

January 2025 - January 2026

# Waste Collection Guide

For Single Family Homes and Apartments with Six Units or Less



The Green Bin plays a vital role in keeping food and other organic waste out of landfills by turning it into compost. It is also a mandatory part of Niagara's curbside waste collection program for single-family homes or apartments with up to six residential units.

Your Green Bin is picked up weekly, there is no limit, and it reduces the number of garbage bags you need to place at the curb. Even if your Green Bin isn't full, be sure to set it out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day and your organic waste will be gone in a snap!

## Using the Green Bin matters

By using your Green Bin, you are helping to combat climate change, reduce your environmental footprint, and save on landfill disposal costs by preserving valuable landfill space.

### Using the Green Bin helps to:

- **Extend the life of Regional landfills** - when we all participate, we keep food and organic waste out of landfills. Landfill creation and post-closure management are not cheap. Minimizing landfill usage extends their life span.
- **Reduce greenhouse gases** - food waste in landfills produces harmful greenhouse gases like methane.
- **Save natural resources** - organic waste that goes into the Green Bin is turned into compost which can be used as a nutrient rich soil additive. This reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and improves soil quality.



## Questions about the Blue/Grey Box?

Contact the contractor designated for your municipality for questions about Blue or Grey Box collection.

**Miller Waste Systems** - Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Welland: 1-833-621-0726 or [area19@millerwaste.ca](mailto:area19@millerwaste.ca)

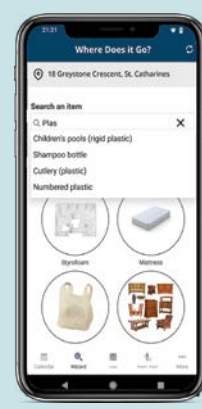
**GFL Environmental Inc.** - Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Wainfleet, West Lincoln: 1-855-769-3760 or [gflenv.com/canadarecycles](http://gflenv.com/canadarecycles)

For information on acceptable residential Blue and Grey Box material visit: [circularmaterials.ca/niagara](http://circularmaterials.ca/niagara).

## Waste Management Strategic Plan

In 2024 Niagara Region started developing a Waste Management Strategic Plan that will guide our waste management programs over the next 25 years.

Public engagement opportunities for the Plan will continue early 2025. Visit our website to subscribe to the Waste Management Strategic Plan quarterly newsletter for information on upcoming engagement opportunities, project status, and other updates.



## All Things Waste in One Place

Download the 'Niagara Region Waste' App

- View your address specific calendar, including holiday changes to waste collection
- Report illegal dumping
- Use the search tool to find out how to properly dispose of your recyclables, organics and garbage
- Schedule a large item collection
- Sign up for collection reminders

For more information visit [niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca) or call the Waste Info-Line 905-356-4141 or 1-800-594-5542, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.





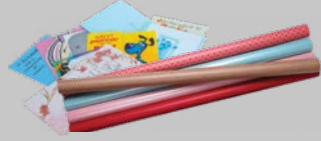
## Garbage (collected every-other-week)

Two bags or cans of non-compostable and non-recyclable materials per residential unit. Exemptions are available for eligible households that cannot accommodate their waste within this limit due to special circumstances.

### Acceptable Garbage Items



Baby/disinfectant wipes



Bristol board, greeting cards, wrapping paper



Broken ceramics (dishes)



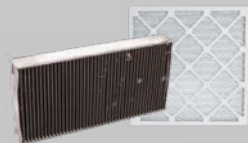
Bubble wrap, courier and packaging envelopes



Dryer sheets



Diapers and sanitary products



Furnace filters



Pet food bags, woven onion and seed bags

### ✓ Other acceptable garbage items:

- Books
- CD/DVD cases
- Cheese and meat wrappers
- Chip/cookie/cereal bags, chocolate/candy bar wrappers, juice pouches
- Cold cigarette ashes and butts
- Disposable mop heads
- Hangers
- Lawn edging, garden hoses
- Masks/gloves
- Multi-laminate packaging (stand up food pouches or bags)
- Paper coffee and take out cups, coffee pods
- Resealable pouches
- Strapping (plastic/nylon)



## Green Bin (collected weekly)

There are no limits to the number of Green Bins that can be set out. Do not line with plastic grocery bags, only certified compostable bags\* are accepted in the Green Bin.

