

2022

WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR



NEW



Bag tags in effect starting January 2022
See page 1 and the insert for more details.



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN

Thank you to the Aurora community for supporting the Town's waste diversion efforts. Your continued participation makes a difference in our Town and helps preserve Aurora's natural environment.

Browse through the following pages to learn about your waste, recycling and yard waste pick up schedules and don't forget to download the Recycle Coach app for android or IOS that will provide you with a personalized collection schedule, waste collection reminders, a what-goes-where search tool and more.

In an effort to help divert waste from landfills and to assist those who may have more garbage over the three-bag limit, the Town of Aurora is implementing a new bag tag program. Effective January 1, 2022, Aurora residents can place up to three-bags or containers out for pick up every other week on their regularly scheduled collection days and can purchase bag tags for additional waste up to a maximum of three (3) bags.

Bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, box springs, plastic lawn furniture, toilets (separated) and carpeting do not require a tag. (Up to five (5) items maximum).

Bag tags can be purchased for \$5 each tax included at Aurora Town Hall (100 John West Way). Waste beyond the three-bag limit will not be collected unless a bag tag sticker is placed around the neck of the bag. Residents can put up to a **maximum of six (6) bags/bins of garbage out, three (3) free and three (3) paid**. For more information on the Bag Tag Program visit aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling.

Aurora also offers many waste events annually to assist residents who want to dispose of old electronics and housewares. In 2022, residents will have the opportunity to participate in three E-waste events at the Joint Operations Centre on January 22, May 8 and October 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the Curbside Giveaway Days where you can place unwanted items at the curb marked **free** for others to take. This event runs once a month from April to October.

For more information about Aurora's waste and recycling events, please visit aurora.ca/wasteevents.

For waste management or collection inquiries, please call **Green For Life (GFL) Environmental Inc.** at 1-866-421-5625.

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Garbage Collection

Garbage collection occurs bi-weekly on your regular collection day.

- Waste materials must be set out at the curb by **7 a.m. on your collection day**. Collection vehicles will not return for items that were set out late.
- Up to three (3) garbage bags or reusable containers with contents can be set out.
- More than three (3) garbage bags or reusable containers with contents require a bag tag. Up to a total of six (6) maximum – three (3) without tags and three (3) with tags.
- Garbage bags or reusable containers with contents must not exceed 23 kg (50 lb).
- Garbage containers cannot exceed 133 litres (35 gal).
- Loose items must be tied into bundles no longer than 1.2 m (4 ft). Small furniture pieces must be tied and bundled as well.
- Loose materials such as wrappers, plastic bags, broken toys and foam containers must be placed in bags.
- Garbage will not be collected in cardboard boxes.



Glass and Other Sharp Objects

Every year, collection personnel are injured due to broken glass and sharp objects that are not packed properly. Help keep our workers safe and pack these items in a sealed cardboard box clearly labelled **Broken Glass or Sharp Object**. Set out the box with your regular garbage collection.

REMINDERS:

Please note: For safety reasons, residents are not permitted to put items into the collection vehicles.



OR



Bag Tag Program

Bags with Tags



Starting **January 1, 2022** the Town of Aurora will implement a new Bag Tag Program. Aurora residents can place up to three (3) bags or containers out for pick up every other week on their regularly scheduled collection days. Any additional waste will require a bag tag.

Bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, box springs, plastic lawn furniture, toilets (separated) and carpeting do not require a tag. (Up to five (5) items maximum).

Bag tags can be purchased for \$5 each tax included at Aurora Town Hall (100 John West Way) starting mid-December.

For more information on the Bag Tag Program call **905-727-1375** or email **info@aurora.ca**.

Overflow of Garbage

Please do not overflow your garbage bags or reusable containers. Garbage bags or reusable containers with contents that exceed 23 kg (50 lb) will be left at the curb.



Textile Collection

We continue our efforts in diverting textiles from landfill, through an ongoing partnership with **Diabetes Canada** and **Cornerstone to Recovery**.

You will find bins around Town to donate clothing and textiles. Stained or torn textiles are also accepted, however, donated textiles must be dry and free of any medical or hazardous liquids.

Drop off your donations at one of the bins, or schedule a free home pick up at declutter.diabetes.ca.



Aurora's Textile Collection Program

Thank you to all residents for participating in Aurora's Textile Collection Program. Since the program started over **577,943 lb.** of textiles have been collected.

Textiles including used clothing, sheets, towels and fabrics make up five per cent of what gets thrown away as garbage from households in York Region.

Residents can dispose of unwanted clothing and textiles in collection bins at the following locations:

- **NEW location! Aurora Go Station**
121 Wellington Street East
southwest parking lot
- **Aurora Town Hall**, 100 John West Way
Front parking lot
- **Stronach Aurora Recreation Centre**,
1400 Wellington Street East
Front parking lot at the southeast corner
- **Aurora Community Centre**,
1 Community Centre Lane
Front entryway
- **Aurora Public Library**, 15145 Yonge Street
Rear parking lot
- **Aurora Family Leisure Complex**,
135 Industrial Parkway North
Rear parking lot at the
northwest corner



For more information on this program, visit aurora.ca/textiles.

Recycling Collection

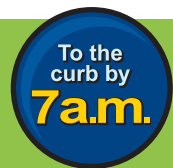
Blue Box collection occurs weekly on your regular collection day.

