

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	Green Bin Organics	Garbage
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empty and rinse containers before placing in recycling bin.• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Regularly wash Green Bin to eliminate odour and residue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 top of the bag.• 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).• Regularly wash Garbage Bin to reduce odour and residue.

Items not accepted in the commercial collection program.

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

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	Oversized Items	Other Waste
Batteries, bleach, cleaning supplies, most types of light bulbs, paint, propane tanks/cylinders, etc. For the full list of HHW items, visit toronto.ca/hhw .	Items that would not fit in a Garbage Bin or bag, including furniture, appliances, carpeting, toilets etc.	Liquids, grease, cooking oil, rendering waste, yard waste, tires, electronics and construction waste.

Most waste, excluding HHW, can be brought to a City Drop-Off Depot: toronto.ca/drop-off-depot.

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

WASTE WIZARD 

toronto.ca/WasteWizard
TOWaste app



For more information or to order bins, contact 311 or visit toronto.ca/waste.

Put Waste in the Right Place

Blue Bin Recycling

Plastic

Non-black, non-compostable, empty, clean



Bags and overwrap (soft and stretchy)



Bottles, jugs (lids on)



Food containers, plates, cups



Jars, tubs (lids on)



Foam food and protective packaging

Metal

Empty, clean



Food and beverage containers



Aluminum trays, pie plates, roasting pans

Glass

Empty, clean, lids on



Glass bottles, jars

Paper

Not soiled with food or chemicals



Soft drink and coffee cups (no black lids)



Boxboard



Unwaxed cardboard



Newspapers, flyers, magazines



Books



Milk, juice, soup cartons and boxes



Office paper



Paper less than two inches (5 cm) should be put in a clear bag with shredded paper or inserted into an envelope

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



Vegetables peels and scraps



Dairy products, eggs and shells



Pasta, potatoes, rice, cereal, flour, grains



Meat, fish, shellfish (including bones)



Nuts, nutshells

Other



Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags



House plants (including soil)



Diapers, sanitary products, pet waste



Tissues, paper towels, napkins, food-soiled paper plates

Garbage Bin



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



Liner bags (cereal, cookies, crackers)



Stand-up pouches, drink pouches, straws



Bubble wrap and padded envelopes



Coffee pods (any type)



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



Compostable plastic and plastic-lined paper items (e.g. containers, cups, cutlery)



Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, chopsticks



Plastic or foil candy/chocolate wrappers, chip bags, aluminum foil



Light bulbs (not CFLs), dishes, drinking glasses



Gum packages, blister packs



Personal protective equipment (masks, gloves)



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



Waxed cardboard boxes



Wooden fruit and vegetable crates



Candles and wax, cigarette butts and ashes



Scratch lottery tickets



Garbage Tag attached.

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? Check the Waste Wizard online at toronto.ca/WasteWizard, download the TOwaste app or contact 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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