# **Household Hazardous Waste Depot**

The Household Hazardous Waste Depot is located at the Waste Diversion Site and is open to residents of Orillia and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara, and Severn. Please bring these items to the depot free of charge. Businesses are excluded. Your participation helps keep toxic items out of the landfill. There is a limit of one 20-litre (5-gallon) pail of any liquid per drop off, and containers must be sealed. Visit **productcare.org** for other drop-off locations.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Material

- Aerosol spray cans
- Antifreeze
- Cosmetics
- Disinfectants
- Fertilizer
- Fire extinguishers
- Flea powder
- Floor wax
- Batteries (all types) Fluorescent tubes/bulbs (limit 30 per visit)
  - Motor oil and filters
  - Oil containers
  - Old gasoline

- Oven cleaner
- Paints and stains
- Pesticides
- Propane, helium and expanding foam tanks
- Smoke detectors
- Solvents

- Swimming pool chemicals
- Syringes (must be in sharps container or return to pharmacy)
- **Wood preservatives**



Please Note: Empty spray and paint cans can go in your recycling.

Curbside Battery Collection: Runs Nov. 7-12, 2022 following the daylight savings time changes. Watch for more information at orillia.ca.



#### **Electronic Recycling Program**

Drop off any of the following electronic items for recycling at no charge.

- Vacuum cleaners and microwaves
- Computers and monitors
- Fax machines
- Video game consoles
- **Televisions**
- Pagers
- VCRs and DVD players
- Printers, scanners and modems
- Cameras (all types)
- Photocopiers and printing equipment
- Stereos and radios
- Cell phones



#### **Reuse Depot Materials**

The Reuse Depot has expanded to include household items like furniture, paintings, books and dishes. These items and the items listed below are available free of charge.

- **Paints**
- Paint thinners
- Car care products
- Stains, polishes and waxes
- Home and garden products





Download the City of Orillia's mobile app Pingstreet for a customized curbside collection calendar and set-out reminders. Available for most devices.

For more infomation, contact the Waste Diversion Site at 705-325-3522 or enviroservices@orillia.ca. Visit orillia.ca/recyclingtips for details.

Note: Information presented in this guide is subject to change.

# **2022 SOLID WASTE** Collection Guide



See inside for your 2022 Waste Collection Calendar and Information on the New Clear Garbage Bag Program!

Printed on 30% recycled paper

The City of Orillia follows every-other-week garbage collection. Recycling and green bin/yard waste are collected weekly. Orillia is moving to a clear garbage bag program on Feb. 7, 2022. More details inside.

### **Green Bin and Yard Waste Collection**

Weekly collection of Green Bin/Yard Waste runs year-round. No garbage tag required. You can cut your garbage by over 35% by using this program or backyard composting. Only paper bags, labelled yard waste containers and certified compostable bags for leaf and yard waste collection will be accepted. Clear plastic bags are no longer accepted for leaf and yard waste.

#### **Kitchen Organics**

#### Food Waste (Table Scraps)

- Fruits and vegetables
- Corn cobs and husks Eggs and egg shells
- Breads, grains and cereals
- Nuts and shells
- Coffee filters and arounds
- Tea bags
- Salads and dressings
- Rice and pasta (cooked/uncooked)
- Dairy, cooked meat and bones

#### Other

- Soiled paper towels
- House plants
- Dryer lint
- Tissues and paper napkins

#### Not Accepted (Garbage)

- Pet waste (includes cat litter)
- Diapers
- Hygiene products

Empty kitchen organics into your green bin or backyard composter.



Bags or cans of grass clippings require a garbage tag. Bags or cans of leaves and other yard waste do not require a garbage tag.

#### **Yard Waste includes:**

- Leaves
- Branches
- Trimmings Pumpkins

Branch diameter must be under 2.5 cm. Bundles should be no larger than  $1 \text{ m} \log x 50 \text{ cm}$  wide/tall.

Christmas trees (natural) will be collected the first three full weeks after Christmas.

**Empty yard waste** into a paper or compostable bag or labelled yard waste container. Clear plastic bags are no longer accepted.



#### Set Out Requirements



Weight limit = 20 kg (44 lbs) - Line your Green Bin with newspaper, use a certified compostable bag with the certified compostable logo or a paper bag. Yard Waste: Free labels for yard waste containers are available at the Orillia City Centre or Waste Diversion Site. Empty yard waste into a paper or compostable bag or labelled yard waste container. Leaves raked into ditches or onto boulevards will not be collected. Please place thorny/prickly trimmings into paper bags.



# **Curbside Recycling Program**

Separate paper and containers into two separate recycling bins.

