

# Guide

FOR A GOOD MANAGEMENT OF  
OUR RESIDUAL MATERIALS  
ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE 2014-2015



## A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE

In such a fragile environment like the Îles-de-la-Madeleine, the residual material management issues are greater than ever. The territory is inappropriate for land filling, the geographic distance, the additional transport costs and the risks for the groundwater surface, among other things, are factors to consider in island environments that force the Islands to constantly search for innovative solutions. Will we be able to declare one day that residual material management matter is resolved? Probably not, methods and rules will always change, evolve...

In February 2011, a residual material characterization revealed to us that more than 50 % of what is put in the black bin should have been composted or recycled. Even though the Îles-de-la-Madeleine have been the pioneers by carrying out the sorting waste field in Quebec since the early 1990s, our situation today is similar to the one of many municipalities of Quebec. This is not a matter of denying the progress made up until now, but rather looking forward for the next steps that need to be taken in order to adapt to a changing reality and, indeed, proudly regaining the title as a leader in sustainable development management of our residual materials.

The Agglomeration is constantly working to improve the management system and evaluating various treatment technologies that would allow us to enhance the value of our waste, while at the same time attempting to minimize the relevant economic, environmental and social impacts. However, much of the good management residual material's success is not a technical matter, but rather a social and behavioral one. In other words, it is in consumer choices and daily actions of each that contributes to a big part of the solution.

Not only should we constantly adapt to the new sorting rules that change, we should also question ourselves about our choices as consumers. By opting for the strategies 3RVs, reduce, reuse, recycle and enhancing the value of waste, we will do either individual or collective savings, in addition to contributing to our environmental quality.

## SORTING, EVERY WHERE AND AT ANY TIME

On the Islands, many people are proud sorters and (show) themselves as proactive and conscious about their environment. In fact, citizens are aware that they have the responsibility to sort at any time.

However, at work or at social meetings, it happens that the sorting of waste is not accessible. Often this is not because a lack of desire to sort, but a lack of suitable structures in place.

For this purpose, the Agglomeration makes available several tools or services in order to help identify appropriate solutions in homes as in IBI (industries, businesses and institutions). The Agglomeration action is enhanced by the IBI support program developed and conducted by the Centre de recherche sur les milieux insulaires et mari-times (CERMIM). This program allows us to identify concrete practical and custom-made solutions. Tools and services are presented in this guide (page 15).

## THE GUIDE

To better consumption and sorting, the smallest gestures are the ones which are the most sufficient. This guide should allow you to find relevant information and will, hopefully, inspire you to adopt new practices which, cumulated, will make a big difference over the entire territory.

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**BETTER CONSUME**

Since natural resources are not inexhaustible and because we constantly are consuming more, the Islands are a particularly fragile environment that we are depending on. Each citizen has the responsibility to act for the preservation of our environment. Sustainable development has its roots in daily gestures at work, at home and in public places. Let us adopt the 3RVs, Reduction at the source, Reusing, recycling and in order enhance the value of waste.

**“The cheapest waste is the one that never existed at the first place.”**



« When I mow the lawn, I leave the clippings on the ground, I do grass cycling. Besides making my life better, I return nutrients in soil and avoid unnecessary collection, transport and treatment of this material. »  
 « I never leave waste in the environment. »



« Before purchasing an object, I ask myself:  
 Do I really need it?  
 Could I borrow it to someone or buy it used?  
 Is it durable, well designed?  
 Easy to maintain and repair?  
 I know it will last and in the long run, I'm saving! »



« I consume tap water rather than bottled water. »  
 « I organize my home environment to facilitate sorting. »  
 « I have a compost container in the kitchen and in each bathroom. »



« When I go shopping, I always bring my reusable bags or I ask for a box. »  
 « I choose products with minimum packaging or in bulk. »  
 « I also favor concentrated products available. »  
 « I get more for my money and I'm doing reduction at the source! »



« I favor online flyers consultation instead of the paper versions. »  
 « I registered to electronic invoicing and I do my banking transactions online in order to reduce mail. »



« I bring a reusable cup and utensils at work and in the car. »  
 « I convinced my bosses to initiate the three ways sorting at work. »  
 « I set as a priority electronic working. »  
 « When I'm printing, it is double-sided! »  
 « I use the back of a sheet to take notes. »



« I use rechargeable batteries. »  
 « I bring my lunch in reusable containers. »  
 « I bring my unused objects but still functional to Ré-Utiles. »



« I don't let green marketing fooled me, listings: green product, ecological, environmentally friendly, among others, does not mean that the products are truly ecological. When shopping, I check for certified logos such as: Ecologo, Ecocert, etc. »



**SOME DEFINITIONS:**

**Residual materials:** materials or expired objects, discarded, rejected, enhanced or eliminated.

**Reduction at the source:** an approach avoiding residual materials during manufacturing, distribution and use of any goods.