Blue Box reminders:

- Place acceptable materials in your Blue Box. Remove grease, liquid and food from containers before placing in the Blue Box.
- Blue Boxes must be set out at the **curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day, but no sooner than 5 p.m. the night before**. Collection vehicles will not return for items set out late.
- Use a standard size Blue Box with a regular container weight limit of 22 kg (50 lb). Large oversized containers (with or without wheels) are not accepted.
- Recyclables will not be collected in **any type of plastic bag**.
- Small recyclable boxes need to be flattened and securely placed inside the Blue Box. Large cardboard items must be flattened and bundled and no longer than 4 ft. in length. The recommended size for flattened cardboard is 4' x 4' x 4'.
- If you have large quantities of cardboard and are unable to tie and bundle it, please dispose at one of York Region's Waste Depots.
- Shredded paper is not accepted for pick up in the Blue Box collection. Small amounts of shredded paper can be placed in your Green Bin or backyard composter. Large amounts of shredded paper can be dropped off at select York Region Waste Depots. For more information, please visit york.ca/wastedepots.



REMINDERS:



Items Not Accepted

Please **DO NOT** include the following items in your Blue Box:

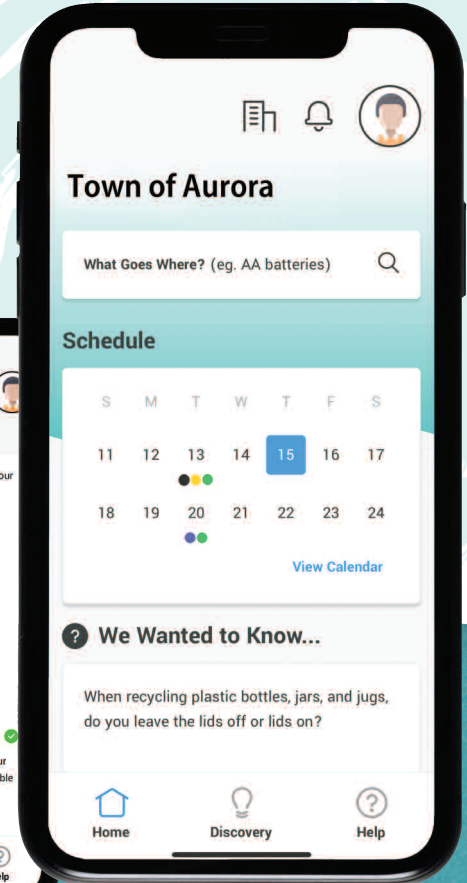
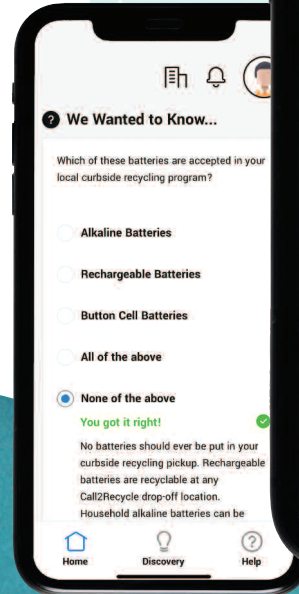
- Backyard composters, Blue Boxes and Green Bins
- **Black plastic food trays**
- **Coffee cups**
- Foil drink pouches (e.g. Kool-Aid Jammers)
- Fuel containers
- Furnace filters
- Laminated paper
- Masks, gloves and wipes
- Medicine bottles less than 5 cm in diameter
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Mirrors
- Motor oil containers
- Non-rigid plastic packaging (e.g. pasta bags and frozen vegetable bags)
- Paint cans containing paint or with lids on
- Pesticide containers
- Plastic pails or jugs greater than 22.5 cm in diameter
- Plastic plant trays larger than 30 cm wide by 30 cm long
- **Plastic shopping bags, film, wrap**
- Plastic toys
- Pots, pans, glassware, dishes
- Shredded paper
- **Styrofoam**
- Take-out sandwich wraps (e.g. foil or paper laminates)
- Waxed pop cups



Available
in 9 different
languages!

Download the FREE waste and recycling app:

- ✓ Personalized collection schedule
- ✓ Waste collection reminders
- ✓ Customized notifications
- ✓ “What Goes Where” search tool
- ✓ Report-a-problem feature



Download the app today!

WINTER REMINDERS



- Place waste bins or bags in a visible location at the end of your driveway and **not on the roadway or sidewalk**.
- If there is snow, shovel a small area to place bins. Collection crews will not dig out or climb a snowbank to retrieve recycling bins, garbage containers or bags.
- Frozen items stuck inside bins may not be collected. To prevent freezing, line your Green Bin with newspaper and keep your recyclables in a dry location.
- Stack recycling bins to ensure materials are secure.
- If materials are hit by snow removal equipment or are filled with snow prior to collection, it is the resident's responsibility to clean up the materials.
- If collection services are cancelled due to inclement weather or poor road conditions, the normal practice is to collect the next day.

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION



- Non-metal items such as furniture, mattresses, box springs, plastic lawn furniture, toilets and carpeting **are picked up with regular waste collection**.
- **No special arrangements are needed for bulky items.**
- A maximum of **five (5) bulky waste items** can be placed at the curb on your scheduled garbage collection day. Items over the limit will be tagged and left at the curb.
- All items must be set out for collection **by 7 a.m.**
- Break down or separate large/heavy items and remove toilet tanks from bowls.
- Bundle small pieces and tie carpeting and linoleum into rolls measuring no longer than 1.2 m (4 ft) and weighing less than 22 kg (50 lb).



METAL GOODS AND APPLIANCE COLLECTION



- Large metal items such as appliances, barbecues (excluding propane tanks), bed frames, furnaces, hot water heaters, metal bath tubs and bicycles must be recycled.
- Please call our waste collection contractor, **GFL at 1-866-421-5625** to arrange for a special curbside collection. Items will not be picked up unless a date has been scheduled. For details about this program, please see page 18.

PLEASE NOTE:

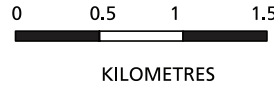
Construction waste is not collected in Aurora's curbside program. Drop it off at one of York Region's waste depots. For more information visit york.ca/wastedepots.



