

MANICOUAGAN



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# **SORTING GARBAGE AND RECYCLING IN MANICOUAGAN**

Manicouagan is one of those spaces that stands naturally apart from the rest. Those unspoiled lands where opportunities abound. Those Côte-Nord regions where the warmth of the people, as much as the beauty of the landscape, takes your breath away.

Here, the feeling of immensity is intertwined with a true culture of proximity. In Manicouagan, dynamism and enthusiasm go hand in hand with the philosophy of living in the present and making the most of every moment.

Choosing to live in Manicouagan means contributing to the bright future of the territory, all while achieving self-accomplishment.

As a newcomer, this guide is for you. It was created to help you settle and integrate into Manicouagan. In it, you will find plenty of practical information on the resources and services available.

**WELCOME HOME!**

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#### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Manicouagan municipalities are located on Nitassinan, the traditional unceded territory of the Innu people. In a spirit of friendship and solidarity, the municipalities acknowledge and honour the First Nations for the important contributions they made and continue to make to this territory.

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# SORTING WASTE AND RECYCLING

To protect the environment, we need to adapt our consumer habits, recycle residential waste more effectively, and better manage organic waste through simple everyday actions.



## HOUSEHOLD WASTE

The collection of household waste is a municipal service offered to residents. Residents must place their waste in authorized bins. Garbage trucks then pass through the streets on set days to pick up waste.

### BLACK OR GREEN BINS

These are for non-recyclable and non-compostable waste such as metallic wrapping paper, Styrofoam, wax paper, diapers, textiles, and objects made from different materials such as binders.

If you are a property owner, you must purchase your own bins.



# RECYCLING

## BLUE BIN

The blue bin is for recycling: paper, cardboard, flexible and rigid plastic, glass, etc.

It's simple: containers, packaging and printed matter are all things you can put in your recycling bin.

Containers must be lightly rinsed before putting them in the blue bin to avoid contaminating other materials. Municipalities also accept plastic bags and plastic film if put into a single knotted bag (transparent if possible, like a bread bag). Steel and aluminum containers, except for aerosols, also go into the blue bin.

Blue bins are provided by the "Régie de gestion des matières résiduelles de Manicouagan".



For more information on the types of recyclable plastics, visit:  
[www.escaleverte.ca](http://www.escaleverte.ca)



# COMPOSTING

## BROWN BIN

The brown bin is for compostable organic waste. The bin is provided by the "Régie des matières résiduelles".

Composting is a natural way to dispose of organic matter and return it to the soil. All organic household matter is transformed into nutrient-rich compost to fertilize and condition soil, instead of burying it in landfills. You can place all food scraps—cooked, raw, fresh or spoiled—including fruits, vegetables, meats, sauces, dairy products, fish, and seafood into the brown bin. You can also compost soiled or unsoiled paper and cardboard, as well as tissue paper and paper towels as long as they have not been in contact with chemical products.

## HOME COMPOSTERS

Residents can also compost at home. Home composters can be purchased in garden centres, hardware stores, and big-box stores.



For more information, visit:  
[www.murpourlecompost.com](http://www.murpourlecompost.com)



# COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MANICOUAGAN :

[www.regiemanicouagan.qc.ca/services/collectes/calendrier-de-collecte/](http://www.regiemanicouagan.qc.ca/services/collectes/calendrier-de-collecte/)


Website: [www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/points-de-recuperation](http://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/points-de-recuperation)

Mobile application also available.

# BOTTLE DEPOSITS IN QUÉBEC

Most beer bottles and aluminum cans are marked "Consigné Québec." When buying one of these products, the consumer automatically pays an additional amount per bottle or can (deposit).

Once empty, these bottles or cans can be returned to the retailer where they were purchased for a refund of the deposit. This program acts as an incentive to encourage consumers to recycle.

 For more information, visit:  
[www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/entreprises-organismes/mieux-gerer/consigne/fonctionnement](http://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/entreprises-organismes/mieux-gerer/consigne/fonctionnement)



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

"**Ça va où**", the Government of Québec's free mobile application, lets users know exactly where their waste goes.

[www.cavaouwebapp.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.cavaouwebapp.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca)

# ECOCENTRE

The ecocentre is a recycling centre for household waste. Residents can bring certain products, materials, and objects they want to dispose of to an ecocentre. These items are then salvaged and recycled so their components can be repurposed or upcycled.

