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Please post for Council Information.  
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Kim,

Jesse is aware of the information below, but given things are about to change (starting next week) I wanted to provide more details to you both and suggest this message is shared with Council. It is a good news story.

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I wanted to provide an update to one of the incoming regulation changes to Nova Scotia and our operational response to it. Nova Scotia is expanding the list of materials that will be accepted under the Electronics Recycling Program (a stewardship program). The expanded list means these items will no longer be accepted as regular waste (ban from landfill), and therefore can no longer be collected with curbside garbage.

These items are not something we chose but are decided by the Province with the electronic stewardship group. So, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> the following items will no longer be accepted as regular garbage.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Floor or carpet care appliances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Garment care appliances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appliances for counter-top cooking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Devices for cutting food items and opening or sealing containers or packages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Devices for measuring time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal care appliances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scales
- \_\_\_\_\_ Portable air treatment appliances

That list is from the regulation and not clear to most of us. So what it really means is the following is the list the crews will be working off to collect with the metal/electronics truck.

### Curbside Electronics List - May 2024

Television (any size/type)

Computer (laptop & desktop)

- computer monitor
- laptop or desktop
- tablets
- accessories like keyboards, mouse, cords

#### **Vehicle Audio/Video Systems**

- amplifiers
- equalizers
- speakers

#### **Home Theatre In-A-Box**

- pre-package systems (built-in video/DVD)

#### **External Drives/Modems**

#### **Desktop & Portable Scanners**

#### **GPS Devices**

- for vehicles
- for personal use (GPS watches)

#### **Desktop Printers, Fax, and Scanners**

- laser, inkjet, etc
- multifunctional (copy, scan, fax)
- single function (only a printer)

#### **Personal Portable Audio/Video Systems**

- portable speakers
- CD players
- tape or radio players
- MP3 players
- digital cameras
- video cameras
- headphones

#### **Air-Treatment Appliances**

- portable fans
- air purifiers
- heaters
- humidifiers
- aromatherapy diffusers

**\*\*Not Air Conditioners\*\***

#### **Personal Care Appliances**

- curling irons, hair straighteners
- hair dryers
- hair clippers
- electronic toothbrushes
- electronic shavers

### Clocks & Scales & Garment Care

- alarm clocks
- wall clocks
- timers
- bathroom scales
- food scales
- luggage scales
- clothing iron or steamer

### Floor & Carpet Care Appliances

- vacuums
- carpet cleaners
- robotic vacuums (Roomba, Shark)
- handheld vacuums & stick vacuums

### Phones

- all phones
- answering machines

### E-Readers & Gaming Devices

- e-readers
- gaming consoles
- hand-held gaming (ex. Nintendo Switch)
- accessories

### Countertop Appliances & Microwaves

- toasters & toaster ovens
- fryers
- hot plates
- bread machines
- coffee makers, espresso makers, kettles
- blenders, food processors
- juicers & dehydrators
- coffee grinders
- electronic can opener
- electronic food vacuum sealer

**\*\*No built-in microwaves/range hood combinations\*\***

This change is positive on the waste diversion side, but as you can see from the list above will cause some frustration for those that could put these items curbside but now need to drop-off at an approved (designated) location. Approved facilities for NS can be found [here](#).

I have secured curbside collection of these items under our existing curbside collection contract with ReGroup, at no additional costs. When the original electronics program launched we registered as a designated drop-off and moved TVs and computers to our metal collection truck. As a result of those decisions years ago we are able to continue collecting curbside with the metal/electronics truck these new additions to the list.

### What residents will see:

1. The expanded list of items no longer collected by the garbage truck;

2. The new list of items will be collected with the metal/e-waste truck;
3. Limits for metal and electronics will be combined

Current Metal Limits	Current Electronics Limits	New Combined Limits
1 large appliance	1 TV or Computer	1 appliance
3 other pieces of metal (ex. BBQ, bicycle). Note: a small box of pots/pans = 1 piece of metal	1 small box of misc. computer accessories (mouse, keyboard, cords, etc)	1 TV or Computer 3 other metal/electronics items 1 Small box of metal/e-waste accessories
4 units	2 units	6 units

Our communications will ensure residents know not to worry if the garbage truck leaves something (like a vacuum) because another truck will be collecting because it is now going to a different processing facility for recycling vs. landfilling.

We are unique in this operational process as I believe we are the only municipality that provides curbside service for these items bi-weekly (some provide for their special collections events).

If you have any questions please let me know. I'm very pleased at the collaborative and reasonable approach ReGroup took on the discussions, and I hope the residents are just as pleased with the smooth transition.

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