2020 WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling
I am pleased to present The Town of Aurora’s 2020 Waste Management Guide & Recycling Calendar.

Aurora is a community that works hard at preserving and protecting our natural landscapes. Our Town is committed to diverting textiles from landfill. The Town has recently entered into a partnership with Diabetes Canada and Cornerstone to Recovery to assist in the process of textile collection. Since the textile program started, we have collected more than 376,662 pounds of textiles. Textiles including used clothing, sheets, towels and fabrics make up five percent of what gets thrown away as garbage from households in York Region. As a community, we are determined to decrease that number. So if you’re looking to clean out your closets, please drop off your textiles in the collection bins around Town. For a list of bin locations or more information about the textile program, please visit aurora.ca/textiles.

If you have questions about what items can or can’t be recycled or what items are accepted in the garbage, tips on composting and more, please visit aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling or download the Recycle Coach app, available for most Apple and Android devices.

For collection inquiries or broken bins, please call Green For Life (GFL) Environmental Inc. at 1-866-421-5625.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Mrakas
Town of Aurora

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Garbage Collection

Garbage collection occurs bi-weekly on your regular collection day.

- Waste materials must be set out at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Collection vehicles will not return for items that were set out late.
- Garbage bags or reusable containers with contents must not exceed 23 kg (50 lbs).
- Garbage containers cannot exceed 133 litres (35 gal)
- Loose items must be tied into bundles no longer than 1.2 m (4 ft). Small furniture pieces must be tied and bundled as well.
- Loose materials such as wrappers, plastic bags, broken toys and foam containers must be placed in bags.
- Garbage will not be collected in cardboard boxes.

Glass and Other Sharp Objects

Every year, collection personnel are injured due to broken glass and sharp objects that are not packed properly. Help keep our workers safe and pack these items in a sealed cardboard box clearly labelled Broken Glass or Sharp Object. Set out the box with your regular garbage collection.

REMINDERS:

Please note: For safety reasons, residents are not permitted to put items into the collection vehicles.

Construction Waste

Renovation and construction waste are not collected at the curb. Treated or painted wood, cabinetry, siding, windows, plate glass and other construction waste can be dropped off as garbage at one of the local waste transfer stations. Disposal fees will apply. Drywall, untreated wood, bricks or concrete can be dropped off at select York Region depots. Please refer to page 5 for more information.

Electronic Equipment Recycling

Electronic equipment, also known as e-waste, is banned from curbside collection. These items contain hazardous substances and components that need to be recycled, reused or disposed of properly. Residents should dispose of e-waste at any of York Region’s depots. Aurora residents can drop off unwanted or obsolete electronic devices for recycling and safe disposal at our annual e-waste collection events or depots, free of charge. Please refer to page 8 for locations and dates.
Aurora's Textile Collection Program

Thank you to all residents for participating in Aurora’s Textile Collection Program. Since the program started over 376,662 lbs of textiles have been collected. Textiles including used clothing, sheets, towels and fabrics make up five per cent of what gets thrown away as garbage from households in York Region.

Residents can dispose of unwanted clothing and textiles in collection bins at the following locations:

- Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way
  Front parking lot
- Stronach Aurora Recreation Centre, 1400 Wellington Street East
  Front parking lot at the southeast corner
- Aurora Community Centre, 1 Community Centre Lane, Front entryway
- Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street
  Rear parking lot
- Aurora Family Leisure Complex, 135 Industrial Parkway North
  Rear parking lot at the northwest corner

For more information on this program, visit aurora.ca/textiles.

Textile Collection

To continue our efforts in diverting textiles from landfill in Aurora, we have entered into a new contract with Diabetes Canada and Cornerstone to Recovery.

Stained or torn textiles are also accepted, however, donated textiles must be dry and free of any medical or hazardous liquids.

Multi-residential units interested in participating in the textile program should email gzinck@aurora.ca for more information.
Recycling Collection

Blue Box collection occurs weekly on your regular collection day.

