



# 2023

WASTE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR



# CAO'S MESSAGE



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On behalf of the County of Simcoe, I want to thank all residents for doing your part to make our first full calendar year under our new automated cart collection system a success. Change can undoubtedly be difficult, and there was some initial apprehension and evolution, but we are together seeing the tremendous benefits of the new cart system and our modified collection schedule; the overwhelming majority of residents appear to be very happy with their new carts and the program. The change also immediately addressed industry-wide labour shortages by moving from manual collection to an automated system, and by adjusting to a four-day collection schedule, we have brought further consistency to your collections. Most importantly, we hope you are enjoying the added convenience of the cart system in your household.

In June 2022, we conducted a survey and received more than 5,500 responses, which showed that 88 per cent of our survey participants are either satisfied or very satisfied

with the new cart system. We are also pleased that those of you who may prefer smaller carts will continue to have an opportunity to exchange your carts for a size that fits your household needs.

The County also received great news about our progress on waste diversion – a testament to our residents' ongoing commitment to the environment. This news also highlights the leadership of County Council and our waste management staff, who continue to support and implement innovative diversion programs. The County ranked second among 98 municipalities in Ontario for its diversion rate. We diverted 64 per cent of residential waste produced from disposal. Though there is always room for improvement, these results show how the County is continuing its 15-year success streak and leading the way on diversion in Ontario.

In 2023, we look forward to continuing to improve on our waste management services and waste diversion results, while we work on planning and implementing strategies to deal with the future waste

management needs of our growing region.

Thank you again for your efforts and support towards our ongoing commitment to reducing our waste footprint in Simcoe County. Together as a community, we will prosper by working towards a more sustainable future for all.

Sincerely,



**Mark Aitken**  
County of Simcoe  
CAO

# SORTING GUIDE

For more information, please download the **Simcoe County Collects App** or visit [simcoe.ca/waste](http://simcoe.ca/waste)



## WEEKLY ORGANICS

- Remove all packaging from food. Wrap organics in newspaper or certified compostable bags. Look for these logos:



- Empty kitchen bin into organics cart frequently.

### FOOD WASTE

- Tea bags, coffee grounds, and filters
- Eggs and egg shells
- Grease and fat
- Halloween pumpkins
- Meat, fish, and bones



### SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS



- Pizza boxes
- Waxed paper
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Paper cups (loose - not stacked)
- Paper plates, paper towels and tissues

### PET WASTE

- Household pet feces (bagged)
- Kitty litter (no plastic kitty litter liners)
- Cage bedding (wood and cedar shavings)
- Newspaper from bottom of bird cages

### OTHER ITEMS

- Cold wood ashes (wet and in a compostable bag)
- Dryer lint
- Feathers and hair
- Cut flowers and houseplants

### DO NOT INCLUDE

- Plastic and diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Leaf and yard waste
- Vacuum bags
- Cigarette butts

## BI-WEEKLY GARBAGE

- Excess garbage, set-out in addition to the garbage cart, must have a County garbage tag affixed.

- Max. of 5 tagged standard size garbage bags permitted. For a list of tag outlets visit, [simcoe.ca](http://simcoe.ca)

- All coffee disks and single-serve coffee pods (K-cups)
- Plastic bags and film (over wrap)
- Styrofoam packaging and peanuts
- Black plastic
- Plastic cutlery
- Diapers and wipes
- Dryer sheets
- Cotton swabs
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toys
- Vacuum bags
- Window glass (boxed and sealed)
- Wrappers (foil and plastic)
- Cotton swabs
- Drinking pouches



### DO NOT INCLUDE

- Recyclable and organic materials
- Hazardous waste
- (medication, batteries, paint, etc.)
- Yard waste

## BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING

- Check below to confirm if packaging is recyclable or visit [simcoe.ca/wastewizard](http://simcoe.ca/wastewizard).

- Remove all food residue and place recyclables loose inside the cart, do NOT bag (exception shredded paper).

### CARDBOARD FLATTEN\* & BOXBOARD

Flatten cardboard and put inside the recycling cart. \* If quantities are larger, flatten and bundle (max.75x75x20cm) beside cart.



### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



### PLANT POTS AND TRAYS (no cell packs)



### ALUMINUM PLATES AND FOIL



### AEROSOL, BEVERAGE, AND FOOD CANS



### PAPER



Shredded paper must be placed in a clear bag

### SPIRAL-WOUND, GABLE TOP AND TETRA-PAK™ CONTAINERS



### RIGID PLASTIC PACKAGING



(some exceptions apply)



### DO NOT INCLUDE

- Black plastic, motor oil bottles, styrofoam, plastic bags and film
- Drinking glasses & window glass
- Ceramics & toys
- Wrappers (candy and chips)
- LCBO & beer bottles
- Paper cups & paper plates
- Tissues & paper towel
- Waxed, plastic or foil-coated paper products

# DISPOSAL FEES

at waste facilities by common material types are:

## Free



Recyclables and Cardboard



Residential Organics



Concrete Rubble



Propane Tanks (max. 100lb.)



Textiles / Reusable Clothing



Leaf and Yard Waste



Electronics



Scrap Metal



Residential HHW



Cooking Oil



Tires

## \$75/tonne



Drywall (clean)



Wood (limits apply)



Shingles (clean)



Brush

## \$155/tonne

Minimum charge \$10/load



Garbage



Bulky Rigid Plastics



Pressure Treated Wood



Mattresses or Box Springs  
(max. 100lb.) - \$10 each plus weight



Commercial Organics



Window Glass

## \$310/tonne

Minimum charge \$20/load



Mixed waste,  
improperly  
separated and  
difficult waste

## \$15/each flat rate



CFC Appliances

- Materials must be separated to avoid additional charges.
- Materials not sorted properly into the designated diversion areas cause your load to be charged at the mixed waste rate.
- If you were weighed in, you must be weighed out. Not returning over the scale may incur a significant charge, making you ineligible for service until the charge is paid.



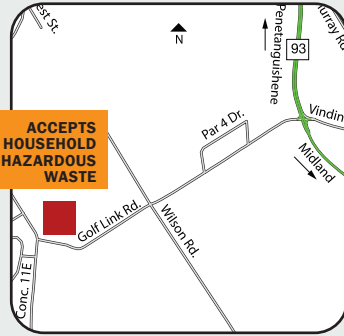
# WASTE FACILITIES

## WEST GWILLIMBURY



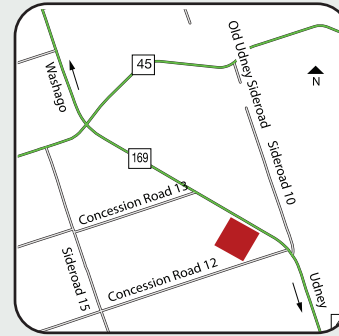
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Bradford L3Z 2M4  
Monday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## NORTH SIMCOE



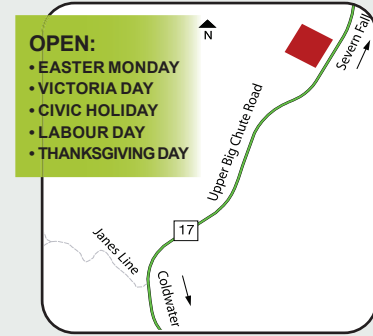
1700 Golf Link Road,  
Midland L0L 2J0  
Monday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MARA



5200 County Road 169,  
Udney L3V 6H7  
Thursday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MATCHEDASH



4546 Upper Big Chute Road,  
Coldwater L0K 1E0  
Sunday & Monday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## ORO



610 Old Barrie Road West,  
Edgar L0L 2E0  
Monday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## NOTTAWASAGA



5715 County Road 64,  
Stayner L0M 1S0  
Monday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## COLLINGWOOD



470 10th Line,  
Collingwood L9Y 3Z2  
Monday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## TOSORONTO



6815 Concession Road 4,  
Everett L0M 1J0  
Monday - Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hours of operation are subject to change.

Sites are closed on statutory holidays unless otherwise noted. Payment methods include cash, debit, Visa, and MasterCard.