**Reuse:** an approach using a good again without changing its appearance or its properties.

**Recycling:** an approach reintroducing residual material in the production cycle instead of using new material.

**Value of waste:** an approach consisting transformation of residual material.

**WHAT IS COMPOSTING?**

Composting is a form of recovery involving a simple and natural biological process which organic materials decompose through the actions of microorganisms. The resulting compost is a useful soil. Composting is made locally while recyclable and waste materials are exported. Not composting represents a significant economical and environmental cost.

**TRUE OR FALSE?**

**The majority of what is generated in the bathroom is compostable.**

**TRUE.** Tissues, toilet paper, cardboard rolls and makeup remover cottons are compostable. Add a compost container in your bathrooms!

**BIODEGRADABLE BUT NOT NECESSARILY COMPOSTABLE...**

A biodegradable material is not necessarily compostable, because it has to disintegrate in less than 3 months. Biodegradable bags will take months to decompose; this is why we should not place them in compost. Use bags printed with compostable certification logos.



**ON THE ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE, 30 % OF COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS ARE FOUND IN THE BLACK BINS \***

\* Characterization study carried out in 2011 by the Centre de recherche sur les milieux insulaires et maritimes (CERMIM) within the rural development program.

**MEATS AND LITTER, IN COMPOST? REALLY?**

Yes, because on Îles-de-la-Madeleine we make industrial compost which allows decomposing animal and pathogenic materials, as well as processing a maximum amount of local materials. Type B compost is generated and can be use in landscaping, but not in vegetable garden.

**TIP!**

Dropping all materials loosely in the bin is the ideal. Use a paper bag, a cardboard box or put paper in the bottom of your compost container to absorb liquids, you will save money on bags.

**PLANT MATERIAL**

- 01 Flowers
- 02 Plants, weeds
- 03 Lawn, hay, lime
- 04 Dead leaves
- 05 Conifer needles
- 06 Wood chips, cork
- 07 Small branches, no more than 1 cm (0.5 inch) of diameter

**FIBERS**

- 08 Tissues
- 09 Paper towels
- 10 Hand towels
- 11 Cotton swabs (only the cardboard tip) and makeup cottons
- 12 Bills, silk paper, parchment, paper and cardboard waxed or not
- 13 Soiled paper and cardboard not plasticized

**LEFTOVERS**

- 14 Fruits and vegetables, peelings, corn cobs
- 15 Egg and nut shells
- 16 Bread and pasta
- 17 Meat, bones, poultry, fish
- 18 Cooked and raw seafood
- 19 Dairy products
- 20 Ground and filter coffee, tea and herbal tea bags

**OTHER SUBSTANCES**

- 21 Hair
- 22 Pet litter
- 23 Avoid compostable bags, it is better to drop materials loose in the bin

**PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

- 24 Plastic bags and biodegradable bags
- 25 Packaged out-of-date foods
- 26 Tetra Pak, goes in recycling



**WHAT IS RECYCLING?**

Recycling, is giving a second life to materials. It is reducing extraction of raw materials and insures that non-renewable resources find new life. It is also reducing pollution related to landfill and incineration.

**TIP!**

By putting all plastic wraps together in a knotted transparent plastic bag, we prevent them from flying and landing in the environment. Be careful, biodegradable bags are neither recyclable nor compostable and goes in the black bin.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Recyclable materials must ideally be clean and dry. Containers made of glass, plastic and metal should be rinsed and emptied. As for paper and cardboard, they should be put in the compost. Moreover, we can maximize recycling by taking a part an object such as a toy and once separated, the parts can be recycled.