Waste, Recycling and Green Bin Collection Route Map

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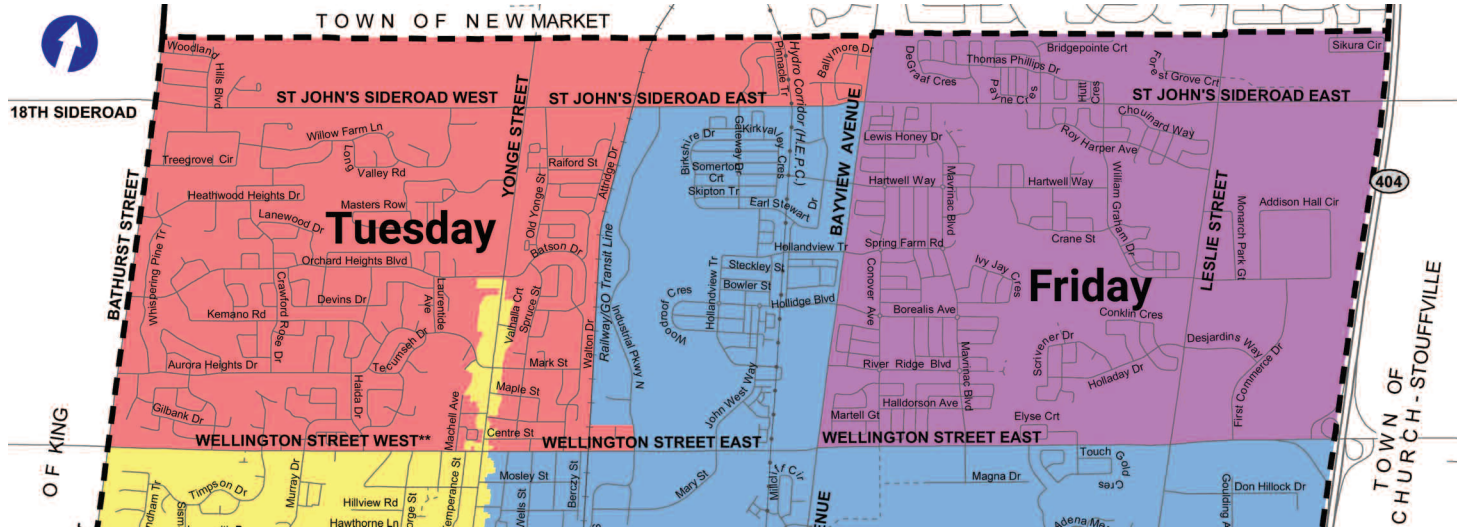
Waste, Recycling and Green Bin Collection Days

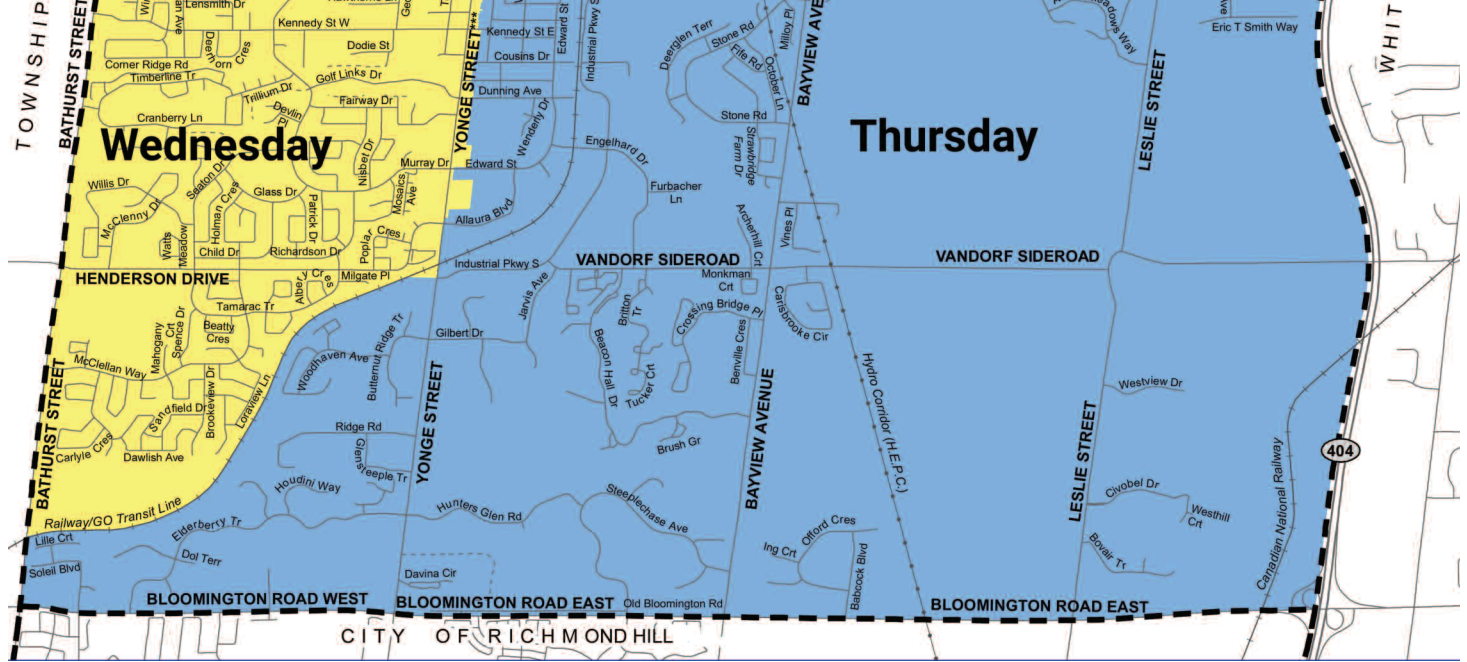


To determine your regular collection pick up day, locate your address on the map and consult the legend.