### Acceptable Green Bin Materials



Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags



Construction/tissue paper, popsicle sticks, toothpicks



Food waste



Leaf and yard waste, small twigs and trimmings (no grass clippings)



Paper drink trays, paper take-out containers and egg cartons



Paper napkins, plates, tissues, towels, bags

### ✓ Other acceptable green bin items:

- Cat litter and pet waste (contained in a certified compostable bag)\*
- Cold fireplace ashes (must all be placed in a paper bag or certified compostable bag)\*
- Fats, oils and grease (solid or absorbed with a paper towel)
- Microwavable popcorn bags
- Wood shavings

\*Certified compostable bags must bear at least one of the following logos:



## Curbside Collection Preparation:

- Garbage/organics containers and bags must measure no more than 91 cm (3 ft.) high by 61 cm (2 ft.) in diameter and must not exceed 22.7 kg (50 lbs.) when full. Overweight containers will not be collected. Containers must have handles and removable lids and be clearly marked for collection.
- Do not place containers or bags on roads, sidewalks or walking paths
- Do not place containers or bags on top of, in front of, or behind snowbanks. Please shovel out a space for your waste.
- Single family homes and apartments with six units or less may purchase garbage tags for extra bags or cans over the two bag/can every-other-week limit



## Large Household Item Pick-Up

Residents from eligible properties can go to [niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca), the Niagara Region Waste App, or call their collection contractor to book a large item pick-up on their garbage day. Requests must be submitted at least two working days before your garbage collection day to make arrangements.

- **Miller Waste Systems** - Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Welland: **1-833-621-0726**
- **GFL Environmental Inc.** - Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Wainfleet, West Lincoln: **1-855-971-4550**

### Examples of acceptable Large Household Items Include:

- Couches, chairs, tables, dressers, etc.
- Carpeting [must be rolled and tied in maximum lengths of 1.5 m (5 ft.)]
- Glass and mirrors (must be sealed inside a cardboard box or wrapped in cardboard and marked "glass")

Appliances and metal household items are not collected at the curb. These items can be taken to a Niagara Region Drop-Off Depot or you can contact a private scrap metal company for pick-up.



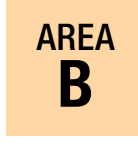


# Garbage Collection Area and Schedule

Use the calendar below to learn which week garbage collection will take place in your municipality. To view your address-specific calendar, visit [niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca) or download the Niagara Region Waste App.



**Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, St. Catharines, Thorold, Wainfleet, West Lincoln**



**Grimsby, Lincoln, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Welland**

Green Bins and Leaf/Yard waste are collected weekly. All materials must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Do not set out material before 5 p.m. the night before.



**Christmas Tree Collection:**  
Jan. 6 - 10, 2025  
Jan. 5 - 9, 2026  
on your collection day



**Branch Collection:**  
May 5 - 30  
Oct. 27 - Nov. 21  
on your collection day

## January 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

## February 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

## March 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

## April 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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14	15	16	17	18
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## May 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## June 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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## July 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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## August 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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## September 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
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29	30			

## October 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
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## November 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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## December 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
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## January 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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5	6	7	8	9
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### Holiday Collection

No collection on Christmas Day in 2025 or New Year's Day in 2026. Thursday and Friday collection will shift by one day during those weeks.

Residential properties may place out an additional two bags/cans of garbage per unit, without garbage tags, on their first garbage collection day following Dec. 25.

### Yard Waste

Collected weekly year-round from single family homes and apartments with six units or less. There is no limit on the number of yard waste bags that can be placed out each week.