**CARBOARD, PAPER AND OTHERS**

- 01 Paper and cardboard (if the brown bin is full)
- 02 Metallic papers (ex. gift-wrap)
- 03 Milk and juice containers (Tetra Pak)
- 04 Paper and cardboard with plastic (ex. window envelopes)

**SOFT PLASTICS**

- 05 All bags, wrappings and plastic wraps (Saran Wrap<sup>MC</sup>), cleaned, with or without logo

**HARD PLASTICS**

- 06 Any plastic object with or without logo
- 07 Cleaned containers, bottles, wrappings and plastic dishes
- 08 Cleaned styrofoam food containers
- 09 Lids and covers on their container
- 10 Motor oil containers drained with its lid

**METALS**

- 11 Canned food and beverages
- 12 Aluminum plates and paper
- 13 Empty and dry paint cans
- 14 Frozen juice boxes (ideally taking a part)

**GLASSES**

- 15 Bottles and jars clear or colored, whole or broken

**PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

- 16 Wood, windows and other construction or demolition materials
- 17 Non-food styrofoam packaging
- 18 Electronic appliances (see page 10)
- 19 Rubber and vinyl
- 20 Clothes and other textiles
- 21 Knotted black bags

**TRUE OR FALSE?**

**I can put an empty paint can in recycling.**

**TRUE.** If it is empty and dry, otherwise, it has to be taking to a drop-off point. Having a container for recyclable materials in the shed will help you to sort in a more efficient way.

**DEPOSIT, IT PAYS OFF!**

Although returnable containers are also recyclable, taking the time to bringing them back allows you to recuperate money that otherwise would be lost. If motivation and time are missing, donate them to organizations with their respective fundraisers.

**TIP!**

In events, prioritize use of cardboard plates that can be composted with the leftovers. Otherwise, use washable dishes.



**WASTE MATERIALS ARE COSTLY AND WILL CONTINUE TO COST \$\$\$**

Regulation tightens, landfill taxes are cumulative, transportation costs increase, waste materials are costly and will continue to be more and more expensive! Responsibility, as well as the bill, rests on all taxpayers. We can take action that consists of reducing and sorting, everywhere and at any time!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

A characterization study done by the Centre de recherche sur les milieux insulaires et maritimes (CERMIM) in February 2011 shows that more than 50 % of what is put in the black bin by the residents of the Islands should have been composted or recycled.

**TREASURES THAT CANNOT BE BURIED!**

You can help others by donating clothes that are in good condition at the second-hand store (Comptoir familial). For other sorts of objects, think of Ré-Utiles. Otherwise, instead of throwing away, we can give because what we might think is waste for us can be treasure for others!



**NO TO ILLEGAL DUMPS!**

Environmental impacts are particularly important when wastes are disposed in nature. Some products contain heavy metals and hydrocarbons that can contaminate the ground and the groundwater surface. Let us be responsible, think of what we are passing onto future generations!

**TIP!**

It is possible to recycle some products by taking the time to take them apart.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Several recovery systems are currently in study in order to reduce costs as well as environment impacts. Producing energy maybe considered, but to date, reduction remains the best action!

**On the Islands, we are good, let us be excellent!**

**CERAMIC AND SOME GLASSES**

- 01 Broken dishes, ceramics, pyrex
- 02 Broken mirrors
- 03 Incandescent bulbs (for fluorescent bulbs, see page 11)

**SOME POLYMERS**

- 04 Non-food styrofoam packaging
- 05 Products made from multiple plastics
- 06 Soiled plastics

**MIXED MATERIALS**

- 07 Broken or unusable toys and objects
- 08 Compact discs
- 09 Cassettes
- 10 Binders
- 11 Vacuum cleaner bags and dust

**PACKAGING MADE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS**

- 12 Metalized plastics (ex. bag of chips)

**TEXTILES**

- 13 Rags and damaged clothes

**RUBBER AND VINYL**

- 14 Rubber gloves and boots
- 15 Garden hoses
- 16 Balls, etc.

**HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

- 17 Diapers
- 18 Sanitary pads

**PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

- 19 Compostable materials (see pages 4 and 5)
- 20 Recyclable materials (see pages 6 and 7)
- 21 Hazardous materials (see page 11)
- 22 Electronic appliances (see page 10)



**ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES**

Electronic appliances are significantly present in our homes and at work. As technology evolves at a very rapid pace, objects become obsolete and we try to dispose of them. These devices also contain non-renewable material and that are sometimes toxic. A recovery program was organized in order to recycle and recondition electronic components. They should not be put into bins, but rather placed at a transfer point, and it is free!