Blue Box reminders:
- Place acceptable materials in your Blue Box. Remove grease, liquid and food from containers before placing in Blue Box.
- Blue Boxes must be set out at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day, but no sooner than 5 p.m. the night before. Collection vehicles will not return for items set out late.
- Use a standard size Blue Box with a regular container weight limit of 22 kg (50 lbs). Large oversized containers (with or without wheels) are not accepted.
- Recyclables will not be collected in any type of plastic bag.
- Small recyclable boxes need to be flattened and securely placed inside the Blue Box. Large cardboard items must be flattened and bundled and no longer than 4 ft in length.
- Shredded paper is not accepted for pickup in the Blue Box collection. Small amounts of shredded paper can be placed in your Green Bin or backyard composter. Large amounts of shredded paper can be dropped off at one of the following York Region Community Environmental Centres: Elgin Mills or McCleary Court.

REMINDEERS:

To the curb by 7 a.m.

Maximum Weight 50 lbs

Items Not Accepted

Please DO NOT include the following items in your Blue Box:
- Backyard composters, Blue Boxes and Green Bins
- Black plastic food trays
- Coffee cups
- Foil drink pouches (i.e. Kool-Aid Jammers)
- Formed, rigid plastic packaging (i.e. packaging used for electronics or toys)
- Fuel containers
- Furnace filters
- Laminated paper
- Medicine bottles less than 5 cm in diameter
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Mirrors
- Motor oil containers
- Non-rigid plastic packaging (i.e. pasta bags and frozen vegetable bags)
- Paint cans containing paint or with lids on
- Pesticide containers
- Plastic pails or jugs greater than 22.5 cm in diameter
- Plastic plant trays larger than 30 cm wide by 30 cm long
- Plastic shopping bags, film, wrap
- Plastic toys
- Pots, pans, glassware, dishes
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Take-out sandwich wraps (i.e. foil or paper laminates)
- Waxed pop cups
Recycling simplified.

Missing garbage day stinks.

Recycle Coach sets you up with a personalized collection calendar and pickup reminders when you need them, that way you never miss another collection day.

Stop guessing.

Find out what is and isn’t recyclable in the Town of Aurora and spend less time recycling more.

Get the Recycle Coach app today.

Recycle Coach saves people time and energy with intuitive digital tools that make recycling easy.
**WINTER REMINDERS**

- Place waste bins or bags in a visible location at the end of your driveway and **not on the roadway**.
- If there is snow, shovel a small area to place bins. Collection crews will not dig out or climb a snowbank to retrieve recycling bins, and garbage cans or bags.
- Frozen items stuck inside bins may not be collected. To prevent freezing, line your green bin with newspaper and keep your recyclables in a dry location.
- Stack recycling bins to ensure materials are secure.
- If materials are hit by snow removal equipment or are filled with snow prior to collection, it is the resident’s responsibility to clean up the materials.
- If collection services are cancelled due to inclement weather or poor road conditions, the normal practise is to collect the next day.

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**BULKY ITEM COLLECTION**

- Non-metal items such as furniture, mattresses, box springs, plastic lawn furniture, toilets and carpeting **are picked up with regular waste collection**.
- A maximum of **five (5) bulky waste items** can be placed at the curb on your scheduled garbage collection day. Items over the limit will be tagged and left at the curb.
- All items must be set out for collection **by 7 a.m.**
- Break-down or separate large/heavy items and remove toilet tanks from bowls.
- Bundle small pieces and tie carpeting and linoleum into rolls measuring no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft) and weighing less than 20 kilograms (44 lbs).

**METAL GOODS AND APPLIANCE COLLECTION**

- Large metal items such as appliances, barbecues (excluding propane tanks), bed frames, furnaces, hot water heaters, metal bath tubs and bicycles must be recycled.
- Please call our waste collection contractor, **GFL at 1-866-421-5625** to arrange for a special curbside collection. Items will not be picked up unless a date has been scheduled. For details about this program, please see page 18.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Metal appliances and scrap metal can also be dropped off at select York Region depots. (see page 5 for details).
To determine your regular collection pick-up day, locate your address on the map and consult the legend.

Blue Recycling Boxes and Green Bins are picked-up weekly. Garbage is collected every second week.

