



WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE 2025

WAYS YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR WASTE AND YOUR CLIMATE IMPACT

Every year, the City of Toronto manages close to 830,000 tonnes of waste. This requires money, energy and resources and takes up limited landfill space.



TOP TIPS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

- Plan meals
- Buy only what you need
- Enjoy leftovers

Put food scraps and unavoidable food waste like tea bags, bones and eggshells in the Green Bin.

REDUCE FOOD WASTE AND KEEP ORGANICS OUT OF LANDFILL



Your participation in the Green Bin organics program is making a positive impact - thank you! The organic materials you put in the Green Bin are collected and processed to help make a nutrient-rich compost which can feed and nourish soil. The City also creates renewable natural gas from organic waste, which the City uses to help power its vehicles and heat its buildings.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Line your kitchen catcher (your indoor organics container) or Green Bin with any plastic bag (hint: reuse produce or cereal bags) to help keep your containers clean. Compostable plastic bags are not necessary.
- Place food scraps and unavoidable food waste in the Green Bin, not the garbage.
- Separate food from any packaging (like foam trays or plastic takeout containers) before placing in the Green Bin.
- Check toronto.ca/WasteWizard to find out if the packaging can go in the Blue Bin recycling.
- Remove stickers, twist ties and elastic bands from produce. Too much plastic or other contaminants can result in lower quality compost.

Learn more about the benefits of participating in the City's Green Bin program at toronto.ca/GreenBin.

简体中文

减少食物浪费, 避免把有机物送到垃圾掩埋场。访问toronto.ca/GreenBin获取更多信息。

தமிழ்

உணவுக் கழிவுகளைக் குறைத்து, சேதனப் பொருட்களைக் குப்பைமேட்டு நிலத்தில் இருந்து விலக்கி வைக்கவும். toronto.ca/GreenBin இல் மேலதிக தகவல்களைப் பெறவும்.

ESPAÑOL

Reduzca el desperdicio de alimentos y evite que los productos orgánicos acaben en los vertederos. Obtenga más información en toronto.ca/GreenBin.

FRANÇAIS

Réduisez le gaspillage alimentaire et évitez que les matières organiques ne finissent dans les décharges. Pour en savoir plus, consultez toronto.ca/GreenBin.

PORTUGUÊS

Reduza o desperdício de alimentos e mantenha os aterros sem lixo orgânico. Veja mais informações em toronto.ca/GreenBin.

TAGALOG

Bawasan ang basurang pagkain at panatilihin ang mga organiko sa labas ng landfill. Kumuha ng higit pang impormasyon sa toronto.ca/GreenBin.

HELP MAKE WASTE COLLECTION SAFE AND EFFICIENT

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Proper set out

For everyone's safety, follow these simple instructions when you set out your waste:

- Make sure your bins/items are placed as close to the street as possible and are clearly visible and accessible.
- Ensure bin lids are closed to prevent litter from blowing and lid openings are facing the street.
- Leave space (0.5 metres) between all bins and items so the trucks with automated arms can grab and lift bins.

Sidewalk Safety

- Some collection vehicles have large, moving mechanical arms that extend over sidewalks to lift bins.
- Stay a safe distance away from these vehicles while they are in operation, even when collection workers may not be visible, to prevent accidents and ensure everyone's safety.

Learn more about proper set out and waste collection safety at toronto.ca/waste.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The City picks up yard waste every other week on garbage collection day from mid-March to mid-December as well as Christmas trees in January.

The yard waste program allows the City to divert approximately 90,000 tonnes of yard waste from landfill each year. Collected yard waste is turned into compost, some of which is offered to residents for free (limits apply) at Community Environment Days.

Use paper yard waste bags or rigid open-top containers to keep yard waste collection safe and efficient (external height no less than 55 cm and no greater than 95 cm). Secure brush and branches in bundles no longer than 1.2 m, no wider than 0.6 m and no heavier than 20 kg.

Get more information on proper set out and size and weight restrictions at toronto.ca/YardWaste.

简体中文

多伦多的蓝盒子计划将更新。访问toronto.ca/recycling了解详情。

தமிழ்

சென்னை நகரின் நீலப்பெட்டி (Blue Box) திட்டத்தில் மாற்றங்கள் வருகின்றன. toronto.ca/recycling இல் மேலும் அறிக.

ESPAÑOL

Se avecinan cambios en el programa Blue Box de Toronto. Obtenga más información en toronto.ca/recycling.

FRANÇAIS

Des changements sont à venir dans le programme Blue Box de la Ville de Toronto. Pour en savoir plus, consultez toronto.ca/recycling.

PORTUGUÊS

Em breve, haverá mudanças no Programa do Contentor Azul de Toronto. Saiba mais em toronto.ca/recycling.