Blue Recycling Boxes and Green Bins are picked up weekly. Garbage is collected every second week.

Wellington Street West:
Houses on streets that border two boundaries will have their collection on the different days as illustrated in the map.





If you have any inquiries regarding the content of this map, please call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447

Waste and Recycling Collection Map created by The Town of Aurora, February 13, 2004. Map modified on Friday, October 15, 2021. Base data provided by York Region. Please be advised that the intent of this map is for personal, non-commercial use. The Town of Aurora is not responsible for any errors or omissions on the map and makes no guarantees regarding the accuracy and completeness of the information presented. The Town of Aurora cannot be held liable for any choices made, actions performed or damages sustained by the user based upon the data provided.

Description of Waste and Recycling Collection Map

Image of the Waste, Recycling and Green Bin Collection Route Map. To determine your regular collection pick up day, locate your address on the map and consult the legend. Blue Recycling Boxes and Green Bins are picked up weekly. Garbage is collected every second week. Tuesday collection is identified in the pink zone, Wednesday collection is identified in the yellow zone, Thursday collection is identified in the blue zone and Friday collection is identified in the purple zone.

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Georgina Transfer Station

23068 Warden Avenue, Town of Georgina

Hours of Operation

Transfer Station

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Tuesday and Saturday only 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No Charge Materials



- Blue box recyclables
- Clothing and fabric items
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household Hazardous Waste (Tues. and Sat. only)
- Large, polystyrene foam**
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)

Chargeable Materials



- Concrete
- Drywall**
- Garbage
- Refrigerated appliances
- Wood**
- Yard waste

Fees



- Loads of chargeable material \$125 per tonne
- Mixed loads of chargeable/ no charge material \$125 per tonne
- Loads up to 100kg minimum \$10 fee
- Loads of no charge material only \$0

Refrigerated Appliances

- Residential/Commercial without valid CFC removal sticker \$20
- Commercial with valid CFC removal sticker \$10



Waste Depot Information



Elgin Mills and McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre

1124 Elgin Mills Road East, City of Richmond Hill | 130 McCleary Court, City of Vaughan

Hours of Operation

Monday and Tuesday Closed
Wednesday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

No Charge Materials



- Blue box recyclables
- Clothing and fabric items
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste (limits apply)
- Household hazardous waste (limits apply)
- Large, polystyrene foam**
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper in clear plastic bags
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)

Chargeable Materials



- Concrete
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- Wood**
- Yard waste (McCleary Court only)

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Vehicle size restrictions may apply. Items must be manually unloaded, no mechanical lifts allowed.



Time to let it go? Cut the clutter.

Discover where you can get rid of unwanted stuff using the Bindicator, a helpful online search tool.

Visit york.ca/bindicator to find out where it goes.

**Due to COVID-19 there may be some service reductions in place. All materials listed may not be accepted at this time. Cash payments may also be restricted. Visit york.ca/wastedepots for most current information.

Bloomington Yard Waste Depot

1351 Bloomington Road East, City of Richmond Hill

Hours of Operation

April 1 to November 30

Monday through Friday	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

December 1 to March 31

Monday through Friday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

Materials Accepted

- Flowers and garden plants
 - Grass clippings
 - Hay (clean, small amount)
 - Leaves, shrubs, branches, weeds
 - Sod (small residential quantities, dirt removed)
- Yard waste in plastic bags must be emptied.*

Materials Not Accepted

- Animal droppings
- Branches larger than 30 centimetres in diameter or 1.8 metres in length
- Kitchen and food waste
- Rocks, root balls, stumps, soil

Fees

**For most current information
visit millercompost.ca or call 1-866-887-6457**

East Gwillimbury Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot

225 Garfield Wright Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury

Hours of Operation

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday	Closed
Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Materials Accepted - no charge



- Blue box recyclables
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal

Fees



Refrigerated Appliances

- Residential without valid CFC removal sticker \$20



Blue Box Recyclables



Household Hazardous Waste



Electronic Waste



Scrap Metal/
Metal Appliances



Garbage



Yard Waste



Textiles

Markham Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Rodick Road, South of Miller Avenue, City of Markham

Hours of Operation

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday	Closed
Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Materials Accepted - no charge



- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste

Get to know your depot before you go.

Find tips to pack your vehicle, what's accepted and limits that may apply.

york.ca/wastedepots

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- Electronic waste
- Household Hazardous Waste (Tuesday and Saturday only)
- Large polystyrene foam**
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- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)

Chargeable materials:

- Concrete
- Drywall**
- Garbage
- Refrigerated appliances
- Wood**
- Yard Waste

Fees:

- Loads of chargeable material: \$125 per tonne
- Mixed loads of chargeable/no charge material : \$125 per tonne
- Loads up to 100kg: Minimum \$10 fee
- Loads of no charge material only: \$0.00

Refrigerated appliances fees:

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- Wednesday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

No Charge Materials

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- Clothing and fabric items
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste (limits apply)
- Household hazardous waste (limits apply)
- Large, polystyrene foam**
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What goes where?



Sometimes you just don't know where to dispose of an item.

**Can it be recycled? Should it be taken to the public drop off depot?
Can you use the Textile Collection Program?**

Download the **Recycle Coach App** to get your personalized collection schedule, a What Goes Where sorting guide, information on local waste and recycling events and more.

Did you know that pumpkins must be disposed of in your yard waste and diapers and sanitary products must be placed in your Green Bin?

This app is user friendly and an important tool in helping you to properly dispose of your waste. Simply type in the item you want to throw out and receive the instructions on whether to put it in your recycling, green bin, yard waste, garbage or compost.