#### Paper

- Newspapers
- Phone books and catalogues
- Magazines and junk mail
- Wrapping paper
- Office paper
- Envelopes (with or without windows)
- Paperback books
- Cereal boxes (flattened)
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Empty paper cups (no lids)
- Empty cigarette packages
- Styrofoam packages and trays (must be in a bag)
- Plastic shopping/milk/bread bags (must be clean and empty and stuffed in a bag that is tied)



Visit orillia.ca/recyclingtips for tips and more detailed information on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs.

Taller recycling bins for containers are

available at the Waste Diversion Site.

# CONTAINER RECYCLABLES

#### Cardboard Set Out

When setting out large amounts of cardboard:

- Flatten, bundle and tie
- Place beside the recycling box
- Limit of four bundles
- Garbage tags are required for excess bundles
- Small pieces of cardboard may go in the recycling box for paper
- Maximum size is 120 cm x 75 cm x 25 cm (48" x 30" x 10")

#### Do Not Include (Garbage)

- Flowerpots (return to retailer)
- Furnace filters
- **Bubble/stretch wrap**
- Meat/cheese wrappers
- Cereal box liners
- Ceramics
- Window glass and drinking glasses
- Foam packaging peanuts
- Chip bags, candy wrappers or pasta bags

Recycling Requirements Weight Limit = 20 kg (44 lbs) - Large amounts of containers, styrofoam, bags or paper can be placed in separate clear plastic bags (maximum size of 95 cm x 80 cm). No mixing of paper and containers. To reduce blowing litter, stack your recycling box with containers on top of your box for paper.

# **Garbage Tag Program**

All garbage placed at curbside requires a City of Orillia garbage tag. Additional tags can be purchased in sets of five for \$10.00 (\$2.00 each) from the Orillia City Centre, the Waste Diversion Site and select retail stores.

#### **Set Out Requirements**

- Garbage, recycling and green bin/yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure collection
- Garbage must be placed in a clear bag (beginning Feb. 7, 2022). Up to two small (opaque) privacy bags can be placed in the clear garbage bag.
- Weight limit for can, bag or bundle is 20 kg (44 lbs)
- Maximum garbage can size is 133 litres
- Maximum garbage bag size is 95 cm x 80 cm (38 in x 32 in)
- Garbage containing more than 10% recycling box and green bin/yard waste materials will not be collected
- Wrap sharp objects such as broken glass or place in a rigid container
- No needles or syringes
- After significant snowfall, cut a notch half way up the snowbank at the right edge of your driveway for your garbage, recycling box and/or green bin
- Place **diapers** in small clear bags (no garbage taas required)



#### **ORILLIA GARBAGE TAG**

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#### How to Tag Garbage

- For a bag: attach it over the twist tie/knot to form a flag
- For a can (bag not required): place tag on top item inside the can (not on the lid)
- For a bundle: attach the tag to the string so it is easily visible

Holiday collection is usually delayed one day after a statutory holiday. Notices on holiday collection are posted on **orillia.ca** and in the City Bulletin (published in the Orillia Today every Thursday and available as an e-newsletter).



#### tag on top item



3. Green bin (broken bins exchanged free)

Missed Your Collection Day?

Garbage bags tagged with an Orillia

Waste Diversion Site at no charge.

**WASTE DIVERSION SITE** 

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Large plastic pails (up to 20 litres)

Note: Used clothing can be donated to

various charities. For locations, visit

Green bin/yard waste/grass clippings

Saturday

100 Kitchener St.

Tires (on or off rims)

orillia.ca/recyclingtips.

• Brush and tree wood

Recycling box materials

**Monday - Friday** 

Scrap metal

garbage tag can be dropped off at the

- Kitchen green container (broken containers exchanged free)
- 5. Recycling bin (broken bins exchanged
- 6. Rain barrel (must produce water bill)

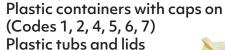
Items 2 to 5 are for Orillia residents only. Visit orillia.ca for complete pricing.

There is a minimum charge of \$20.00 on all chargeable loads (effective Feb. 1, 2022).









**Yogurt containers** 

• Frozen juice cans

Containers

Milk and juice cartons

Clean foil and trays

Empty aerosol cans

Drinking boxes (empty)

Food and beverage cans

Empty and dry paint cans

that are less than 4 litres

- Empty plastic (clamshell) trays
- Glass bottles and jars





# Orillia's New Clear Garbage Bag Program



The City of Orillia is moving to a clear garbage bag program beginning on Feb. 7 2022. To help residents better understand the program, here are some answers to commonly asked questions.

#### What is a clear garbage bag program?

Residents are to place their garbage in a clear plastic bag instead of an opaque (black or green) plastic bag. Residents can use up to two small privacy bags such as a regular-sized shopping bag to hide items they don't want others to see. Rigid garbage containers are still able to be used, but if the garbage bin is lined, it will need to be lined with a clear garbage bag.

