

IMPORTANT RECYCLING CHANGES

COMING JANUARY 1, 2026

Province to Take Over Residential Recycling Collection in Simcoe County

Starting **January 1, 2026**, residential recycling collection in Simcoe County will be managed by **Circular Materials**, a not-for-profit organization appointed under Ontario's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program. This change is part of a province-wide initiative to streamline recycling services and shift responsibility from municipalities to producers.

As part of this change, industrial, commercial and institutional properties (e.g., small businesses, churches) will no longer receive curbside recycling collection via the Provincial contractor.

Please note: This change is not a decision made by the County or your local municipality and was made at a Provincial level.

What to Know:

- **Recycling Collection:** Now managed by **Circular Materials**, collected by **Emterra Environmental Inc.**
- **Garbage & Organics:** Still managed by **Simcoe County**, collected by **Miller Waste Systems.**
- **Collection Day:** **No change** to your scheduled day or carts.
- **Pickup Times:** May vary due to separate truck routes. Place materials curbside by **7 am** (or **6 am** in some downtown cores).
- **New Recycling Materials:** More items will be accepted unilaterally across the province of Ontario. Visit circularmaterials.ca/simcoe for details.
- **Transfer Stations:** Recycling drop-offs will include a **disposal fee** starting **January 1, 2026.**

Who to Contact:

RECYCLING QUESTIONS:



1-888-597-1541

customercareont@emterra.ca



GARBAGE & ORGANICS:

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**SIMCOE COUNTY
COLLECTS APP**

or contact **Service Simcoe**

1-800-263-3199

FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT:



simcoe.ca/recyclingchange



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Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is this change happening?

Ontario's **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** program shifts recycling responsibility to Producers to create a more consistent and efficient system.

What are the benefits?

- Province-wide standardization of accepted materials
- Incentives for producers to reduce waste and improve packaging

Who is Circular Materials?

A not-for-profit **Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)** managing residential recycling on behalf of Producers, under Ontario's EPR framework. Learn more at circularmaterials.ca

Will my collection day or carts change?

No. Your **collection day and carts stay the same**. Recycling will be picked up by **Emterra**, and garbage/organics by **Miller Waste**. **Collection schedules will remain the same**, with garbage and recycling alternating weeks and organics collected weekly.

Why are there separate trucks now?

Recycling and garbage/organics are managed by different organizations, resulting in **separate routes and pickup times**.

Will there be changes to what I can recycle?

Yes, more items will be accepted curbside. Check circularmaterials.ca/simcoe for updates.

Can I still use the Simcoe County Collects App?

Yes, but **for only garbage and organics**. Recycling information is now handled by **Emterra**.

Who do I contact for recycling questions?

Call **Emterra 1-888-597-1541** customercareont@emterra.ca



What if my recycling isn't picked up?

Call **Emterra** directly. Note: Recycling and organics will be collected at different times.



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