WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE

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york.ca/Waste

York Region

WHAT GOES IN THE BLUE BOX

RECYCLE PROPERLY

- Empty and scrape all contents from containers before recycling
- Do not crush or flatten cans, plastic bottles or milk and juice cartons
- Flatten cardboard and boxboard boxes like cereal, cracker and shipping boxes
- Put items loose in blue box, not in plastic bags or tucked into other items
- Put paper towels and tissues in the green bin, not the blue box
- Place your blue box at the curb by 7 a.m. and put heavier items on top

PAPER

Cardboard, boxboard and frozen food boxes (no liners)

Egg cartons

Juice boxes, soup and milk cartons (no straws)

Newspapers and magazines

Paper bags and rolls

Greeting cards (no decorations)

- No battery-powered items
- No black plastic
- No coffee cups
- No cutlery or straws
- No foam containers or packaging
- No plastic bags

For more tips on recycling, visit **york.ca/BlueBox**

PLASTIC

Clamshell containers (no black plastic)

Drink containers (no straws)

Food containers (empty)

Pop, water bottles and jugs (empty, lids on)

Shampoo, personal care, detergent, household cleaning containers (empty)

METAL

Aerosol cans (empty, remove lid)

Aluminum cans (empty)

Aluminum foil and trays (empty)

Food cans and tins (empty)

GLASS

Bottles, jars and lids (empty, lids removed)

Use a reusable water bottle or coffee cup to reduce your waste.

WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN

- Green bin material is turned into biogas for electricity and heat, compost and fertilizer, reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Remove organics from plastic packaging before placing in the kitchen catcher
- Line your kitchen catcher with certified compostable bags. Please contact your local municipality to see if there are other liner options
- Plastic packaging products labelled "compostable", "biodegradable" or "bioplastic" don't break down in composting facilities and cannot be recycled. Please place these items in the garbage

FOOD

Breads and cereals

Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags

Dairy

Fruits and vegetables

Meat and bones, fish and seafood

Nuts and shells

- No coffee cups
- No plastic bags, packaging or wrap
- No wipes
- No yard waste

For a complete list of what can and can't go in your green bin, visit **york.ca/Compost**

PAPER

Food-soiled paper plates and cardboard

Microwave popcorn bags

Muffin wrappers

Paper straws, towels, napkins and tissues

Shredded paper (small amounts)

OTHER

Disposable diapers, sanitary and incontinence products

Fur and hair

Houseplants

Pet waste (including cat litter)

Use a kitchen catcher in your bathroom to collect tissues and sanitary products, then place in the green bin.

WHAT GOES IN THE GARBAGE

Black plastic

Broken toys

Coat hangers

Disposable cutlery and straws

Drink pouches

Hoses

Personal care items

Plastic bags, packaging and wrap

Some of the garbage collected from the curb goes to the Durham-York Energy Centre in Clarington, ON where the heat generated by the waste combustion is used to generate electricity and steam and recyclable materials are recovered from the ash.

Learn more at **DurhamYorkWaste.ca**

Single-use masks and gloves

Snack wrappers and gum

Stir sticks and toothpicks

Take-out cups, straws, lids and coffee pods

Wipes, mop and dryer sheets

Place waste out by 7 a.m. the day of collection.

Your local city or town is responsible for picking up green bin, recycling, garbage and yard waste at the curb and delivering it to York Region to process.

Check your city or town's waste calendar for all curbside collection details.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste is collected for free from the curb by your local city or town. Yard waste can also be dropped off for a fee at the following locations:

- Georgina Transfer Station
- McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre
- Richmond Hill Compost Facility (Miller Compost)

Acceptable yard waste includes:

- Christmas trees
- Flowers and garden plants
- Leaves, shrubs, branches and weeds
- Vegetable garden waste including pumpkins

Additional notes about the Richmond Hill Compost Facility:

- This facility accepts grass clippings and sod, with dirt removed, in small residential quantities
- Yard waste in plastic bags must be emptied on site; yard waste in kraft paper bags does not need to be emptied

Guidelines:

- Items such as animal waste, kitchen and food waste, rocks, sand, clay and soil are not accepted as yard waste
- Root balls must be no larger than two feet by two feet and brought to Georgina Transfer Station for a fee; please contact a private waste disposal company for larger root balls
- Tree stumps must be cut down into one-foot sections, have no rocks or soil attached and brought to McCleary Court CEC, Richmond Hill Compost Facility or Georgina Transfer Station to be disposed of for a fee; please contact a private waste disposal company for larger tree stumps

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Unwanted clothing and textiles (without hangers) are accepted at all York Region waste depots, except the Markham HHW Depot, for donation and/or recycling. Check with your local city or town for additional drop-off locations.

Examples of clothing and textiles include:

- Backpacks
- Belts
- Blankets
- Clothes
- Hats
- Pillows
- Shoes
- Sheets
- Stuffed toys
- Towels

Time to let it go? Cut the clutter.

