

June 22, 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Request for Access to Information Under Part II
of the Access to Information and Protection Privacy Act**

On June 12, 2017, the City of St. John's received your request for access to the following information:

*"I would like all information on curbside recycling:
What are the requirements of residents placing recyclables at curbside?
Who picks up the recyclables?
What happens to the recyclables after being picked up at curbside?
Cost per household to the city to have recyclables picked up.
Cost per ton to dispose of recyclables.
Number of tons of recyclables for 2016 and total cost to the city."*

Enclosed is the information you requested. As the provision of the information constitutes full disclosure, we now consider this matter completed and will be closing the file.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 576-8619 or by e-mail: kchafe@stjohns.ca

Yours truly,



Karen Chafe
ATIPP Coordinator

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1. What are the requirements of residents placing recycling at the curb.

Our curbside program is collected bi-weekly. Material must be sorted in 2 bags. One bag for containers and another bag for fibres. All material must be in blue transparent bags.

Must be set out by 8:00 am on collection day.

The following is a list of items accepted:

Fibres Include	Containers Include (Must be rinsed free from food)
Newspapers, flyers, junk mail	Aluminum pie plates and trays
Bond, white and coloured paper	Aluminum beverage containers
Books (hardcovers removed) Phone books, Catalogues	PETE #1 Plastic containers (Pop, Water, Juice, etc)
White and brown paper bags	Gable tops (Milk and Juice Cartons)
Computer paper, writing paper, envelopes	Tetra Paks (Juice Boxes)
Glossy Paper/Magazines	Ferrous Containers (Steel/Tin Cans)
Clean, unwaxed, corrugated cardboard(bagged or bundled 2' x 2' x 1')	Plastic Containers #2,3, #5-#7, tubs Examples: Javex, shampoo, liquid detergent, ice cream, yogurt, ketchup, etc
Box board (Cereal, cracker boxes, etc)	
Paper egg cartons	
Empty Paper Towel and Toilet Tissue Rolls	
Drink/Coffee Trays	

For more details on materials that are accepted please visit www.curbitstjohns.ca.

Glass bottles and jars along with plastic shopping bags are not accepted in our program.

2. Who picks up the recyclables?

City of St John's collection staff.

3. What happens to the recycling after they are picked up at the curb?

Collection trucks unload at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Containers and fibres are unloaded separately and are not mixed at any time. Each stream of recyclable is then placed on separate conveyor belts and sent to sorting rooms. Material is sorted by type of material and dropped into bunkers. Once a bunker is full, the material is sent to a compacting machine and is baled. The baled material is sold, loaded on trucks and shipped to end markets to be reused in products.

4. Cost per household to the city to have the recyclables picked up at the curb?

\$23.47 plus tipping fees (2016).

5. Cost per tonne to dispose of recycling?

Tipping fees for recycling is \$ 20.00 per tonne.

6. Number of tons of recyclables for 2016 and total cost to the city?

2,629 metric tonnes. Total cost \$ 52,580.00.