**DEPOSIT POINTS:**

- WMC
- Transfer points of L'Île-du-Havre-Aubert and Grande-Entrée

**COMPUTERS**

- 01 Laptops, notebook computers, mini-laptops
- 02 Desktops, towers, servers
- 03 Electronic pads, browsers and GPS

**DISPLAY DEVICES**

- 04 Televisions
- 05 Computer monitors fixed and portable

**PERIPHERAL DEVICES**

- 06 Mouse, keyboard
- 07 Chargers
- 08 Remote control
- 09 Cables, connectors

**TELEPHONES**

- 10 Telephone fixed and wireless
- 11 Cellphones, satellite phones and pagers
- 12 Answering machines
- 13 Hands-free devices

**VIDEO GAME CONSOLE**

- 14 Video games
- 15 Controls or any game devices

**AUDIO-VIDEO-WEB SYSTEMS**

- 16 Radios, walkmans, stereo systems, MP3 players
- 17 Amplifiers, equalizers
- 18 Readers, burners, recorders (DVD, CD, MP3 etc.)
- 19 Speakers, headsets, microphones
- 20 Cameras and video cameras, web camera
- 21 Memory cards, hard disks, USB keys
- 22 Routers, receivers

**PRINTERS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENTS**

- 23 Printers
- 24 Faxes, scanners and photocopying machines

**ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES, NEVER IN BINS!**



**WHAT ARE THE HOUSEOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)?**

Household hazardous waste (HHW) needs special management since they represent potential danger for human health and the environment. Several common consumer products are HHW and cannot be placed in the bins.

FREE!



01 Paint and stain 02 Stripper paint remover and glue 03 Vehicle battery 04 Oil and used filters

**DEPOSIT POINTS:**

- WTC
- Transfer points of L'Île-du-Havre-Aubert and Grande-Entrée



05 Aerosols 06 Fluorescent light bulbs and mercury lamps 07 Propane tank

**DEPOSIT POINTS:**

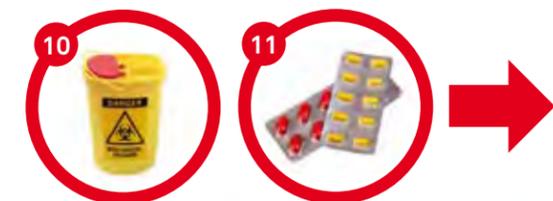
- WTC
- Transfer points of L'Île-du-Havre-Aubert and Grande-Entrée
- Drop boxes located in some businesses (ex. Hardware stores and coops)



08 Fluorescent bulbs and HID lamps 09 Rechargeable batteries or not

**DEPOSIT POINTS:**

- WMC
- Centre multifonctionnel de L'Île-du-Havre-Aubert
- Capitole de l'Est of Grande-Entrée
- Civic Centre of Cap-aux-Meules
- Rec Centre of L'Étang-du-Nord
- Drop boxes located in some businesses and schools



10 Biomedical materials (ex.: syringes) 11 Medication

**DEPOSIT POINTS:**

- Pharmacies
- Hospital
- CLSC

FREE!

**TAKE ACTION, REDUCE WASTE!**

We can reduce toxicity in homes and preserve our streams, avoiding buying and consuming cleaning products with these logos.



**HOUSEOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW), NEVER IN BINS!**



**WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTER (WMC)**

**Located at 1300, route 199, Havre-aux-Maisons, telephone: 418 969-4615**

The Waste Management Center, receiving point of the totality of residual materials, has put in place the required facilities and installations for maximum management and recovery of residual materials. Citizens and businesses need to send all materials that are not accepted within the selective collection such as large waste, construction materials and hazardous wastes.

**FOR RESIDENTIAL CLIENTELE**

**Wednesday 8 h to 12 h 13 h to 17 h**  
**Saturday 8 h to 12 h 13 h to 16 h**

**FREE:**

- Household hazardous waste (see p. 11)
- Electronic appliances (see p. 10)
- Tires without the rims under 48 inches in size
- End-of-life vehicles
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Domestic appliances
- Trees, branches and grass

**FREE!**

**TIP!**

If your object is still in good condition take it to at Ré-Utiles instead, it's free!