Discover where you can get rid of unwanted stuff using Bindicator, a helpful online search tool.

To find out what goes where, visit **york.ca/Bindicator**

Single-use items are often made of hard-to-recycle plastics, designed to be used once and tossed away.

Saying no to single-use items reduces litter and protects nature.

The more we refuse, reduce and reuse, the less we waste.

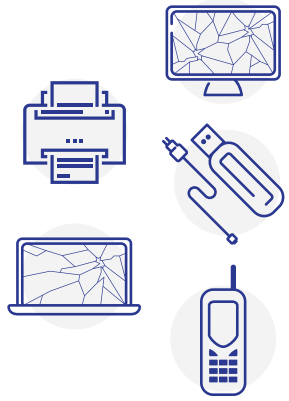
For ways to reduce waste visit
york.ca/ReduceWaste

ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)

Electronic waste (e-waste) is electronic equipment that no longer works and cannot be repaired. E-waste and any associated batteries should not be thrown in the garbage as there are many components that can be recycled. Some are considered hazardous and may start fires. Electronics in working condition are reusable and should be donated.

Examples of e-waste include:

- Cables and chargers
- Cameras
- Computer towers, laptops and modems
- Game systems
- Monitors, printers and scanners
- Radios, stereos and speakers
- Telephones, fax machines and cellphones
- Televisions, VCRs and DVD players



Guidelines and limits:

- Remove all packaging and batteries where possible
- Maximum 50 kilograms per household per day
- Disassembled electronics will not be accepted

Clear all personal information from all devices prior to drop-off.
For free e-waste drop-off locations, visit york.ca/WasteDepots

SCRAP METAL/METAL APPLIANCES

These items are accepted at all waste depots except the Markham HHW Depot. Refrigerated appliances, such as air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators may have a fee for removal of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC).
Check with your local city or town for additional curbside collection options.

Learn more at
york.ca/CircularEconomy

Visit the Share, Reuse, Repair Hub to access resources to help you share, reuse and repair more!
ShareReuseRepairHub.ca

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is anything in your home that is corrosive, flammable or poisonous and is no longer needed. For health and safety reasons, HHW should never be placed in the garbage or down the drain. It should be taken to a York Region waste depot for free disposal.

Examples of HHW include:

- Batteries
- Cleaning products
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Paints
- Perfume, nail polish and remover
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pressurized containers like propane tanks or aerosol cans containing product
- Sharps (needles and syringes)
- Used car and engine products like antifreeze, motor oil and filters

Batteries placed in garbage may start fires.

Guidelines and limits:

- Industrial, commercial or institutional hazardous waste materials are not accepted
- Containers (including jerry cans) will not be returned
- Materials should be in original packaging or well-labelled
- Do not mix substances
- Sharps must be in puncture-proof, non-glass containers with a tight-fitting lid labelled “Needles/Sharps”
- Residents can drop off 60 litres of household hazardous waste and 20 compact fluorescent tubes per household per day

For a full list of accepted materials, visit **york.ca/HHW**

WASTE DEPOT INFORMATION

LEGEND

- Blue Box Recyclables
- Clothing and Textiles
- Cooking Oil
- Concrete/Drywall/Wood*
- Electronic Waste (limit 50kg/household/day)
- Garbage*
- Household Hazardous Waste (limit 60L/day)
- Scrap Metal/ Metal Appliances*
- Shredded Paper (in clear bags)
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)
- Yard Waste*

***Fees for chargeable materials**

LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION

East Gwillimbury Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot

225 Garfield Wright Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday	Closed
Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Elgin Mills Community Environmental Centre

1124 Elgin Mills Road East, City of Richmond Hill

Monday and Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday through Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Georgina Transfer Station

23068 Warden Avenue, Town of Georgina

Monday through Saturday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Georgina Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Tuesday and Saturday only	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Markham Household Hazardous Waste Depot

430 Rodick Road, City of Markham

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday	Closed
Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For City of Markham recycling depot information, visit **markham.ca**

McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre

130 McCleary Court, City of Vaughan

Monday and Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday through Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Richmond Hill Compost Facility (Miller Compost)

1351 Bloomington Road East, City of Richmond Hill

April 1 to November 30

Monday through Friday	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

December 1 to March 31

Monday through Friday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

Visit **millercompost.ca** or call **1-866-887-6457** for current fees and hours

ALL LOCATIONS CLOSED ON CIVIC AND STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

York Region Waste depots are for York Region residents and businesses* only. Proof of residency required. Fees and hours subject to change without notice.

*Hazardous waste from businesses or commercial sources is not accepted.

YORK REGION WASTE DEPOT LOCATIONS

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2. Elgin Mills Community Environmental Centre
3. Georgina Transfer Station
4. Markham Household Hazardous Waste Depot
5. McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre
6. Richmond Hill Compost Facility (Miller Compost)

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