# CHRISTMAS TREE & WINTER COLLECTION TIPS

## WINTER COLLECTION TIPS

- Place waste in a visible location at the end of your driveway, not on or behind a snowbank. If necessary, clear a small area.
- To prevent material from freezing and sticking, line your organic cart with newspaper.
- If carts are hit by snow removal equipment, it is the resident's responsibility to clean up the materials and, if required, contact Service Simcoe to arrange repairs or replacement of damaged cart(s).
- Inclement weather or poor road conditions may result in the cancellation of collection services.
- Download the Simcoe County Collects mobile app to receive alerts specific to collection impacts in your area.

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

- Remove plastic tree bags, decorations, and stands. Trees must be out to the curb by **7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week**. See map on page 6, to determine zone. Christmas tree collection will occur during the week, not necessarily on your regular waste collection day.
- The **maximum size is 2m**; if longer, cut into smaller sections.
- To ensure collection, trees must be clearly visible and **not frozen into snowbanks**, on a cleared driveway or ~1m x 1m pad. Collection crews will not climb snowbanks to retrieve or dig out trees. Don't place Christmas trees on road or sidewalk.

Set carts on driveway or cleared area with 2 feet of space all around





# JANUARY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Waste facilities closed Waste collection schedule unchanged	<b>2</b> Garbage/ Organics Week 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Christmas Tree Collection <b>ZONE 1</b>						
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Recycling/ Organics Week 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Christmas Tree Collection <b>ZONE 2</b>						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Garbage/ Organics Week 	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Christmas Tree Collection <b>ZONE 1</b>						
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Recycling/ Organics Week 	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Christmas Tree Collection <b>ZONE 2</b>						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Garbage/ Organics Week 	<b>31</b>	<b>MANY HAPPY RETURNS</b> Take your empties to The Beer Store for a refund. Putting empty glass wine, beer, or spirit bottles in the recycling cart increases the cost of the recycling program. 			

# TOO GOOD TO WASTE

YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR FOOD WASTE AND

## SAVE UP TO \$112 PER MONTH

IN GROCERY BILLS BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS:



## PLAN

- Before shopping, do an inventory of what you have to avoid duplication.
- Try to use what you have before buying more.
- Plan meals, focus on what you need at the grocery store, and avoid impulse buying.

## SHOP WISELY

- Avoid shopping when hungry.
- Buying in bulk doesn't save money if you throw away food that's not eaten. Buy only as much as you need.
- Be realistic, not optimistic. Shop for what you will actually eat.

## STORE PROPERLY

- The freezer is your friend. Whether it's herbs, bread or meat, it can all be frozen.
- Save leftovers and actually eat them. Freeze those that can't be consumed promptly. Label the container with the date and contents.
- Try using an 'eat first' bin in the refrigerator for foods that should be consumed soon to avoid wastage.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Waste audits show the average household in the County throws away 99 kg of edible food waste annually.

For more information, visit:

[lovefoodhatewaste.ca](http://lovefoodhatewaste.ca)



# FEBRUARY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>ON WINDY DAYS</b> Please bring carts in promptly after collection				1 	2	3	4
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20 <b>Family Day</b> <b>Waste facilities closed</b> Waste collection occurring 	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27 	28	<b>INCLEMENT WEATHER MAY AFFECT YOUR COLLECTION</b> and result in temporary closures of County waste facilities. Download the <b>Simcoe County Collects app</b> to be notified when weather services impact your area.				

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



For commercial hazardous waste, visit:  
[simcoe.ca/hhw](http://simcoe.ca/hhw)

See page 2 for facilities where residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) materials can be disposed of safely and free of charge.

Ensure containers are clearly labelled, secured, and leak-proof. Never combine products and keep HHW materials separate from other materials in your load, as explosive or poisonous chemical reactions may occur.