## Baie-Comeau Ecocentre

800 Léonard-E.-Schlemm Avenue, Baie-Comeau

418-589-4557

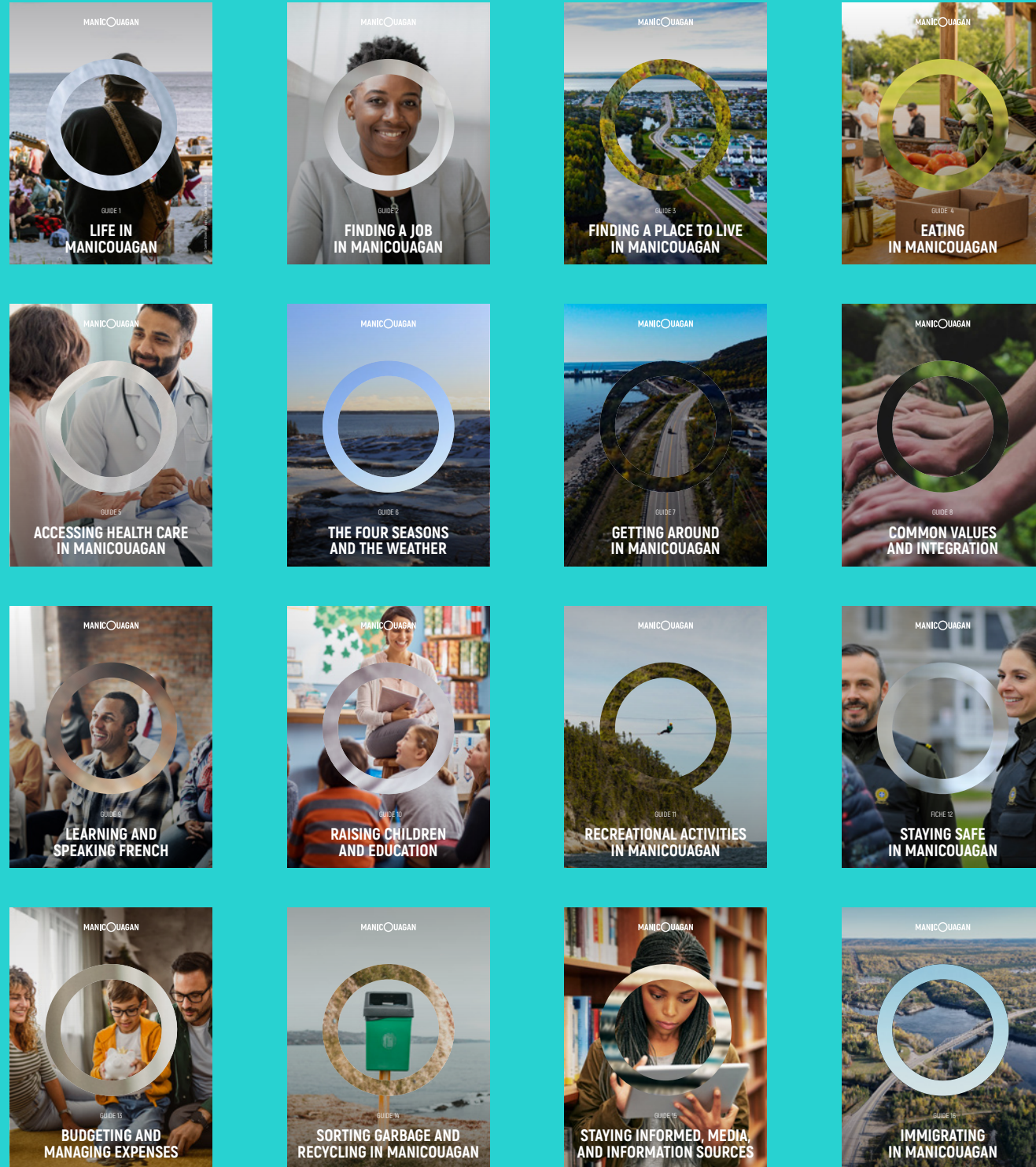
[www.regiemanicouagan.qc.ca/services/ecocentres](http://www.regiemanicouagan.qc.ca/services/ecocentres)

## AN ECOCENTRE ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING PRE-SORTED ITEMS AND MATERIALS:

- Construction materials (wood, brick, cement, drywall).
- Metal waste: large appliances, scrap metal, cooper, stainless steel, aluminum.
- Tires.
- Green waste (lawn clippings and leaves).
- Hazardous household products: paints, used oils, oil containers, antifreeze (in a hermetically sealed container), oil filters, car batteries, empty propane tanks, rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs and fluorescent tubes, printer cartridges, aerosols, and others.
- Electronic devices.
- Spring mattresses and box springs.
- Cooking oils and motor grease in well-sealed containers.

Several businesses and organizations in Baie-Comeau recycle different products such as batteries. Contact the Régie des matières résiduelles for more information or if you have questions.

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