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Green Bin

Items Accepted



FOOD PRODUCTS

- Baking ingredients
- Breads and cereals
- Candy and confectionary products
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Fish and shellfish
- Fruits and vegetables (raw or cooked)
- Herbs and spices
- Meat products (including bones, fat and skin)
- Pasta

PAPER PRODUCTS

- Boxboard (e.g. soiled, greasy french fry containers)
- Cardboard (e.g. soiled pizza boxes)
- Facial tissues
- Flour and sugar bags (paper)
- Kraft paper (non-waxed wrap)
- Microwaveable popcorn bags

- Muffin papers
- Newspaper (soiled)
- Paper plates (soiled)
- Paper towels
- Shredded paper (small amounts)

OTHER

- Diapers
- Feathers
- Hair
- Houseplants and flowers (dried and fresh cut)
- Incontinence products
- Nail clippings
- Pet food
- Pet waste, litter, bedding and fur
- Sanitary products
- Sawdust from untreated wood

TIPS:



- Use certified compostable bags.
- All organic materials must be bagged and tied.
- Absorb excess moisture by lining the bottom of the Green Bin with paper towels or newspapers.
- Remove packaging or wraps from food.
- Heavily soiled paper products with food should be composted rather than recycled (e.g. greasy paper plates).



- Green Bin materials are not accepted at York Region depots.
- Maximum size Green Bin cannot exceed 45 litres (12 gal).
- Maximum weight of green bin cannot exceed 22 kg (50 lb).
- **Place any overflow items in a clear plastic bag and set on top or beside your green bin.**

Items Not Accepted

Please **DO NOT** include the following items in your Green Bin:

- Artificial flowers and plants
- Ashes
- Baby wipes
- Candles
- Carpet and rugs
- Cigarette butts
- Clothing, leather and textiles
- Corks
- Cotton balls and ear cleaners
- **Deceased animals/wildlife**
- Disposable mop sheets
- Dryer lint
- Dryer sheets
- Foil
- Gum
- Milk bags
- Plastic wrap and baggies
- **Soiled coffee cups**
- Styrofoam
- Tissue paper for gift bags
- Vacuum cleaner bags and contents
- Wax paper
- Wood
- Yard waste


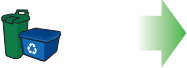
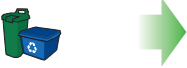


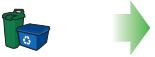
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Visit york.ca/covid19

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January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP REQUIREMENTS: Decorations, tree skirts and plastic tree bags must be removed before putting your tree out at the curb for pick up. Trees cannot exceed 1.8 m (6 ft). Please note: Crews will not dig through snow or climb a snowbank to retrieve a tree. Check aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling.</p>						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 	17 Christmas Tree Collection Week  Maximum 1.8 m (6 ft). Cut into pieces if necessary.	18	19	20	21	22 E-waste Event at the JOC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 	31					

 Weekly Collection –
Green Bin & Recycling

 Bi-weekly Collection –
Garbage

 **Christmas Tree**
 Collection Week

 **White Goods Collection**
 Call GFL at 1-866-421-5625

2022 Waste and Recycling Events

Please visit aurora.ca/wasteevents for event timing and location information.

E-waste Events

Saturday, January 22

Saturday, May 28

Saturday, October 22

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: JOC

Aurora's Annual Clean up Day

Saturday, April 23

Sign up in advance to participate in our annual litter clean up across Town. Please check the Town's website for updates.

Free Compost Giveaway Day

Saturday, May 14

Pick up free, nutrient-rich compost just in time for the gardening season.

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: SARC

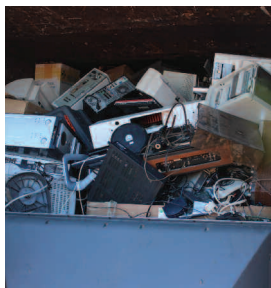
Aurora's Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 4

Shop around or reserve a space to bring your items to sell.

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: SARC



Curbside Giveaway Days

Place your unwanted items at the curb for other residents and neighbours to take. This is a great way to allow others to re-use your unwanted items.

Curbside Giveaway Days will be held on the last Saturday of each month, from April to October, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mark your items with a sign indicating the item is free, and remove any remaining items from the curb by 5 p.m.

Curbside Giveaway Days will take place on:

- Saturday, April 23
- Saturday, May 28
- Saturday, June 25
- Saturday, July 23
- Saturday, August 27
- Saturday, September 24
- Saturday, October 29

For more information, please visit aurora.ca/wasteevents.

February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>REMINDER: Please place your waste on the curb not the roadway or sidewalk.</p> 		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19
						
20	21 FAMILY DAY	22	23	24	25	26
						
27	28	<p>FACT: One person's trash can be another person's treasure. Donate or sell your used items through swap events, social media pages, garage sales or thrift stores before bringing your unwanted items to landfill.</p>				
						

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Green Bin & Recycling

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Garbage

 Remember to
Bag it and tag it

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Keep these products out of landfills:

- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Pesticides

Find a recycling location near
you at productcare.org/ontario



March 2022

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REMINDER: Please place your waste on the curb not the roadway or sidewalk. 		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks forward one hour) 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 First day of Spring 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30	31	FACT: Did you know that switching from paper to electronic billing could save up to 6 lb. of paper per year?	

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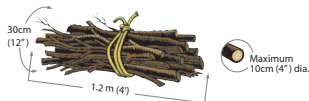
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Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is collected bi-weekly with recycling from April to December, as part of your regularly scheduled collection.