## Acceptable Materials



- Paints and stains
- Oil, transmission, and antifreeze fluids
- Batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Oil filters and containers
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline (containers cannot be returned)
- Solvents and household cleaners
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Mercury thermostats
- Pesticides (fungicides, herbicides, insecticides)
- Fertilizers
- Propane tanks and cylinders (max. 100lb)
- Needles and syringes (in approved containers)

## Unacceptable Materials



- Explosives  
(spent fireworks, flares, ammunition, and gun powder)
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, etc.
- Pharmaceuticals and medications
- Visit [healthsteward.ca](http://healthsteward.ca) for free disposal options

For more information about what goes where, visit:  
[simcoe.ca/wastewizard](http://simcoe.ca/wastewizard)



# MARCH 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>WE ❤️ PETS</b> When spring arrives and you are doing pet waste clean-up, remember that pet waste can go in the green cart and must be bagged in a certified compostable bag.			1 Garbage/ Organics Week	2	3	4
5	6 Recycling/ Organics Week	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Daylight Saving Time</b> Don't forget to change your clocks	13 Garbage/ Organics Week	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Recycling/ Organics Week	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Garbage/ Organics Week	28	29	30	31	1

# YARD WASTE COLLECTION



Bi-weekly yard waste collection takes place during specific weeks throughout the year. Determine your collection zone by looking at the map. Place material out for collection by **7 a.m. on Monday** of your collection week. Collection will occur during the week, **not necessarily on your regular collection day.**

**Use kraft paper yard waste bags, compostable bags, cardboard boxes, or open-ended rigid containers for your yard waste.**



Bundle with string, maximum 2 m long and 30 cm in diameter

## Acceptable Materials

- Leaves
- Grass
- Garden waste
- Decorative cornstalks and straw bales
- Brush

## Unacceptable Materials

- Pet waste
- Flowerpots
- Rocks
- Stumps
- Plastic bags
- Kitchen waste
- Lumber
- Dirt

The County reserves the right to refuse unreasonable quantities set out for curbside collection.

# APRIL 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	 <b>HOP TO IT!</b> Download the free Simcoe County Collects mobile app and sign up for notifications.					1
2	 <b>3</b> Recycling/ Organics Week	4	5	6	<b>7</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Waste facilities closed</b> Waste collection schedule unchanged	8
9	<b>Easter Monday</b> <b>Waste facilities closed</b> Waste collection occurring  <b>10</b> Garbage/ Organics Week	11	12	13	14	15
		 Yard Waste Collection <b>ZONE 1</b>				
16	 <b>17</b> Recycling/ Organics Week	18	19	20	21	22
		 Yard Waste Collection <b>ZONE 2</b>				
23	 <b>24</b> Garbage/ Organics Week	25	26	27	28	29
		 Yard Waste Collection <b>ZONE 1</b>				
30	 <b>1</b> Recycling/ Organics Week	2	3	4	5	6
		 Yard Waste Collection <b>ZONE 2</b>				



# BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Starting at  
**\$40**  
for  
**5 ITEMS**



Call **1-800-263-3199**. Maximum of five items per scheduled collection. Material must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled bulky collection day. Payment and a list of items to be collected are required at the time of booking. Appointments must be booked in advance. This service is subject to availability, so book early to avoid disappointment.

## NOTE:

The County reserves the right to refuse items should there be evidence of bed bugs or based on size or weight restrictions.



If you don't have 5 items, **team up** with neighbours and get more **bang** for your  **buck!**

- Mattresses and Box Springs\*
- Furniture and Electronics
- Appliances\* (including CFC)
- Metal and Wood Waste
- Bath Fixtures
- Carpeting bundled and rolled  
(Max. 2.5 m X 30 cm in diameter, 1 bundle = 1 item)

## Acceptable Materials



\* Prices subject to change. Additional fees apply for mattresses, box springs, and CFC appliances such as fridges, water coolers, AC units, etc.

# MAY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 Recycling/ Organics Week 	2 	3	4	5	6
Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2						
7	8 Garbage/ Organics Week 	9 	10	11	12	13
Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1						
14	15 Recycling/ Organics Week 	16 	17	18	19	20
Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2						
21	22 Victoria Day Waste facilities closed Waste collection is occurring 	23 	24	25	26	27
Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1						
28	29 Recycling/ Organics Week 	30 	31	<b>CARTS AT THE COTTAGE?</b> Want to know how to use your carts at the cottage? Visit <a href="http://simcoe.ca">simcoe.ca</a> or scan this QR code to learn more! 		
Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2						

# CLOTHING COLLECTION



Fashion doesn't expire

If you already donate used clothing, please continue to do so. Alternatively, help us keep textiles out of the garbage! Textiles placed out for collection must be dry and odour free but may be torn or stained.