#### When is Orillia moving to the clear bag program?

The clear bag program takes effect on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022.

#### Why is Orillia moving to a clear garbage bag program?

The main goal of this program is to divert recyclable and compostable materials from the garbage to reduce what ends up at Orillia's Waste Diversion Site (landfill). This will increase the landfill's life, ultimately saving taxpayers a lot of money in the long-term. In Orillia specifically, almost 36% of what goes in the garbage at the curb could go in the recycling box or green bin. Clear garbage bag programs discourage residents from setting out recycling and compostable materials in their garbage as it makes it more apparent who is participating in diversion (recycling and green bin) programs and who is not. Other municipalities have seen waste diversion rates increase by as much as 10% with a clear garbage bag program.

What happens if I put my garbage out in an opaque garbage bag after Feb. 7, 2022?

Your garbage will not be collected (even if it is tagged with an Orillia Garbage Tag). City staff are here to help anyone wishing to learn more about what can be recycled or composted.

# Will my bag not be picked up if I throw out a recyclable item that is soiled? For example, soiled tin foil?

It is understood some recycling material will be soiled so it will need to go in the garbage. This would not be a reason to leave the material behind, particularly if the resident has also set out their recycling boxes and a green bin demonstrating that they are recycling. The collection drivers will leave behind clear garbage bags that contain a large amount (or over 10%) of recycling and compostable materials.

# Will local retailers sell clear bags (both large and small)?

City staff have notified local grocery and hardware store retailers and their head offices about stocking up on large and small clear bags prior to the implementation of the program. Note that two small opaque kitchen bags can be used as privacy bags within a clear bag.



#### What can I do with my pet waste?

Pet waste in Orillia goes in the garbage. Small dog waste bags can be placed within the clear garbage bag and will not be considered privacy bags. All other pet waste should be placed in a clear bag. Please note that pet waste wrapped in newspaper within a clear bag will not be cause for leaving the garbage behind. To cut down on pet waste going to landfill, residents are encouraged to set up a dedicated backyard composter for just pet waste and use the resulting compost on lawns, flower gardens and shrubs, but not vegetable gardens. For more tips visit **orillia.ca/recyclingtips**.

# My household generates incontinence products that I don't want my neighbours to see. What can I do?

Incontinence products can be placed in the privacy bag(s) or within a clear plastic bag(s) within a rigid container. Please also note that disposable diapers do not require a garbage tag in Orillia.

#### What should I do with my black/green garbage bags?

You are encouraged to use the bags up before the new clear bag program takes effect. If you do end up with leftover black/green bags, it is recommended that they be used for storage or to hold donation items to local charities, non-profit groups and churches. The bags themselves can also be donated to willing charities that may have opportunities to reuse them (clothing storage, etc.).

#### What are the benefits of the clear garbage bag program?

There are many benefits of a clear garbage bag program including:

- Increased diversion of recyclables and green bin organics from the waste stream through curbside collection. Based on the experiences of other municipalities, Orillia could reach its 75 % waste diversion goal by implementing a clear garbage bag program.
- The program will conserve valuable landfill space and extend the life of the landfill by at least two years or more based on current landfilling rates.
- The program will offer increased worker safety by enabling the garbage collectors to see the contents of the bags and avoid hazardous items, such as sharp glass, needles, etc.
- The program will greatly assist with the removal of hazardous waste items from the waste stream, such as batteries, paint, pharmaceuticals, oil, gasoline, etc.

# Why am I being encouraged to use clear plastic? Shouldn't we be reducing the amount of plastic we use?

All clear garbage bag programs implemented have seen a significant increase in diversion. This means that less plastic garbage bags are set out and more plastic is diverted for recycling (as well as other recyclable and compostable materials). Orillia residents that do not wish to use plastic bags can still place their garbage directly in a rigid container that is no larger than 133 litres. If residents are lining their rigid container with a bag, it must be a clear bag.

# What other municipalities have a clear garbage bag program?

Other municipalities with clear bag programs include the City of Markham, the Town of Orangeville (Dufferin County), and the Town of Goderich. The City of Markham saw an 11% increase in diversion after one year of having the clear bag program in place. When Markham switched to a clear bag garbage collection program, there was very limited initial public support of the program, but several years after implementation, 100% of the residents surveyed indicated that they supported the program.

#### Other questions?

For more information on this program visit **orillia.ca/clearbag**, call 705-325-3522 or email enviroservices@orillia.ca.

Check out the City of Orillia's Solid Waste Collection Guide at **orillia.ca/recyclingtips** for more information on what can be recycled and composted.