Yard waste reminders:

- Weeds, plant trimmings, crab apples and leaves must be placed in kraft paper yard bags or a rigid, open-top container that has sturdy handles. **No grass clippings, sod or soil allowed in curbside yard waste bags.**
- If you are using rigid containers for yard waste, please place a yellow yard waste sticker on the container. **Yard waste stickers are free and available at Aurora Town Hall and the Joint Operations Centre.**
- Set out your yard waste by 7 a.m. Collection vehicles will not return for late set-outs.
- Maximum weight allowed for yard waste is 22 kg (50 lb).
- In cooler weather, yard waste items can freeze to containers which may cause damage.
- Yard waste in plastic bags, cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, Green Bins, laundry bins, blue recycling bags and biodegradable bags **will not be collected.**
- Seasonal décor such as pumpkins, straw and corn stalks are collected as yard waste.



Please use twine to bundle branches as shown. Do not use rope or tape.

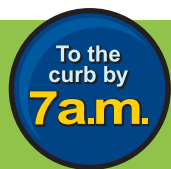


Backyard Composting

Composting produces an excellent soil conditioner that improves the quality of your soil and the plants growing in it. It also reduces your kitchen and yard waste disposal. Backyard composters are available for purchase. See page 13 for more information.



REMINDERS:



Grasscycling

Leave your grass clippings on your lawn to help retain moisture and supply the soil with nitrogen, which creates lush, green grass. **Grass clippings, soil and sod** are not accepted in yard waste collection.

April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REMINDER: Every municipality has a different recycling program in place. If you are new to the area or travelling, do some research to find out how to best dispose of your items. Visit aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling .					1	2 REMINDER: Help clean up our community on Saturday, April 23. Sign up for Aurora's Annual Clean Up Day today! aurora.ca/cleanup
3  →	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  →	11 Continue with weekly regular collection schedule	12	13	14	15 GOOD FRIDAY Friday's scheduled collection is moved to Saturday due to the Good Friday statutory holiday →	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY  →	18 EASTER MONDAY	19	20	21	22 EARTH DAY	23 Aurora's Annual Clean Up Day Curbside Giveaway Day
24  →	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Relax
AND
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Imagine how it feels to be surrounded by trees and forests – the cool shade, the aromatic smell, the feeling of escaping time as you connect with nature. Now imagine always having that at your fingertips.

If you own property in York Region, we can help you rekindle your connection with nature by planting a tree or forest on your property.

Tree-planting programs include:

- Low-cost backyard do-it-yourself and full-service planting
- Full-service, large-scale planning and planting
- Do-it-yourself bulk seedlings



Discover how easy tree-planting can be.
york.ca/treplanting



Love
YOUR
YARD

Planning to beautify your yard? Why not try planting milkweed. Milkweed not only adds colour to your garden; it attracts butterflies, bees and other important pollinators and provides the food and shelter they need.

Choose the best milkweed for your yard:

- Swamp milkweed – grows in wet and moist conditions
- Poke milkweed – best suited for woodland shade gardens
- Butterfly or orange milkweed – ideal for normal-to-drought tolerant gardens
- Common milkweed – suitable for normal to moist gardens



Explore ways to show your yard (and pollinators!) some love.
york.ca/loveyouryard



Protect your Trees

Protect your trees from European gypsy moth / *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD) this year. Prior to caterpillars hatching in spring, egg masses can be scraped off of trees into a bucket of soapy water and left for a day or two before disposing of them.

If trees are severely infested (many egg masses are visible), an insecticide may be a viable option. Contact a licensed tree care company to discuss the best options.

Always wear gloves when handling caterpillars and egg masses to avoid an allergic reaction.



Learn more about the LDD and how to protect your trees.
york.ca/LDDmoth

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1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY 	9	10	11	12	13	14 Compost Giveaway Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23 VICTORIA DAY	24	25	26	27	28 E-waste Event at the JOC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Curbside Giveaway Day
29 	30	31	FACT: Blue Box contamination happens when items that belong in the garbage or Green Bin, end up in the box instead. Once contaminated, recyclables can no longer be recycled. Sort, empty and rinse items to help keep recyclables out of landfill. For help on what goes where see page 19. Visit aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling for any updates.			

 Weekly Collection –
Green Bin & Recycling

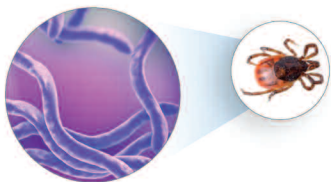
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Garbage

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Yard Waste

 White Goods Collection
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FIGHT THE BITE! AGAINST BLACKLEGGED TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

What is Lyme disease?



Symptoms of Lyme disease may include:

- A skin rash
- Fatigue or weakness
- Headache
- Fever or chills
- Dizziness or confusion
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

See your health care provider if you develop symptoms of Lyme disease after a tick bite or after visiting a wooded or brushy area.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* which is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

Protect yourself in wooded or brushy areas

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved clothing and closed footwear
- Use insect repellents containing DEET or icaridin
- Walk in the middle of trails
- Shower when you get home
- Check yourself, your family and your pets for ticks
- Remove attached ticks as soon as possible

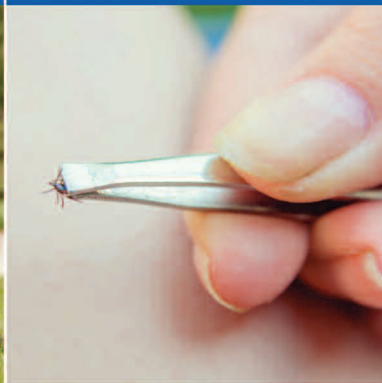


What are blacklegged ticks?



