Commercial Waste Collection Guide

Commercial Customers approved for garbage bag or bin collection also receive Blue Bin recycling and Green Bin organics collection services.

BLUE BIN RECYCLING

- Empty and rinse containers before recycling.
- Put items in a City-authorized bin loose, not bagged (except for shredded paper).
- Ensure bin lids are fully closed when the bin is set out for collection.
- If using a bag instead of a bin, you must use a **clear plastic bag**.
- Unwaxed corrugated cardboard must be in bundles no larger than 75 x 75 x 30 centimetres (2.5 x 2.5 x 1 feet).
- Generally, when plastic bags/ overwrap are “soft and stretchy” (e.g. produce bags, overwrap from paper towels) they go in the Blue Bin and when they are “crinkly”, they go in the garbage.
- Don’t assume that all items with a ♻ are accepted in Toronto’s Blue Bin recycling program.

GREEN BIN ORGANICS

- Use a City-authorized bin.
- Line bins with **clear plastic bags**. Liner bags help keep the bin clean, allow complete tipping and prevent organics from freezing to the inside of the bin.
- Ensure bin lids are fully closed when the bin is set out for collection.
- Bins should not weigh more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) when filled. Bins that are too heavy to move safely and easily will not be collected. If organic waste is dense and heavy, place less in each Green Bin.
- Food scraps may be fresh, frozen, prepared, cooked or spoiled.
- Separate food and packaging. Recycle packaging if accepted in the Blue Bin or put in the garbage.

GARBAGE

- Put in a City-authorized Garbage Bin with the lid fully closed, or in a regular garbage bag with a City of Toronto Garbage Tag attached around the knot.
- Bin customers must bag and tag excess garbage.
- Garbage Tags are available for purchase online at: **toronto.ca/solidwastestore** and at Toronto Shoppers Drug Mart and Canadian Tire stores.
- Bags must not exceed 20 kilograms or 66 x 91 centimetres (2.2 x 3 feet).
- Waxed cardboard must be in bundles no larger than 75 x 75 x 30 centimetres (2.5 x 2.5 x 1 feet).

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN THE COMMERCIAL COLLECTION PROGRAM

Businesses must make their own arrangements for disposal of the following:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Batteries, bleach, cleaning supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, propane tanks/cylinders, etc. For the full list of HHW items, visit **toronto.ca/hhw**.

OVERSIZED ITEMS

Items that would not fit in a Garbage Bin or bag, including furniture, appliances, carpeting, toilets etc.

OTHER WASTE

Liquids, grease, cooking oil, rendering waste, yard waste, electronics and construction waste.

Use our online search tool to find out what goes where.

WASTE WIZARD

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For more information or to order bins, email 311@toronto.ca, call 311 or visit toronto.ca/waste.

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Put Waste in its Place

Blue Bin Recycling

Plastic
Non-black, empty, clean

Plastic bags (stretchy)

Bottles, jugs (lids on)

Food containers, plates, cups

Jars, tubs (lids on)

Foam packaging

Metal
Empty, clean

Food and beverage containers (place lid inside can and pinch closed)

Aluminum trays, pie plates, roasting pans

Glass
Empty, clean, lids on

Glass bottles, jars

Paper
Not soiled with food or chemicals

Boardboard

Unwaxed cardboard

Books

Office paper

Milk, juice, soup cartons

Newspapers, flyers, magazines

Green Bin Organics

Food Waste
Remove packaging and recycle if accepted in Blue Bin or put in garbage

Bread, toast, pizza, baked goods

Fruit scraps and peels

Cake, cookies, pie, muffins, candies

Vegetable peels and scraps

Dairy products, eggs and shells

Pasta, potatoes, rice, cereal, flour, grains

Meat, fish, shellfish

Nuts, nutshells

Other

Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags

House plants

Diapers, sanitary products, pet waste

Paper napkins, paper towels, facial tissues (not soiled with chemicals or make-up)

Garbage Tag attached.

Garbage Bin

Black plastic (e.g. food containers, cutlery, lids, bags, plant pots)

Coffee cups (recycle non-black lids and sleeves)

Liner bags (cereal, cookies, crackers)

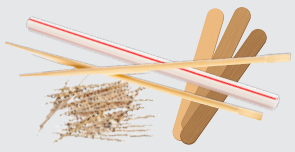
Dryer and disposable mop sheets, baby wipes, make-up pads, cotton-tipped swabs, dental floss

Cold drink cups, straws (recycle lids)

Plastic and rubber gloves

Bubble wrap

Plastic and foil wrappers, aluminum foil


Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, stir sticks, chopsticks

Stand-up pouches, snack food bags

Light bulbs (not CFLs), dishes, drinking glasses

Gum packages, blister packs

Wooden fruit and vegetable crates

Waxed cardboard boxes

Hair, pet hair, feathers, nail clippings, dryer lint

Candles and wax, cigarette butts and ashes

Scratch lottery tickets

Tips

- This poster is a quick reference. Not everything that goes in the Blue Bin recycling, Green Bin organics and garbage is listed here.
- Not sure where something goes? Search WASTE WIZARD at toronto.ca/wastewizard or call 311.
- The City's website (toronto.ca/waste) allows you to translate information into different languages.

Thank you for putting waste in the right place!

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