### Green Scene Newsletter

Sign up for the Green Scene newsletter to receive updated Public Works information and key dates. Visit [niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca).



# Christmas Tree Collection

**Jan. 6 - 10, 2025 and Jan. 5 - 9, 2026**

- Christmas trees must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day
- Christmas trees wrapped in plastic or buried in snow will not be collected
- Residents must remove all decorations before placing at the curb
- Artificial trees will not be collected, book a separate large item collection



# Branch Collection

**May 5 - 30 and Oct. 27 - Nov. 21**

- Branches must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day
- Branches must be tied in bundles with twine
- Maximum weight of bundle = 22.7 kg (50 lbs)
- Maximum size of bundle = 1.5 m (5 ft) in length and 0.5 m (1.6 ft) in diameter
- Individual branches must not exceed 7 cm (2.8 in) in diameter



## Niagara Region's Drop-Off Depot Locations

### Niagara Road 12 Landfill\*

7015 Concession Road 7,  
West Lincoln

**Tuesday to Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturdays and Statutory Holidays:**  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Closed:** Sunday and Monday,  
Christmas Day and New Year's Day

\* For residents of Grimsby, Lincoln,  
Pelham and West Lincoln ONLY  
(Hazardous Waste Depot open to  
all residents)

### Humberstone Landfill

700 Humberstone Rd., Welland

**Monday to Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturdays and Statutory  
Holidays:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Closed:** Sunday, Christmas Day  
and New Year's Day

### Bridge Street Residential Drop-Off Depot

1300 Bridge St., Fort Erie

**Monday to Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturdays and Statutory  
Holidays:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Closed:** Sunday, Christmas Day  
and New Year's Day

### Niagara Region Thorold Yard

(Household Hazardous Waste Only)

Niagara Region Thorold Yard,  
3557 Thorold Townline Rd., Thorold

**Monday to Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturdays and Statutory  
Holidays:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Closed:** Sunday, Christmas Day  
and New Year's Day



### Other Drop-Off Depot Location in Niagara:

Walker Environmental Group, 2800 Thorold Townline Rd., Thorold – for more information, visit [walkerind.com](http://walkerind.com)

## Household Hazardous Waste

Residents can drop-off Household Hazardous Waste free of charge at Niagara Road 12 Landfill, the Thorold Yard and Humberstone Landfill. Bridge Street Drop-Off Depot only accepts batteries, oil, propane tanks, and paint cans. Commercial material not accepted at these locations.



Aerosol cans  
(full or partially full)



Antifreeze, fuels,  
motor oils and  
filters



Batteries (car,  
single-use and  
rechargeable)



Bleach, cleaners  
and pool chemicals



Fats, oils  
and grease  
over one litre)



Fluorescent light  
bulbs and tubes



Fertilizers, insecticides,  
herbicides and  
pesticides



Medications,  
pharmaceuticals, sharps  
(contained in a sealed,  
puncture-proof container)



Mercury containing  
switches, thermometers  
and thermostats



Paints, solvents,  
thinners and stains



Propane tanks and  
pressurized cylinders

When bringing materials to a Household Hazardous Waste depot, ensure contents are contained and sealed, gas and fuel cannot be decanted on site. Only certain brands of non-refillable gas cylinders (pressurized cylinders) are accepted and must have the original label. For a list of acceptable brands visit [niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca).

## Recyclables and Reusable Goods

The following materials can be dropped off by residents, free of charge, at Niagara Road 12 Landfill, Humberstone Landfill and the Bridge Street Drop-Off Depot.



Bicycles, appliances  
and scrap metal



Blue and Grey Box  
recyclables  
(full list available at  
[circularmaterials.ca/niagara](http://circularmaterials.ca/niagara))



Leaf and yard waste  
and grass clippings



Rigid, large  
household  
plastics



Tires



Used  
clothing  
(not accepted at  
Bridge Street site)



Waste  
electronics



Items accepted may vary by location. Visit [niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca) or the Niagara Region Waste App for full details.