

# How to Temporarily Store Your Waste

Tips for community members who will be impacted by the suspension of residential recycling and compost collection.



-  Please use curbside collection as you normally would for regular garbage, unless instructed otherwise by your community leadership.
-  Check your clear garbage bags for rips and tears before placing them curbside. If there are any rips or tears, place the bag within another clear bag.
-  Remember that your waste collection team may be working with less staff than normal, please be considerate if there are delays.

## Compost

Take steps to reduce your food waste at home:

- Buy only what you need at the store.
- Cook just enough for your family.
- Store any leftovers in the fridge for up to three days.
- Use the food you have before buying new food.

Line your indoor compost bucket with paper to absorb excess liquid and keep the outdoor bin clean.

Store your indoor compost bucket in the freezer until it is full to prevent smell and fruit flies

-  Please remember not to burn your garbage or recycling. Burning these items releases toxic fumes that can cause nausea, rashes, and headaches in healthy individuals and may put community members with preexisting conditions such as COPD and asthma at risk.

-  If your community recycling and compost is suspended for longer than 2 collection cycles, the CMM will reach out to community leadership to make a plan to safely store waste until it can be brought to the proper facilities.

## Blue Bag Recycling

Make sure any plastic recycling is clean and dry to prevent smell and pests.

Store your recycling indoors or in a safe outdoor space (basement, covered porch, shed, garage, etc)

Avoid placing excess recycling curbside, as this may blow in the wind and become litter or be a hazard to drivers,

Paper recycling can be neatly stacked or bagged and stored without any smell or pests.

Paper recycling can also be used to line your compost bin.

Do you have questions about waste sorting in your community? Contact Ashley at [acopage@cmmns-denr.ca](mailto:acopage@cmmns-denr.ca)



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