



# WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE 2026



# Blue Bins (recycling) will no longer be City-run

On January 1, 2026, a private company will take over residential recycling collection and services in Toronto.

This change is due to a provincial regulation that makes companies financially and operationally accountable for the blue bin materials they put into the Ontario marketplace.

For more information about what the City is doing to support this transition, visit [toronto.ca/recycling](https://toronto.ca/recycling).



For recycling inquiries, including missed collection and bin service requests, please call **1-888-921-2686** or visit [circularmaterials.ca/toronto](https://circularmaterials.ca/toronto).



## Proper Disposal to Keep Items Out of Landfill

You can make a difference by putting waste in its proper place and more importantly, by reducing waste.

### Here are some helpful tips:

- Did you know household hazardous waste (HHW) such as paint, cleaning products, motor oil, lighting and medication need proper disposal? Visit [toronto.ca/hhw](https://toronto.ca/hhw)
- Improper storage and disposal of lithium-ion batteries, found in many common devices, can cause fires. Learn about proper storage and disposal at [toronto.ca/LithiumBattery](https://toronto.ca/LithiumBattery)
- The City collects unwanted electronics such as computers and phones for free to ensure they are recycled or disposed of safely. Learn more at [toronto.ca/ewaste](https://toronto.ca/ewaste)
- Want to donate, borrow or repair items? Check out [toronto.ca/reduce-reuse](https://toronto.ca/reduce-reuse)
- Learn about the City's Single-Use & Takeaway Items Bylaw at [toronto.ca/single-use](https://toronto.ca/single-use)
- Unsure what goes where? Check the Waste Wizard at [toronto.ca/WasteWizard](https://toronto.ca/WasteWizard)

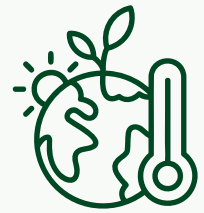


The City has a Long-term Waste Management Strategy. Sign-up for email updates and stay informed about opportunities to get involved at [toronto.ca/WasteStrategy](https://toronto.ca/WasteStrategy).



# Save Money, Reduce Food Waste and Your Climate Impact

Avoidable food waste accounts for over 50 per cent of all food waste generated by Toronto households per year. Reducing food waste saves money and helps the planet.



Learn more at:  
[toronto.ca/FoodWaste](https://toronto.ca/FoodWaste)

Here are some helpful tips:



**Plan ahead** – check what you have at home and make a meal plan before shopping.



**Keep food fresher longer** by storing it in the correct place. Freeze items to make them last longer.



**Use up what you have** – if produce is past its prime, make a soup or smoothie!

## Reduce Food Waste and Put Organic Waste in the Green Bin



Your participation in the Green Bin organics program is making a positive impact – thank you! The organic waste you put in the Green Bin is 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.

### Reminders:

- Line your kitchen/indoor organics container or Green Bin with any plastic bag (hint: reuse produce or shipping bags) to help keep your containers clean. Compostable plastic bags are not necessary.
- Place any food waste in the Green Bin, not the garbage.
- To prevent odours, wash organics containers and Green Bins frequently. Both can be cleaned with dish soap.
- Separate food from any packaging (like plastic wrap, trays or takeout containers) before placing food scraps in the Green Bin.
- Remove stickers, twist ties and elastic bands from produce. Too much plastic or other contaminants can result in lower quality compost.



Wonder what happens once your organics are collected? Watch the video to learn more at:  
[toronto.ca/what-happens-to-organics](https://toronto.ca/what-happens-to-organics)



Learn more about the benefits of participating in the City's Green Bin program at:  
[toronto.ca/GreenBin](https://toronto.ca/GreenBin)

### 简体中文

本指南已翻译成多种语言, 您可在以下网站查看:  
[toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste)

### FRANÇAIS

Le contenu de ce guide est disponible en plusieurs langues à l'adresse  
[toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste)

### PORTUGUÊS

O conteúdo deste guia está disponível com tradução em várias línguas em  
[toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste)

### ESPAÑOL

El contenido de esta guía está disponible para traducirse a varios idiomas en  
[toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste)

### TAGALOG

Ang nilalaman nitong gabay ay makukuha para sa pagsasalin sa maraming wika sa  
[toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste)

### தமிழ்

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[toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste)



# DROP-OFF DEPOTS

Starting January 1, 2026, City depots will no longer accept recycling.

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

**HOLIDAYS:** Check [toronto.ca/holiday-impacts](https://toronto.ca/holiday-impacts) or contact **311** to confirm hours of operation.

## Fees for Drop-Off Depots

Fees apply for select materials.

For fee info visit:  
[toronto.ca/fees-for-drop-off-depots](https://toronto.ca/fees-for-drop-off-depots)

## Garbage, Yard Waste & Other Waste Drop-Off

**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 electronic waste drop-off.*

## Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Drop-Off

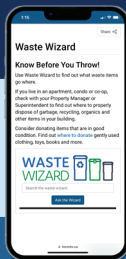


Location	Garbage	Yard Waste	Other Waste	Household Hazardous Waste	Electronic Waste
<b>BERMONDSEY</b> 188 Bermondsey Rd. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b> 400 Commissioners St. (Toronto)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>DISCO</b> 120 Disco Rd. (Etobicoke)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
<b>DUFFERIN</b> 35 Vanley Cres. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
<b>INGRAM</b> 50 Ingram Dr. (North York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>SCARBOROUGH</b> 1 Transfer Place (Scarborough)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
<b>VICTORIA PARK</b> 3350 Victoria Park Ave. (North York)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓



**Know before you throw!**  
To find out what waste goes where:

- Visit [toronto.ca/WasteWizard](https://toronto.ca/WasteWizard)
- Download the TOWaste app or contact 311



**SUBSCRIBE** to City alerts and publications, and connect with the City on X, Facebook and Instagram.



To find your collection schedule and get more information about how to properly sort and reduce waste, visit [toronto.ca/waste](https://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](https://toronto.ca/waste)

## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://toronto.ca/waste)

## தமிழ்

உங்கள் கழிவுப்பொருட்கள் சேகரிப்புக் காலஅட்டவணையைக் கண்டறிவதற்கும், கழிவுப்பொருட்களை எவ்வாறு சரியாக வகைப்படுத்துவது மற்றும் குறைப்பது என்பது பற்றிய மேலதிக தகவலைப் பெறுவதற்கும், [toronto.ca/waste](https://toronto.ca/waste) ஐப் பார்வையிடவும்.