## Acceptable Materials

- Used clothing, towels, pillows and linens
- Clean undergarments, coats, hats and scarves
- Belts, purses, backpacks and luggage
- Shoes, socks and mittens in pairs (wrap with elastic to hold together)

## Unacceptable Materials

- Damp/wet items, single shoes/socks/mittens
- Small fabric scraps
- Garbage and dirty items

# ELECTRONICS COLLECTION



Collection

**Help us keep electronic waste out of the landfill.**

Delete all personal data and place bags and larger loose items out at the curb.

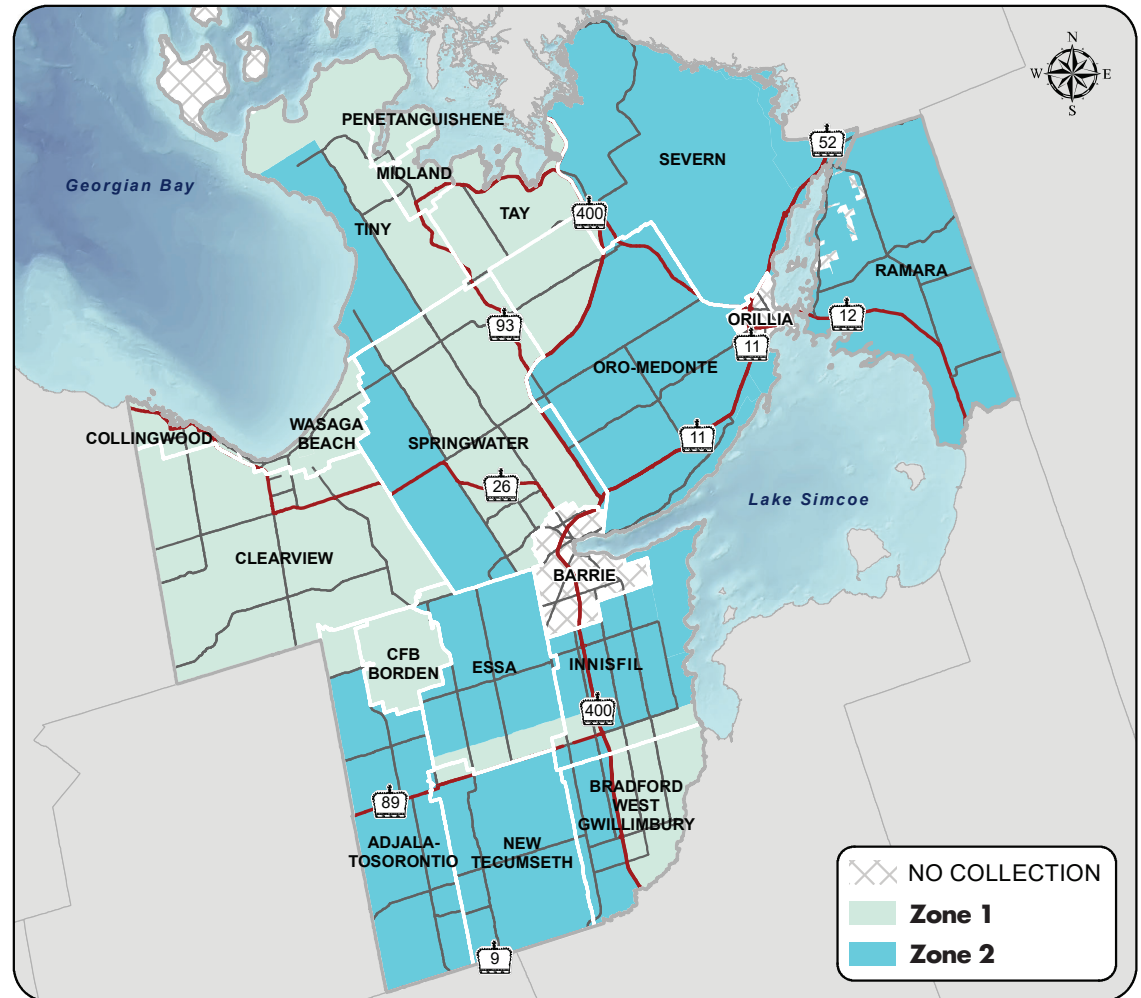
## Acceptable Materials

- Computers, printers, televisions, and monitors
- Cellular phones, video gaming consoles
- Small appliances (toasters, kettles, electric mixers, etc.)
- Personal care (hair dryers, electric shavers, etc.)
- Cords and small corded power tools