- Ticks are small bugs that feed off the blood of animals and humans
- Adult ticks are the size of a sesame seed and nymphs are the size of a poppy seed
- Ticks are found on tall grasses and bushes in wooded areas
- They can attach and feed up to five days

If you find a tick on you or a family member remove it quickly



1. Grasp the tick with tweezers as close as possible to your skin and pull it straight out
2. Do not put anything on the tick or try to burn it off
3. Disinfect the area with rubbing alcohol
4. Visit etick.ca for **FREE** tick identification

For more information on how you can protect yourself and your family from Lyme disease, call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit york.ca/lymedisease

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June 2022

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5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21 First day of Summer	22	23	24	25 Curbside Giveaway Day
26 	27	28	29	30	REMEMINDER: For updates and changes to waste events visit aurora.ca/wasteevents .	

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Items for purchase

Want to start composting? Need another Blue Box or looking to purchase bag tags?
Call Access Aurora at 905-727-1375 to find out how you can purchase bag tags or new bins.*



Blue Box
83 litres (22 gal.)
\$15 each



Green Bin
45 litres (12 gal.)
\$30 each



Kitchen Catcher
\$8 each



Backyard Composter
\$44 each



Bag Tags
\$5 each














*Listed prices subject to change.

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- Green Bin 45 litres (12 gal.): \$30 each
- Kitchen Catcher: \$8 each
- Backyard Composter: \$44 each
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July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 REMINDER: Please contact GFL at 1-866-421-5625 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> missed/refused collections bin replacements general collection inquires metal/white goods pick ups 				Friday scheduled collections are moved one day later due to the Canada Day statutory holiday	1 CANADA DAY NO SERVICE Collection is ONE DAY LATER this week.  	2
3  	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  	18	19	20	21	22	23 Curbside Giveaway Day
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FIGHT THE BITE!

AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

What is West Nile virus?



West Nile virus is spread to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito.

How to protect yourself when outdoors

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Use insect repellents containing DEET or icaridin
- Cover up at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active



How York Region protects you

York Region's West Nile Virus Program includes larviciding over 100,000 catch basins during the summer and using mosquito traps to capture and test for West Nile virus infected mosquitoes.



Mosquito-proof your home

- Clean up areas of standing water around your home
- Ensure door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair
- Clean up pools / pool covers
- Turn over wading pools
- Empty out flower pots
- Clear eavestroughs, storm and roof gutters
- Clean bird baths weekly
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August 2022

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<p>REMINDER: Please place your waste on the curb not the roadway or sidewalk.</p> 	1 CIVIC HOLIDAY	2	3	4	5	6
7 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27 Curbside Giveaway Day
28 	29	30	31	<p>REMINDER: Recycling is not accepted in plastic bags. Bagged items cannot be processed at York Region's facility and end up in landfills. Please place all recycling loose in your Blue Boxes.</p> 		

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What is Household Hazardous Waste?



Household hazardous waste (HHW) is anything in your home that is corrosive, explosive, flammable or poisonous and is no longer needed. It should be brought to a HHW depot where it will be disposed of safely.

Examples of HHW:

- Aerosol cans (full or partially full)
- Batteries
- Cleaning products
- Cosmetics
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline (containers may not be returned)
- Glues and adhesives
- Nail polish and polish remover
- Paints (liquid and solid)
- Paint thinner and varnish remover
- Perfume and cologne
- Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane cylinders/tanks
- Pool chemicals
- Sharps (needles/syringes) must be in puncture proof container
- Used motor oil and filters

Residents can drop off 60L of household hazardous waste and 20 compact fluorescent tubes per household per day.

Waste Depots:

East Gwillimbury HHW and Recycling Depot
225 Garfield Wright Boulevard
Town of East Gwillimbury

Elgin Mills CEC
1124 Elgin Mills Road East
City of Richmond Hill

Georgina Transfer Station
23068 Warden Avenue
Town of Georgina

Markham HHW Depot
Rodick Road
South of Miller Avenue
City of Markham

McCleary Court CEC
130 McCleary Court
City of Vaughan

For more information visit york.ca/waste or call 1-866-665-6752

What is Electronic Waste?



Electronic waste (e-waste) is any electronic equipment in your home that no longer works and cannot be repaired. E-waste should not be thrown in the garbage as these items contain materials considered to be hazardous.

Examples of e-waste:

- Cables
- Cameras and camcorders
- Cell phones, telephones, pagers and fax machines
- Computer towers, laptops, tablets, modems, keyboards and mice
- Game systems
- Monitors, printers, scanners and typewriters
- Televisions
- VCRs, DVD players, radios, stereos, speakers

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September 2022

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<p>FACT: Packing waste-free lunches can save money and will cut down on waste at home and at school.</p> 				1	2	3
4	5 LABOUR DAY	6	7	8	9	10
						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				First day of Fall		Curbside Giveaway Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>REMINDER: Please place your waste on the curb not the roadway or sidewalk.</p>
					<p>NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION</p>	

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**PROTECT
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PIPES!**

**COOL IT.
SCRAPE IT.
GREEN BIN IT.**

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Fats, oils and grease include:

- Butter and margarine, cooking and deep-frying oils, marinades and gravies, meat fats, sauces, shortening and lard, and even salad dressings!

Proper disposal:

- Allow fats, oils and grease to cool
- Use a spatula to wipe or scrape FOG into your green bin
- Drop off oils that do not harden, such as liquid cooking oils, at a York Region waste depot

If not disposed of properly, FOG will cool, harden and clog your pipes or our sewers.

york.ca/fog



USED MASKS, GLOVES & WIPES GO IN THE GARBAGE

Bag it. Tie it. Pitch it.

Learn what goes where at
york.ca/waste



Challenge yourself to waste less and save more

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<p>2</p> 	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>9</p> 	10 THANKSGIVING DAY	11	12	13	14	15
<p>16</p> 	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Waste Reduction Week</p>						<p>E-waste Event at the JOC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p>
<p>23</p> 	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>30</p> 	31 HALLOWEEN					<p>Curbside Giveaway Day</p>

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Keep it contained

A visual guide to using the correct containers

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MAX. 83 litres
(22 gal.)

