
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is Western Regional Waste Management?

The Western Regional Service Board operates as Western Regional Waste Management with a mandate to implement the Province's waste management strategy on the West coast. We have 11 elected board members who represent the 7 sub-regions in the Western region. The board members work with municipalities and the Local-Service Districts in their sub-regions to provide regional representation on the board. To view a map of the 7 sub-regions, visit:

http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/publications/business_plans/Western_Regional_Service_Board_2014-16_Business_Plan.pdf

2. What is the Provincial Waste Management Strategy?

The Provincial Government announced its waste management strategy in 2002, which set a 50 percent waste diversion goal, an 80 percent reduction rate in the number of waste disposal sites, and the elimination of open burning and incineration. To read the strategy, visit:

http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/publications/pswms/wastemanagementstrategy_apr2002.pdf.

3. Who is on the Western Regional Service Board?

Chair: Josh Carey, Vice-chair: Barbara Barter

Bay St. George

- Cynthia Downey of Stephenville Crossing
- Peter Fenwick of Cape St. George

Burgeo and areas - Barbara Barter of Burgeo

City of Corner Brook

- Josh Carey
- Bernd Staeben

Humber Valley - Derrick Anthony of Pasadena

Long Range – Joe Reid of Norris Point

North/South Bay of Islands - Anthony (Tony) Blanchard of Irishtown/Summerside

Southwest Coast - Melvin Keeping of Port aux Basques

Western Hills - Roger Barrett of Reidville

White Bay South - Eli Bishop of Pollard's Point

4. What services does WRWM provide?

WRWM currently operates two waste disposal sites in the Corner Brook and Bay St. George areas. These facilities offer programs for the diversion of household hazardous waste and metals. WRWM also holds a contract for paper and cardboard recycling in the Corner Brook area.

5. When will WRWM be launching the 2-stream waste management program?

We're following the provincial waste management strategy that requires us to reduce the materials going into the landfills by 50 per cent by 2020. Timewise, we are planning to launch our 2-stream program in July 2018. We want to give residents, businesses and municipalities lots of time to prepare.

6. What is the cost of the new 2-stream program?

There will be an increased cost for bringing our standards up to the Provincial Government's standards. The cost is \$164/ton from July 1st, 2018 to December 31st, 2018. We understand that this is going to affect people and we have been working to try to keep the cost as low as possible.

7. What is the status of construction on the 6 transfer stations?

The six transfer stations are centralized collection areas for waste and recycling. We are on track to have them up and running for the new waste management service when it launches in 2018.

8. Why are we moving our waste to the facility in Norris Arm?

All options were analysed in-depth and it was determined that the lowest cost option for Western NL is to transfer waste to the existing facility in Norris Arm. They have a provincially-approved, state-of-the-art, lined landfill which is engineered to handle a much higher volume of materials than it is currently processing.

The Norris Arm facility has a *leachate treatment system*, which is key to processing waste. Leachate is the liquid that drains or 'leaches' from a landfill. It can contain carbon monoxide, ammonia nitrogen and heavy metals. We can't have this leaking into our environment and our water systems through our old landfills anymore. For more information, check out this video of the facility in Norris Arm: <https://www.cnwmc.com/about-us/faqs/>

9. Where can I find more information about the new 2-stream waste program that WRWM is launching?

We will be sending out more information about the program in 2018. Please follow us on social media for updates:

Twitter: @WRWMNL

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wrwmnl/>

10. What geographic area does WRWM cover?

The Board's boundaries span a large geographic area. It includes everything West of Jackson's Arm and the Beaches; reaching north to Bellburns; and south to include Burgeo, Ramea, Grey River and Francois. There are approximately 82 communities (cities, towns and local service districts) in the region.

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