## Unacceptable Materials

- Packing material and boxes
- Disk/games, batteries, and toys
- Coffee pots, lightbulbs and large appliances

Place extra material into clear bags for collection. **Sealed bags must be out on your regular collection day at 7 a.m. of your specific week, regardless of what time your regular waste is collected.** The County reserves the right to refuse collection if improperly set-out or over-weight (20 kg).



Your textile and electronics week may have changed to improve routing efficiencies. Please refer to [simcoe.ca/waste](http://simcoe.ca/waste) or the **Simcoe County Collects app** to determine clothing and electronics collection dates.



# JUNE 2023




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>GRASS-CYCLING</b> <b>Cut it and leave it, it's better for your lawn.</b> Grass clippings put nutrients back into the soil - they contain 80 - 85% water and decompose quickly.				1 Recycling/ Organics Week 	2	3
4	5 Garbage/ Organics Week 	6	7	8	9	10
		Clothing Collection <b>Zone 1</b>				
11	12 Recycling/ Organics Week 	13	14	15	16	17
		Clothing Collection <b>Zone 2</b>				
18	19 Garbage/ Organics Week 	20	21	22	23	24
		Electronics Collection <b>Zone 1</b>				
25	26 Recycling/ Organics Week 	27	28	29	30	1
		Electronics Collection <b>Zone 2</b>				

# WASTE FACILITY TIPS



**Brush disposal fee of \$75/tonne covers the cost of processing into brush chips which are available free of charge.**

- Busy times are on **Saturdays** and early in the week; avoid these days if possible. 
- Material not properly sorted into the designated diversion areas **cause your entire load to be charged at the mixed-waste rate of \$310/tonne.**
- Separate materials in your load. Divertible materials may be free or qualify for a reduced fee (see page 2 for more information).
- Insulation and Styrofoam packaging must be bagged to reduce windblown litter.
- There is a minimum fee of \$10 for disposal; avoid coming to the facility with small loads.
- **Propane cylinders** are accepted **free of charge** but please do not put them in the garbage or recycling. Notify site staff upon arrival at the facility as they are managed differently for health and safety reasons.
- Vehicles must enter the scale on a green light and declare the type of waste.
- Due to health and safety policies, staff can not assist with the lifting or removal of waste from vehicles.
- **Prior to leaving** the site, vehicles **must return to the scale.** The computerized weigh scale system calculates waste disposal charges.
- **Payment** is due prior to leaving the site.

# JULY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## HAVE EXTRA RECYCLING?

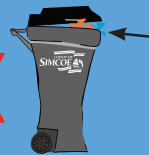
**Put recycling that doesn't fit in your cart in blue boxes or clear bags (2 ft from cart).**

One additional recycling cart per serviced unit may be obtained for a \$50 administration fee. Contact Service Simcoe for more information.

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Canada Day  
Waste facilities closed

2	3 Garbage/ Organics Week 	4 	5	6	7	8
		Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1				
9	10 Recycling/ Organics Week 	11 	12	13	14	15
		Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2				
16	17 Garbage/ Organics Week 	18 	19	20	21	22
		Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1				
23	24 Recycling/ Organics Week 	25 	26	27	28	29
		Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2				

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**PLEASE DON'T OVERSTUFF CARTS**

**Lids must be fully closed.**



# GET YOUR WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION



**SIMCOE COUNTY  
COLLECTS APP**

1. Get customized, waste management information, including service alerts, collection reminders, waste facility information and mobile Waste Wizard by downloading the free Simcoe County Collects app **Simcoe County Collects App**