Green Bin



MAX. 45 litres
(12 gal.)

Not accepted:



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Place up to three (3) garbage bags or containers out for pick up every other week on regularly scheduled collection days.
Any additional waste requires a bag tag – see page 1 or insert for details.

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OR

3-Container Limit



MAX. 133 litres
(35 gal.)

Additional waste



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November 2022

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<p>REMINDER: Download the Recycle Coach app and keep track of your collection week and more!</p> 		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 Daylight Saving Time ends (turn clocks back one hour)</p> 	7	8	9	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12
	14	15	16	17	18	19
	21	22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30	<p>REMINDER: Pianos are not accepted as waste or recycling. Use social media to sell or donate your piano, or take it to a second-hand store.</p>		

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Metal Goods or Appliance Collection

To dispose of metal goods or appliances, please call our waste collection contractor, GFL at 1-866-421-5625 to schedule a collection date.

METAL GOODS OR APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Acceptable metal goods include:

- Air conditioners
- Appliances
- Bath tubs
- Barbecues
- Bed frames
- Empty hot water tanks
- Furniture
- Home safes
- Ladders
- Lawn mowers
- Sinks
- Swing sets

Acceptable appliances include:

- Dishwashers
- Dryers
- Microwaves
- Refrigerators
- Stoves/Ovens
- Washing machines



IMPORTANT!






We **DO NOT** accept propane tanks

All Drop-off Depots are listed on page 5

Program Guidelines

- Call our waste collection contractor, GFL, at 1-866-421-5625 to schedule a collection date.
- For safety reasons, please remove doors from refrigerators, freezers, ovens, dishwashers, washers and dryers.
- Metal items and appliances must be set out by 7 a.m.
- Collection vehicles will only go by once. Vehicles will not return for items that have been set out late.
- Property owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of unacceptable items.
- Metal items and appliance collection items do not require a special tag.
- There is no limit for metal goods and appliances.
- **Collection of bulky goods does not require a scheduled appointment.** You can place up to **five (5) bulky items at the curb** on your scheduled collection day. Any items over the **five (5)** item limit will be tagged and left at the curb.


December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Final week of Yard Waste Collection in 2022 </div>					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			First day of Winter			
25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
						

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 Christmas Tree collection will be
 for the week of January 16, 2023.

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What goes in the blue box?

All containers must be **EMPTY** and **SCRAPED**.

Paper

Cardboard

- Cardboard boxes (flattened, tied and smaller than 2' x 2' x 1')
- Pizza boxes (clean)
- Shoe boxes

Newsprint/Paper/Posters

- Calendars and posters
- Flyers
- Magazines
- Newspapers (no plastic bags)
- Telephone books



Food and Drink Containers

- Drink boxes or tetra packs (no straws)
- Frozen food boxes
- Frozen juice containers (lids separate)
- Juice and milk cartons

Other Paper

- Boxboard (cereal boxes)
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- Greeting cards (plain)
- Paper bags
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- Wrapping paper (non-metallic)

Plastic

Plastic household containers

- Antifreeze and windshield washer bottles
- Baby wipe containers
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- Household cleaning product containers
- Plastic bottles/jugs
- Shampoo bottles (no black plastic)

Plastic food and drink containers

- Bakery trays and clamshells
- Clear beverage cups (no flat lids)
- Clear take-out food containers
- Egg cartons (clear plastic)
- Tubs and lids (yogurt, sour cream)
- Water and pop bottles (lids on)

What does NOT go in the blue box?

- Batteries
- Black plastic
- Coffee cups
- Coffee pods/discs
- Dishes/glasses
- Foam packaging
- Food scraps/residue
- Masks/gloves/wipes
- Medical waste (needles/syringes)
- Paper towels/tissues
- Plastic bags/film (of any kind)
- Propane cylinders/tanks
- Take-out pop cups

Metal

Steel containers

- Cookie tins
- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty metal paint cans (lids separate)
- Food and soup cans



Aluminum Containers

- Aluminum foil (clean, rolled into ball)
- Aluminum plates and trays
- Pop cans

Glass

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- Jars



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 - Tissues
- Personal hygiene products
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TEXTILES

200

MUNICIPAL
COLLECTION BINS

1,794

TONNES OF TEXTILES
COLLECTED



Community program that offers bike repair workshops and donates repaired kids bikes to local programs.

All events observed COVID-19 safety protocols

66 CHILD AND YOUTH BIKES DONATED

569 BOOTH VISITS

436 VOLUNTEER HOURS

29 SESSIONS

340 BIKE
TUNE-UPS

63 GIVEAWAYS

COMPOSTING

143

TONNES OF
ORGANICS
DIVERTED

1,430

COMPOSTERS
SOLD



3

LOCATIONS
AVAILABLE!



50

ATTENDEES
Before COVID-19



THE GOOD FOOD CHALLENGE

359

PARTICIPANTS

6

VIRTUAL
WORKSHOPS

1,100

YOUTUBE
VIEWS

1,964

WEBSITE
VISITS

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Markham Cycles:

Community program that offers bike repair workshops and donates repaired kids bikes to local programs.

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- 66 child and youth bikes donated
- 569 booth visits
- 436 volunteer hours
- 29 sessions
- 340 bike tune-ups
- 63 giveaways

Textiles:

- 200 Municipal Collection Bins
- 1,794 tonnes of textiles collected

Composting:

- 143 tonnes of organics diverted
- 1,430 composters SOLD

The good food challenge:

- 359 participants
- 6 virtual workshops
- 1,100 YouTube views
- 1,964 website visits

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