets, sofas, mattresses, tires, bicycles, styrofoam packaging, infant/child car seats, etc.



















# SOME ARTICLES MUST BE PUT IN THE GARBAGE

Be sure your articles cannot be recycled, composted or sent to the ecocenter before disposing of them in the garbage.

- Broken dishware
- Chip bags
- Coffee cups
- Compostable or biodegradable plastic dishware and packaging
- Diapers
- Ear swabs and dental floss
- Glazed, waxed or laminated cardboard boxes
- Numbers (6) (7) plastics
- Photos or laminated papers

- Plastic or bubble mail envelopes (Ex .: Amazon, Purolator)
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic wine corks
- Plastics with no number
- Sanitary products
- Snack packaging
- Small yogurt containers
- Styrofoam food packaging
- Tobacco products
- Textiles

# OTHER OPTIONS

## MANY DEPOSIT SITES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BROME-MISSISOUOI AREA



Businesses offering a paint recycling service



Glass container deposits



Containers for used textiles in good



Local community organizations for second life of useful material



Pharmacies for drugs and syringes



Regional Ecocenter for styrofoam packaging

## CONSULT YOUR MUNICIPALITY FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULES



Dead leaves



**Bulky items** 



Christmas trees



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