

Waste Management for Southwest Avalon is changing

Find out what this means for **YOU**

WHAT is the role of Eastern Waste Management?

The role of EWM is to design an integrated waste management service allowing the 163 communities of the Eastern Region to close 42 landfills and focus diversion efforts on the single Regional Integrated Waste Facility located at Robin Hood Bay.

The objective of EWM is to support the goals of the Provincial Waste Management Strategy at a reasonable cost while maximizing public accessibility and maintaining open and consistent communications with the residents, businesses and municipal stakeholders of the Eastern Region.

The Southwest Avalon Waste Management Committee and EWM are committed to reaching the 50% diversion target for the communities involved. As we develop a better understanding

of the needs of each community and develop a sustainable plan that benefits the environment, business and people within the region, additional services will be made available. In conjunction with Government Departments and the Multi-Material Stewardship Board (MMSB) they will continue to be diligent in developing a program to educate the public on the importance of waste diversion. As the project proceeds, EWM will inspire confidence and support while maintaining goodwill once implementation begins.

WHO is responsible for waste management?

The Province has established Eastern Waste Management (EWM) as the organization that will advance waste management planning and assist communities to implement the Provincial Waste Management Strategy in the Eastern Region. EWM is working with local partners such as the Southwest Avalon Waste Management Committee, in a joint initiative of St. Mary's Bay, Placentia and the Cape Shore.

Should you have any questions or concerns about these changes, Eastern Waste Management is happy to provide further information upon request.

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WHY is waste management changing?

With the implementation of the Government's Provincial Waste Management Strategy, all communities must upgrade to modern waste management practices and adopt diversion goals. Environmentally harmful practices such as open burning of garbage at landfill sites and the use of teepee incinerators have been banned in the Province. By 2010, all waste in the Eastern Region stretching from St. John's to Clarenville will be sent to Robin Hood Bay and all smaller waste sites will be closed.

WHERE will our waste go now?

The Placentia and St. Joseph's waste sites have been proposed as interim sites based on environmental criterion, accessibility and the costs associated with their upgrade.

Placentia

Serving Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights to Branch.

St. Joseph's

Serving North Harbour to St. Vincent's-St. Stephen's-Peter's River.

All other waste sites in the region will be closed according to the Department of Environment and Conservation's standards to facilitate a return to natural conditions. It is then up to us to keep our communities clean and healthy! Continued use of closed sites will be considered illegal dumping and could result in penalties.

HOW will the proposed changes affect us?

Curbside collection will expand:

- Bagged household waste will still be collected weekly at curbside for serviced areas.
- Residents in unincorporated areas will be billed individually for curbside waste collection. This includes the communities of: Harricott, North Harbour, Mall Bay, Cuslett, Patrick's Cove, Angel's Cove, Ship Cove, Little Barasway, Big Barasway, Point Verde and Ship Harbour.
- Seasonal and other residents such as those along Salmonier Line and Colinet Road will be billed individually. These residents must contact the EWM office to be included in the service.

Bulk waste disposal will be scheduled:

- Bulk pickup for large items will occur 2-3 times a year at curbside in each community.
- Residents can drop off bulk items at Placentia and St. Joseph's landfills during regular hours of operation.
- There will be no fee for residents wishing to bring their bulk items of household waste directly to the interim sites.

Waste will be managed regionally:

- Communities will utilize a larger, joint collection vehicle.
- The expense of the new system will be split equally.

Increased recycling and composting will reduce the amount of waste that has to be managed.