Wellington Street West:
Houses on streets that border two boundaries will have their collection on the different days as illustrated in the map.
If you have any inquiries regarding the content of this map, please call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447

Waste and Recycling Collection Map created by The Town of Aurora, February 13, 2004. Map modified on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Base data provided by York Region. Please be advised that the intent of this map is for personal, non-commercial use. The Town of Aurora is not responsible for any errors or omissions on the map and makes no guarantees regarding the accuracy and completeness of the information presented. The Town of Aurora cannot be held liable for any choices made, actions performed or damages sustained by the user based upon the data provided.
# Waste Depot Information

**Georgina Transfer Station**  
23068 Warden Avenue, Town of Georgina

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- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)

**Fees:** (cash, debit and credit accepted)  
- Loads of chargeable material: $125 per tonne
- Mixed loads of chargeable/no charge material: $125 per tonne
- Loads up to 100kg: minimum $10 fee
- Loads of no charge material only: $0

**Refrigerated Appliances**  
- Residential/Commercial without valid CFC removal sticker: $20
- Commercial with valid CFC removal sticker: $10

Vehicle size restrictions may apply. Items must be manually unloaded, no mechanical lifts allowed.

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**Elgin Mills and McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre**  
1124 Elgin Mills Road East, City of Richmond Hill  | 130 McCleary Court, City of Vaughan

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Discover where you can get rid of unwanted stuff using the Bindicator, a helpful online search tool.  
Visit [york.ca/bindicator](http://york.ca/bindicator) to find out where it goes.
### Bloomington Yard Waste Depot
1351 Bloomington Road East, City of Richmond Hill

#### Hours of Operation:
- **April 1 to November 30**
  - Monday through Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Sunday: Closed
- **December 1 to March 31**
  - Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Saturday and Sunday: Closed

#### Materials Accepted:
- Flowers and garden plants
- Grass clippings
- Hay (clean, small quantities)
- Leaves, shrubs, branches, weeds
- Sod (small residential quantities, dirt removed)

*Yard waste in plastic bags must be emptied.*

#### Materials Not Accepted:
- Animal droppings
- Branches larger than 15 centimetres in diameter or 1.8 metres in length
- Kitchen and food waste
- Rocks, root balls, stumps, soil

#### Fees: (cash, debit and credit accepted)
- **Residential**
  - Less than one cubic yard (up to 9 paper bags): $0
  - More than one cubic yard: $65 per tonne
- **Commercial (business)**: $65 per tonne

### East Gwillimbury Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot
225 Garfield Wright Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury

#### Hours of Operation:
- **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.

#### Materials Accepted - no charge:
- Blue box recyclables
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal

#### Fees: (cash only)
- **Refrigerated Appliances**
  - Residential without valid CFC removal sticker: $20

### Markham Household Hazardous Waste Depot
Rodick Road, South of Miller Avenue, City of Markham

#### Hours of Operation:
- **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.

#### Materials Accepted - no charge:
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste

### Get to know your depot before you go.
Find tips on how to pack your vehicle, what’s accepted and limits that may apply.
[york.ca/wastedepots](http://york.ca/wastedepots)

Waste depots are for York Region residents only.
Proof of residency required.
Fees and hours subject to change without notice.
All depots closed civic and statutory holidays.

For more information on fees and limits, please visit
[york.ca/wastedepots](http://york.ca/wastedepots) or call 1-866-665-6752.
WHAT GOES WHERE?

Sometimes you just don’t know where to dispose of an item. Can it be recycled? Should it be taken to the public drop off depot? Can you use the textile collection program?

• Download the Recycle Coach App or visit the websites below to find out more about the disposal procedures of different items.

• Type in the name of the item to dispose of and receive proper disposal instructions.

• For drop off depot locations, hours of operation and a list of accepted materials visit the websites below.

Go to aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling or york.ca/bindicator to access this easy to use tool.