2. Don't want to download the app but still want to know when service delays impact you? Sign up for weekly collection reminders and alerts via email, text, Twitter or phone call



View your upcoming  
collection schedule



Receive  
notifications



Search the  
Waste Wizard



Locate  
waste facilities

**WATCH FOR OUR NEW  
WASTE SORTING GAME COMING SOON!**

# AUGUST 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31  Garbage/ Organics Week	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <b>Civic Holiday</b> Waste facilities closed Waste collection is occurring  Recycling/ Organics Week	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Garbage/ Organics Week	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  Recycling/ Organics Week	22	23	24	25	26
27	28  Garbage/ Organics Week	29	30	31	1	2



# BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS



If your school supplies, backpack and lunch bag are still in good condition, use them again this year. If you do need to buy more, stick to the list of supplies the teacher has provided and avoid purchasing any unnecessary materials.



When packing lunches, use reusable water bottles and food containers to reduce waste and avoid pre-packaged snacks as their packaging is not usually recyclable.



Get a new school wardrobe while reducing waste and costs by organizing a clothing swap with friends or try thrift-shopping! Any unused items can be donated or put aside for clothing collection in June.



# SEPTEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>WRITE YOUR ADDRESS ON THE SIDE OF CARTS</b> <b>Carts are property of the County of Simcoe.</b> Carts must remain with the property they are assigned to if you move.					1	2	
3	<b>Labour Day</b> <b>Waste facilities closed</b> Waste collection is occurring  <b>Recycling/ Organics Week</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	 <b>Garbage/ Organics Week</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	 <b>Recycling/ Organics Week</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	 <b>Garbage/ Organics Week</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30



# GROW YOUR GREEN CART



**Please use compostable bags in the green cart; plastic bags are NOT allowed.**

Look for these symbols when purchasing bags for your organics or pet waste:




**In the County of Simcoe we have very limited landfill capacity remaining, as is the case throughout the province.**

**Did you know that by simply using your green cart you not only save landfill space, but also reduce harmful methane emissions which would otherwise contribute to climate change?**

# OCTOBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 Recycling/ Organics Week 	3 	4	5	6	6	6	7	
	Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1								
8	9 Thanksgiving Day Waste facilities closed Waste collection is occurring Garbage/ Organics Week 	10 	11	12	13	13	13	14	
	Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2								
15	16 Recycling/ Organics Week 	17 	18	19	20	20	20	21	
	Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1								
22	23 Garbage/ Organics Week 	24 	25	26	27	27	27	28	
	Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2								
29	30 Recycling/ Organics Week 	31 	<b>PUMPKINS CAN GO IN YOUR GREEN CART</b> Please remove candles from the inside and place the pumpkin in your organic cart. 						
Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1									



# BATTERY COLLECTION WEEK

PLACE YOUR BAG ON  
TOP OF YOUR CART




1. Collect **dry cell, single-use, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and button batteries** (No rechargeable NiCad, NiMH, Lithium Ion, car batteries, battery packs or industrial batteries).
2. Place acceptable batteries into the battery bag and seal using the zip tab.
3. Place bag **on top of your cart**. **Have curbside by 7 a.m.**

**2023**  
**Battery collection**  
will occur on your  
regular collection  
day during the  
**week of**  
**November 6.**


**Acceptable Materials**

- AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-Volt
- Alkaline-manganese and carbon zinc
- Zinc air dry cell batteries and button batteries



**Unacceptable Materials**

- Rechargeable batteries such as: NiCad, NiMH, or Lithium Ion (cell phones, lap tops, etc.)
- Car batteries, Industrial batteries and battery packs



**Unacceptable batteries may be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free**

# NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DOWNLOAD THE SIMCOE COUNTY COLLECTS APP</b> <b>Stay in the know!</b> Determine your collection weeks and sign up for alerts affecting your area.			1 Recycling/ Organics Week 	2	3	4
			Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1 			
5 Daylight Saving Time  Don't forget to change your clocks	6 Garbage/ Organics Week 	7	8	9	10	11
			Battery Collection Week 			
			Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2 			
12	13 Recycling/ Organics Week 	14	15	16	17	18
			Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1 			
19	20 Garbage/ Organics Week 	21	22	23	24	25
			Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2 			
26	27 Recycling/ Organics Week 	28	29	30	<b>DAMAGED CARTS?</b> <b>1-800-263-3199 or <a href="mailto:service@simcoe.ca">service@simcoe.ca</a></b> If your cart is damaged, please contact us.	
			Yard Waste Collection ZONE 1 			