**CHARGEABLE:**

**Tires over 48 inches in size (commercial rate)**

**Tires less than 48 inches in size**  
**With rims \$2,50/tire**

**Construction and demolition materials \$20/150 ft<sup>3</sup>**

(the equivalent of a box of truck)  
 Waste must be sorted and disposed in containers identified for this purpose.

- Wood
- Ceramic, concrete and windows
- Asphalt shingles
- Wiring
- Insulation, etc.

**Large waste \$20/150 ft<sup>3</sup> \***

- Furniture that cannot be recovered
- Mattress, etc.

\* Please note, prices are subject to change

**FOR COMMERCIAL CLIENTELE**

**From Monday to Thursday 8 h to 12 h 13 h to 17 h**  
**Saturday 8 h to 12 h 13 h to 16 h**

**FREE:**

- End-of-life vehicles
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Electronic appliances
- Trees and branches
- Paint, stain and aerosol

**FREE!**

**CHARGEABLE:**

**Animal, vegetable or cooking oils, \$0,15/litre**

**Asphalt shingles \$75/tonne**

**Lobster traps \$100/tonne**

**Tires 48 inches and more \$75/tonne**

**Compostable materials \$90/tonne**

Vegetable materials, grass, leaves, leftovers, residues from marine products processing factory, etc.

**Recyclable materials 100 \$/tonne**

Glass, plastic, etc.

**Material for disposal \$150/tonne \***

\* + Government charges payable for the disposal of \$20,38  
 + taxes subject to rising costs twice a year

**Construction and demolition materials \$150/tonne**

Waste must be sorted and disposed in containers identified for this purpose.

- Wood
- Ceramic, concrete and windows
- Asphalt shingles
- Wiring
- Insulation, etc.

**WHY SHOULD WE PAY TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN WASTE?**

We know the costs of waste management are important. Overall, we produce all the same type of waste, however, when it comes to disposing of specific materials, each one is called to pay the costs of what it generates. Costs related to the selective collection of residences are covered by the citizens via tax account while companies or businesses pay their share via a specific collection contract. At the Waste Management Center (WMC), for both citizens and companies, we must pay according to the amount and the type of given material.

**TRANSFER POINTS**

Three transfer points are made available for the citizens in the villages of Grande-Entrée, L'Île-du-Havre-Aubert as well as to L'Île-d'Entrée. Residues from businesses must be taken to the WMC.

**TRANSFER POINT OF GRANDE-ENTRÉE**

**214, route 199, Grande-Entrée**  
 (Fenced area next to the Capitole de l'Est)

**TRANSFER POINT OF L'ÎLE-DU-HAVRE-AUBERT**

**280, chemin du Bassin, L'Île-du-Havre-Aubert**  
 (Fenced area behind the Centre multifonctionnel)

**OPENING HOURS OF THE TRANSFER POINTS**

Call at 418 986-3100 or  
 visit the web site: [www.muniles.ca](http://www.muniles.ca)

**FREE :**

- Paint and stain in their original containers
- Household hazardous waste (see p. 11)
- Electronic appliances (see p. 10)
- Tires without rims less than 48 inches in size
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Appliances
- Trees, branches and grass

**FREE!**

**CHARGEABLE:**

**Construction and demolition materials and large waste \$20/150 ft<sup>3</sup>**  
 (the equivalent of a box of a truck)

**Tires less than 48 inches in size**  
**with the rims \$2,50/tire**

**PREPARE YOUR LOAD**

Please note that no commercial or residual waste such as brick, stone, asphalt, concrete and ash are accepted at the transfer points, they must be taken to the WMC.

Sort your materials in the load because they have to be put in the right places and disposed of in containers identified for this purpose.

Remember to cover your load with a net or a tarp to prevent contents to fly out of your vehicle. This is mandatory!



**GIVE AND BUY TO SOCIAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY, GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!**



**RÉ-UTÎLES, COLLECTIVE TREASURY!**

Re-Utiles is a non-profit organization which has emerged in 1982 and facilitates social and professional integration. It recovers and diverts thousands of used goods every year which were otherwise destined for landfill. These are then sold at an affordable price.

