

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WESTERN COMMUNITIES
PLEASE IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY

A very serious health and safety issue has been brought to our attention regarding broken glass being delivered to our recycle contractor in the blue recycle bags.

We want to emphasize the important message that **GLASS DOES NOT GO INTO THE BLUE BAGS** and we are asking for your cooperation in ensuring these risks do not continue by directing your curbside collection provider that effective immediately they are NOT to pick up any blue bags from the curb that contain glass containers. Please direct them to leave those bags at the curb with notification to the resident that due to health and safety concerns, glass IS NOT accepted in the blue bags and MUST be placed in the clear bag(s).

If the community feels it is important to take the contaminated blue bag and further educate the residents to allow them to become more familiar with the new regulation, the contaminated blue bag(s) must be placed in the clear bag stream as the entire bag will be contaminated with broken glass.

Residents can still deliver glass beverage containers included in the beverage deposit program (Wine, beer, pop) to either the retailer, or the green depot for your deposit reimbursement; all other **glass is to be placed into the clear garbage bag.**

We are attempting to reach as many communities in the Bay St. George and Corner Brook & Area Sub-regions; however, we need your assistance in passing this message along to your employees, collection service provider, and residents.

As this is a very serious health and safety issue we will be following up on this email to ensure glass is removed from the blue recycle bags permanently. We are requesting that you please advise our office that you have implemented this policy with your own curbside collectors and are doing everything in your power to ensure glass is put into the proper waste stream (clear bag). We cannot express enough the importance of this message and appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Pauline Anderson at 632-2275 or panderson@wrwm.ca. **Also, please notify Pauline to confirm your participation in implementing this important initiative in your community's curbside collection program.**

For general questions regarding our Sort It Western Program, please contact our main office number 632-2922 or toll free 1-844-437-2922.