

I Can See Clearly Now

As of November 1, 2017, all non-residential waste generators will be required to use clear bags to dispose of garbage. Waste will no longer be accepted in black, coloured or opaque bags.

Non-residential waste customers include businesses, institutions and non-profit organizations.



WHY CLEAR BAGS?

- Promotes recycling and organics diversion
- Clear bags prompt you – it is much easier to notice if you are disposing of recyclable and compostable materials in the garbage if a clear bag is used.
- Improve worker safety by helping waste collectors to identify hazardous or sharp objects in the bag, such as needles or glass, prior to handling
- Help monitor for compliance



In Halifax, Nova Scotia, a requirement to use clear bags for garbage has led to a 24% decline in garbage disposal – and increases in recycling volumes!

CLEAR BAGS COST THE SAME PRICE

Numerous municipalities with clear bag programs report that clear bags cost the same as opaque bags. Both types of bags are made of the same plastic resin; the only difference is the dye in the plastic.