Re-Utiles accepts any item in good condition: furniture, lamps, accessories for houses, books, sports articles, toys, garden items, curtains, vinyl records, appliances and functional electronic devices, etc.

**RÉ-UTÎLES SELLS:**

- Second-hand items
- Craft items made from recycled materials
- Compostable tableware and containers
- Equipment and display for sorting at homes and businesses
- Recycled paint brand "Boomerang"

**SERVICE POINT:**

**34, chemin de la Pointe, Havre-aux-Maisons Telephone: 418 969-1330**

**OPENING HOURS:**

**From Tuesday to Friday 13 h to 17 h Saturday 9 h to 17 h**

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Buy and resell on classified ads is a good way to the reuse and save. Garage sales and exchanges in the family, is also profitable!



**OUR CLOTHING, AT THE SECOND-HAND STORE (COMPTOIR FAMILIAL)**

Give and buy clean clothes in good condition at the second-hand store (Comptoir familial), a winning action for all! Accepted and sold: clothing for men, women and children.

**SERVICE POINT:**

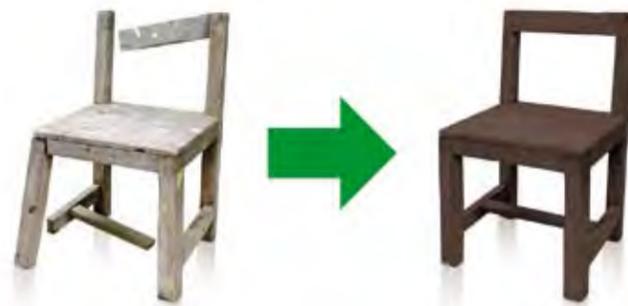
**330, chemin Principal, Cap-aux-Meules (local 107) Telephone: 418 986-3373**

**OPENING HOURS:**

**From Monday to Friday 9 h to 12 h and 13 h to 16 h**

**CLOTHING DEPOT:**

**At all times, in the lobby of local**



**A SECOND LIFE TO OUR OBJECTS, ENCOURAGE OUR RECYCLERS CRAFTSMENS**

Several craftsmen recycle and recondition materials otherwise destined for disposal. Buy original items made locally, an environmentally friendly choice!

**RECYCLE FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

Some foundations and organizations are funded by recovering different materials such as:

- Pin cans
- Ink
- Returnable containers
- Bread fasteners

**INDUSTRIES, BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS (IBI)**

Manage our residual materials, it is good for our environment, and for our finances! Here on the Islands, the pricing of waste collection for IBI is based on the volume and the type of material generated. The black bin waste collection is more expensive than recyclable and compostable materials. Better managing your materials could make save you big!

**CERMIM, ACCESSIBLE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT**

The Centre de recherche sur les milieux insulaires et maritimes (CERMIM) has developed a specialized expertise in IBI waste management support. A customized service can be done within your organization to identify and achieve your goals, perform training to your employees and to assist you in obtaining financing and certification. Using a professional service can help you achieve significant savings and project a positive image as well as commitment to your customers and your employees.

**SERVICES OFFERED:**

Diagnosis, classification, training, plan waste management, funding application, etc..

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:**

**CERMIM: 37, chemin Central, Havre-aux-Maisons Telephone: 418 969-2100, extension 225 E-mail: cermim@uqar.ca**

**USEFUL EQUIPMENT AT RÉ-UTÎLES**

The recovery center Ré-Utiles sells new equipment such as sorting stations and sorting containers, various display media for the identification of three ways sorting, as well as compostable tableware. Consult the product catalog!

**Telephone: 418 969-1330**

**CERTIFICATIONS AND FINANCING**

RECYC-QUÉBEC supports the efforts of organizations that have implemented measures allowing sustainable management of residuals materials and recognizes certifications that give a positive image to their customers. Visit the website:

**www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca**

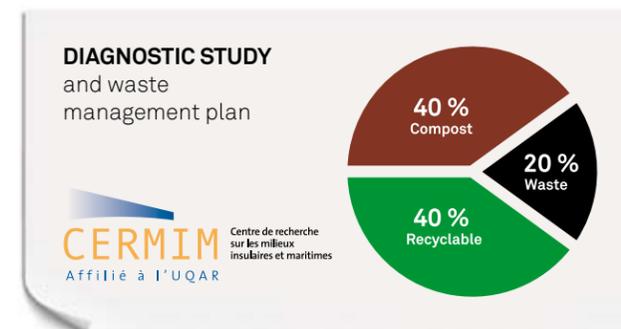
**SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MUNICIPALITY**

You can download free awareness posters and management tools on the website of the Municipality at **www.muniles.ca**

In addition, the Agglomeration offers the service of delivery and repair of bins. It rents containers to IBI while ensuring their maintenance. The Agglomeration also provides a support service to IBI and citizens in waste management.