## Create Memories, Not Waste




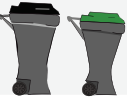


- This holiday season instead of giving more stuff, try giving a shared experience, such as tickets to a movie, season passes, concert or sporting event.
- Ribbons, bows, and foil-like gift paper go into the garbage. Avoid buying these.
- Save and reuse items like boxes, wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbons, cookie tins, and decorations for next year or for kids' crafts.
- The holiday season usually means increased waste. Help us maximize collection efficiency by flattening all boxes and paper.
- Sort recycling carefully and ensure waste is curbside by 7 a.m. on your bi-weekly collection day.

Unwanted Christmas **light strands** (bulbs removed) can be taken to County waste facilities for **free!**



# DECEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>EXTRA WASTE AFTER HOLIDAYS?</b> <b>Recycling that doesn't fit in your cart can be placed out in in blue boxes or clear bags.</b> Extra garbage must have a garbage tag affixed (max. 5 bags).					1	2
					 ZONE 1	
3	4  Garbage/ Organics Week	5	6	7	8	9
 Yard Waste Collection ZONE 2						
10	11  Recycling/ Organics Week	12	13	14	15	16
17	18  Garbage/ Organics Week	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> Waste facilities closed	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> Waste facilities closed Waste collection delayed one day for the remainder of the week	26 <b>Boxing Day</b> Waste facilities closed  Waste collection occurring	27	28	29	30
31 <b>New Year's Day</b> Waste facilities closed Waste collection delayed one day for the remainder of the week	1  Garbage/ Organics Week	2	3	4	<b>Don't miss your collection.</b> Place your material is out to the curb by 7 a.m. Collection will be delayed by one day after Christmas & New Year's.	

# CHANGE IS COMING TO THE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Ontario government is implementing Producer Responsibility legislation that will make producers responsible for managing the waste generated from their packaging to promote innovation, reduce waste and lower costs for taxpayers. Producer Responsibility means the producers, companies that design, create and market products and packaging, will be responsible for managing and paying for the entire lifecycle of their packaging to make recycling more manageable and accessible across the province.

Producer Responsibility for the recycling program commences July 1, 2023, using a phased approach that will take two and a half years to complete. The County of Simcoe will transition in early 2024. The province has similar legislation in place already for the management of tires, some hazardous wastes and electronics. Municipalities may play a role, simply acting as a convenient collection point on behalf of producers; however, it's the Province that establishes requirements and the producers are ultimately responsible for managing materials.

## What does this mean for you?

- County Council may opt to temporarily become a recycling collection service provider for producers until 2026. If this happens, eligible locations (residential properties with less than six units) shouldn't notice any change in recycling collection service. Regardless, the Province will continue to ensure that, during the transition to producer responsibility, there will be no disruption to public services for suitable locations.
- Starting in 2026, producers will be fully responsible for collecting and managing Blue Box recycling.
- The Blue Box program will become standardized across the program, making the same materials acceptable all across Ontario.
- More residential locations may become eligible to receive recycling collection service, including larger multi-residential buildings.

## Benefits of Producer Responsibility

**Give producers incentive to redesign products and easy to recycle**



**Promote waste diversion**



**Save taxpayers money**



**Align the costs of managing products and packaging at their end-of-life**

# JANUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 <b>New Year's Day</b> Waste facilities closed Waste collection delayed one day for the remainder of the week	2 Garbage/ Organics Week	3	4	5	6
7	8 Recycling/ Organics Week	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Garbage/ Organics Week	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Recycling/ Organics Week	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Garbage/ Organics Week	30	31	<b>CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION</b> Remove plastic tree bags, decorations, and stands. Trees must be out to the curb by <b>7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.</b>		





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1-800-263-3199 (toll-free)  
Monday to Friday 8 AM - 5 PM  
service@simcoe.ca

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# 2024

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