TAGALOG

Darating ang mga pagbabago sa Programa ng Blue Box ng Toronto. Matuto nang higit pa sa toronto.ca/recycling.

DID YOU KNOW?

WE ARE UPDATING OUR LONG-TERM WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

A planning process is underway to review and update Toronto's Long-term Waste Management Strategy (Waste Strategy) approved by City Council in 2016. Updating the Waste Strategy will include the exploration of options to further reduce, reuse and divert Toronto's waste.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Learn more and subscribe to the Long-term Waste Management Strategy e-mail list to receive important updates and details on upcoming engagement opportunities at toronto.ca/WasteStrategy.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REDUCE WASTE FROM SINGLE-USE AND TAKEAWAY ITEMS

Single-use and takeaway items such as eating utensils, straws, stir sticks, condiment packages, napkins, paper shopping bags and beverage takeout trays require valuable resources and energy to produce, collect, process and dispose of. Most of these items are common litter items.

To help reduce these items, City Council adopted the Single-Use and Takeaway Items Bylaw, which came into effect on March 1, 2024. The goal of the bylaw is to reduce the use and disposal of specific single-use and

takeaway items, regardless of the material they are made of and which waste stream they are managed in.

To learn more about the bylaw and what you can do to reduce your single-use waste, visit toronto.ca/single-use.

CHANGES ARE COMING TO TORONTO'S BLUE BIN PROGRAM

In July 2023, the City's recycling program for residential households (single family and multi-residential) transitioned to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), as part of a provincial regulation that makes producers fully accountable for the management of blue box materials that they supply to Ontario consumers, including paper products, packaging and packaging-like products such as aluminum foil and plastic wrap.

Effective January 1, 2026, your recycling collection service will be managed by a private company contracted on behalf of producers, not the City. More information on this change will be provided leading up to this date. For the latest information on the transition of the Blue Bin Program to EPR, visit toronto.ca/recycling.

DROP-OFF DEPOTS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE: For hours, accepted items and the most up-to-date information on depots, visit toronto.ca/drop-off-depot or **contact 311**.

HOLIDAYS: Check toronto.ca/holiday-impacts or **contact 311** to confirm hours of operation.

LOCATIONS

Fees apply for select materials.

For fee info visit toronto.ca/fees-for-drop-off-depots

GARBAGE, YARD WASTE & RECYCLING DROP-OFF ONLY

PRIORITY OF SERVICE: In order to keep our waste services efficient and cost effective,

CITY-OPERATED AND CONTRACTED VEHICLES ARE GIVEN PRIORITY

ACCESS DURING PEAK DELIVERY TIMES: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. & 3 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Does not apply to household hazardous waste and electronics drop-off.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF



	GARBAGE	YARD WASTE	RECYCLING	OTHER*	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	ELECTRONIC WASTE
BERMONDSEY 188 Bermondsey Rd. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMMISSIONERS 400 Commissioners St. (Toronto)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DISCO 120 Disco Rd. (Etobicoke)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
DUFFERIN 35 Vanley Cres. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
INGRAM 50 Ingram Dr. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCARBOROUGH 1 Transfer Place (Scarborough)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
VICTORIA PARK 3350 Victoria Park Ave. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

WASTE WIZARD



KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW!

To find out what waste goes where:

- visit toronto.ca/wastewizard
- download the TOWaste app or call 311



SUBSCRIBE to City alerts and publications, and connect with the City on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook and Instagram at toronto.ca/e-updates

To find your collection schedule and get more information about how to properly sort and reduce waste, visit toronto.ca/waste



简体中文

要查找垃圾收集时间表, 并获取更多关于如何正确分类和减少垃圾的信息, 请访问 toronto.ca/waste。

தமிழ்

உங்கள் கழிவுப்பொருட்கள் சேகரிப்பதில் காலஅட்டவணையைக் கண்டறிவதற்கும், கழிவுப்பொருட்களை எவ்வாறு சரியாக வகைப்படுத்துவது மற்றும் குறைப்பது என்பது பற்றிய மேலதிக தகவலைப் பெறுவதற்கும், toronto.ca/waste ஐப் பார்வையிடவும்.

ESPAÑOL

Para conocer su calendario de recolección de basura y obtener más información sobre cómo clasificar y reducir adecuadamente los residuos, visite toronto.ca/waste.

FRANÇAIS

Pour connaître votre jour de collecte et obtenir plus d'informations sur le tri et la réduction des déchets, consultez toronto.ca/waste.

PORTUGUÊS

Para ver o seu calendário de recolha ou saber mais sobre como separar e reduzir lixo corretamente, visite toronto.ca/waste.

TAGALOG

Upang hanapin ang iyong iskedyl ng pagkolekta at makakuha ng higit pang impormasyon tungkol sa kung paano maayos na ayusin at bawasan ang basura, bisitahin ang toronto.ca/waste.