Similarly, a sorting waste awareness agent is available at the Municipality to support and advise citizens and IBI in their efforts to improve their sorting.

**Municipalité des Îles-de-la-Madeleine 460, chemin Principal, Cap-aux-Meules Telephone : 418 986-3100, extension 617**



**MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS**

Over the past twenty years, several by-laws have been progressively adopted by the Agglomeration of the Islands in connection with residual materials. The main objectives of these by-laws are environmental and human health protection and respect for public property.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

**Sorting is mandatory**, solid waste must be separated according to the 3-way sorting described in the guide to allow selective collection, in order to reduce the volume of material destined for landfills.

**It is forbidden to throw any waste on public property** such as a street, sidewalk, yard, park, beach or any other public building.

**It is forbidden to burn waste** and construction materials throughout the territory.

**Large quantities of construction waste are not accepted in the bins**, they should be brought to the transfer sites or at waste management center.

**It is prohibited to dispose of hazardous materials in bins and containers** other than those exclusively dedicated to this purpose.

**It is prohibited to alter, modify or paint bins and containers.** Any bin or metal container provided by the Agglomeration remains the property of the latter. It is forbidden to use in a place or for a purpose other than that for which they have been assigned. It is also prohibited to use a bin or container you are not the owner without consent.

**Loads transported shall be fastened and covered.** The waste sent to WMC must be transported in a truck or trailer. Your loading must be securely fastened and covered with a net or a tarp.

**MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS ARE AVAILABLE AT:**  
[www.muniles.ca](http://www.muniles.ca)

**YOU CAN ALSO JOIN US AT: 418 986-3100**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Failure to comply with municipal regulations is an offense. When an offense is reported or observed, an officer will investigate. Violations may result in fines or prosecution.

**For a citizen, fines range from \$ 200 to \$ 1000 depending on the regulations** and in the case of re-offending. **For a business, fines between \$ 400 and \$ 2000** depending on the regulations and in the case of re-offending.

**PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH**

Leachate is the product of the infiltrate of precipitation in the waste. It is responsible for various contaminants that can reach the vital groundwater source in our community.

Protect our drinking water, it is to saying:  
**NO TO ILLEGAL DUMPS!**



**BLACK BINS' STUDY  
CONTENT OF  
ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE**

**QUALITY OF WASTE SORTING:  
5/10**

**ON THE ISLANDS WE ARE GOOD,  
LET US BECOME EXCELLENT!**



**It is time  
to take actions!**

- Compostable materials: 25 %
- Sanitary fibers: 8 %
- Paper and cardboard: 11 %
- Plastic: 5,4 %
- Glass and metal: 4,3 %
- HHW: 2,3 %
- Ultimate waste: 44 %

**COMPOSTABLE: 30 %**

**RECYCLABLE: 20 %**

**HAZARDOUS: 2,3 %**

**LESS THAN 50 %  
OF MATERIALS ARE  
REALLY CONSIDERED  
AS WASTE**

Characterization study  
carried out in 2011  
by the CERMIM

# WASTE COSTS A LOT, SORTING IT PAYS OFF!



## PRIORITY: COMPOSTING!

Composting is the most natural way to return nutrients to the land, it is feeding the Islands with a very useful fertilizer.



COLLECTION / COMPOSTING AND SIFTING / DISTRIBUTION AND USE



## OTHERWISE, WE RECYCLE!

Recycling is allowing out-of-date materials to be once again useful. It is ensuring that non-renewable resources find a second life. For example an aluminum can may become a bicycle.



COLLECTION / COMPACTION / TRANSPORT: 1500 KM / SORTING AND RECYCLING



## WASTE TO AVOID!

Only real waste must be disposed in the black bin. Otherwise, it is harming the environment.



COLLECTION / COMPACTION / TRANSPORT: 1500 KM / LANDFILL

