WASTE WATCH BLUE BAG PROGRAM EXPANDS TO INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD METALS Effective MARCH 1 / 2010

Household METAL items will be collected MONTHLY on your blue bag day

WHAT IS A METAL?
For an item to be considered ‘metal’, it must be more than 50% metal. For example, a frying pan with a plastic handle is considered a metal item.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT METAL ITEMS IN YOUR BLACK CART

SMALL METAL ITEMS:
Please place clean and dry items directly in Blue Bag #2 along with your plastics, glass, and cans.
Examples include:
- pots & pans
- baking sheets
- metal cutlery
- small tools
- small appliances (toasters, kettles, irons, etc.)

LARGE METAL ITEMS:
Place directly at curb on blue bag day. Household items must be less than 4 ft. in length and 50 lbs. Multiple items (such as tent poles) must be bundled and tied.
Examples include:
- bicycles
- push lawn mowers
- microwave
- barbeques (propane tanks not collected)
NO ITEMS WITH FREON PLEASE

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What is a Metal item?
For an item to be considered 'metal', it must be more than 50% metal. For example, a frying pan with a plastic handle would be considered a metal item. Items that have less than 50% metal are considered waste.

What can be placed into the blue bag?
Place small household metal items into blue bag #2 along with plastics, milk cartons, glass and metal cans. Items must be clean and dry to not contaminate other recyclables. Please also ensure the bag does not become so heavy that it might rupture when placing at curb.

What about larger Metal items?
Items such as barbeques, microwaves ovens, etc. may be placed directly at curb beside the blue bags. To be collected, the item must be less than 4 feet in length and must weigh less than 50 lbs.

What Metals will not be collected?
Items that do not meet guidelines cannot be accepted as well as items from businesses including farms and home-based businesses. In addition, items containing hazardous materials (i.e. Freon, gasoline, paint, propane tanks, etc.) will not be collected.

How do I dispose of items that exceed collection guidelines?
Items that do not meet collection guidelines may be taken to a scrap metal dealer. This material may also be taken to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center, however a metal disposal fee, based on weight, will be charged.

Can I put Metal items into my waste cart instead?
No. Carts containing metals will be rejected. Metal is recyclable and can save valuable landfill space and energy when remanufactured.

How do I dispose of sharp Metal items?
Items that have the potential to slice a bag open or potentially injure people or animals should not be placed loosely into the bag. For example, broken scissors or knife blades should be wrapped with plastic or packing/masking tape. Alternatively, sharp items could be collected and placed in an empty metal can with a tight fitting lid (i.e. coffee can).

How do I dispose of very small or multiple Metal items such as nails, screws, etc.?
Small multiple items (such as nails, etc.) may be placed into an empty can with a tight fitting lid before placing into the blue bag. Larger items (such as aluminum tent poles) can be bundled and tied and placed directly at curb.

Can residential Metals be taken to a drop-off for free on Saturday mornings?
Metals that meet the guidelines for collection will be accepted at no charge on Saturday mornings at all Waste Watch Drop-Off Centres as well as at 175 Industrial Crescent in Summerside and 2030 Georgetown Rd. in Roseneath. Metal items outside these guidelines can be taken to a scrap metal dealer, or will be accepted at IWMC facilities subject to a disposal fee.