For more information, please call 1-866-421-5625 or email wasteline@gflenv.com
Green Bin

**Items Accepted**

**FOOD PRODUCTS**
- Baking ingredients
- Breads and cereals
- Candy and confectionary products
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Fish and shellfish
- Fruits and vegetables (raw or cooked)
- Herbs and spices
- Meat products (including bones, fat and skin)
- Pasta

**PAPER PRODUCTS**
- Boxboard (i.e. soiled, greasy french fry containers)
- Cardboard (i.e. soiled pizza boxes)
- Facial tissues
- Flour and sugar bags (paper)
- Kraft paper (non-waxed wrap)
- Microwaveable popcorn bags
- Muffin papers
- Newspaper (soiled)
- Paper plates (soiled)
- Paper towels
- Shredded paper (small amounts)

**OTHER**
- Diapers
- Feathers
- Hair
- Houseplants and flowers (dried and fresh cut)
- Incontinence products
- Nail clippings
- Pet food
- Pet waste, litter, bedding and fur
- Sanitary products
- Sawdust from untreated wood

**TIPS:**
- Use certified compostable bags.
- Absorb excess moisture by lining the bottom of the Green Bin with paper towels or newspapers.
- Remove packaging or wraps from food.
- Heavily soiled paper products with food should be composted rather than recycled (i.e. greasy paper plates).
- Green Bin materials are not accepted at York Region depots.
- Max. size Green Bin cannot exceed 45L (12 gal).

**Items Not Accepted**

Please DO NOT include the following items in your green bin:

- Artificial flowers and plants
- Ashes
- Baby wipes
- Candles
- Carpet and rugs
- Cigarette butts
- Clothing, leather and textiles
- Corks
- Cotton balls and ear cleaners
- Deceased animals/wildlife
- Disposable mop sheets
- Dryer lint
- Dryer sheets
- Foil
- Gum
- Milk bags
- Plastic wrap and baggies
- Soiled coffee cups
- Styrofoam
- Tissue paper for gift bags
- Vacuum cleaner bags and contents
- Wax paper
- Wood
- Yard waste
YOUR ACTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TOGETHER, WE’VE DIVERTED 94% OF SOLID WASTE FROM LANDFILL*

*Data Source: Annual Diversion Report 2018 Solid Waste Management

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.
### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP REQUIREMENTS:
Decorations, tree skirts and plastic tree bags must be removed before putting your tree out at the curb for pick up. Trees cannot exceed 1.8m (6 ft.). Please note: Crews will not dig through snow or climb a snowbank to retrieve a tree.

### REMINDER:
Please place your waste on the curb not the roadway.
2020 Waste and Recycling Events

Please visit aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling for event timing and location information.

E-waste Events
Saturday, January 18
Saturday, May 23
Saturday, October 17
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: JOC

Aurora’s Annual Clean up Day
Saturday, April 25
Sign-up in advance to participate in our annual litter clean up across Town. Please check the Town’s website for updates.

Free Compost Giveaway Day
Saturday, May 9
Pick up free, nutrient-rich compost just in time for the gardening season.
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: SARC

Aurora’s Community Garage
Saturday, June 6
Shop around or reserve a space to bring your items to sell.
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: SARC

Curbside Giveaway Days

Place your unwanted items at the curb for other residents and neighbours to take. This is a great way to allow others to re-use your unwanted items.

Curbside Giveaway Days will be held on the last Saturday of each month, from April to October, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mark your items with a sign indicating the item is free, and remove any remaining items from the curb by 5 p.m.

Curbside Giveaway Days will take place on:
- Saturday, April 25
- Saturday, May 30
- Saturday, June 27
- Saturday, July 25
- Saturday, August 29
- Saturday, September 26
- Saturday, October 24

For more information, please visit aurora.ca/curbsidegiveaway
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More than 140,000 tonnes of e-waste accumulates in Canadian landfills each year. That’s equivalent to the weight of one and a half times the CN Tower.

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**Weekly Collection** — **Green Bin & Recycling**

**Bi-weekly Collection** — **Garbage**

**White Goods Collection**
Call GFL at 1-866-421-5625
TAKE IT BACK!

Responsibly dispose of your used sharps to help prevent needlestick and sharps injuries.

You Can Return:
• Needles, needle tips and syringes
• Insulin pens
• Lancets
• Other used medical sharps

Components such as glucose meters and cotton swabs should not be disposed of in sharps containers.

Visit www.healthsteward.ca to find your nearest participating pharmacy.

SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR USED SHARPS DEVICES BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:

1. Recap needle and place into approved sharp container offered free of charge at any participating pharmacy.

2. Once the sharp waste has reached the designated fill line, snap lid closed by securing the strip.

3. To permanently close the sharps container, insert the tab into the opening to secure the lid down.

4. Always use an approved sharps container when disposing of used sharps to help reduce the risk of needlestick injuries.

HEALTH PRODUCTS STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

HPSA IS FUNDED BY THE HEALTH PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

For more information, visit: healthsteward.ca or e-mail info@healthsteward.ca

Call Our Toll-Free Number: 1-844-535-8889
# March 2020

## Weekly Collection
- **Green Bin & Recycling**
- **Garbage**

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**FACT:**
- Three great ways to reduce your carbon footprint: eat local food, reduce driving by walking, carpool or use public transit and conserve by adjusting your thermostat and water heater.

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**Weekly Collection**
- **Green Bin & Recycling**
- **Garbage**

**Bi-weekly Collection**
- **Garbage**

**White Goods Collection**
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Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is collected bi-weekly with recycling from April to December, as part of your regularly scheduled collection.

Yard Waste reminders:
- Weeds, plant trimmings, crab apples and leaves must be placed in kraft paper yard bags or a rigid, open-top container that has sturdy handles. **No grass, sod or dirt allowed in curbside yard waste bags.**
- If you are using rigid containers for yard waste, please place a yellow yard waste sticker on the container. Yard waste stickers are available at Aurora Town Hall.
- Maximum weight allowed for yard waste is 22 kg (50 lbs).
- In cooler weather, yard waste items can freeze to containers which may cause damage.
- Yard waste in plastic bags, cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, Green Bins, laundry bins, blue recycling bags and biodegradable bags will not be collected.
- Seasonal décor such as pumpkins, straw and corn stalks are collected as yard waste.

REMINDERS:
- **To the curb by 7 a.m.**
- **Maximum Weight 50 lbs**
- **Maximum 10 cm (4”) dia.**

Backyard Composting

Composting produces an excellent soil conditioner that improves the quality of your soil and the plants growing in it. It also reduces your kitchen and yard waste disposal. For backyard composting tips, please visit aurora.ca/composting.

Grasscycling

Grass clippings help retain moisture on your lawn and supply the soil with nitrogen, which creates lush, green grass. So make life easy – when you mow your grass leave the clippings on the lawn.
### April 2020

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**FACT:**
A typical Canadian household’s garbage consists of 40% compostables (e.g. food and yard waste); 40% recyclable materials (e.g. paper, glass, plastics); 10% bulky goods (e.g. appliances, furniture); 10% other materials (e.g. packaging and household hazardous waste).

**REMINDER:**
Help clean up our community on Saturday, April 25. Sign up for Aurora’s Annual Clean up Day today! [aurora.ca/cleanup](http://aurora.ca/cleanup)

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FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR YARD

It is easy to find statistics on how spending time in nature is good for you. What the numbers can’t show you is how it feels to be surrounded by trees and forests - the cool shade, the aromatic smell, the feeling of escaping time as you connect with nature.

If you own property in York Region, we can help you rekindle your connection with nature by planting a tree or forest on your property.

Tree planting programs include:
- Low-cost backyard do-it-yourself and full service tree planting
- Full service forest planning and planting
- Do-it-yourself bulk seedlings

Discover how easy tree planting can be. 
york.ca/treeplanting

DISCOVER YOUR FOREST

Get outside and soak up the wonder of the York Regional Forest at one of our monthly guided events.

Forest events include:
- Tree planting
- Snowshoe strolls
- Forest festivals
- Walks to discover plants and animals
- Holiday themed events for the whole family

Registration required and opens one month before event. Events are held rain or shine.

Check out the upcoming events. 
york.ca/foresevents

TAKE YOUR GROUP EXPLORING IN THE FOREST

We offer year-round educational programs for groups of 10 or more. Every program includes a guided walk through the York Regional Forest to learn about wildlife, fitness, snowshoeing, forest history or innovation.

Program guidelines include:
- Open to not-for-profit groups of 10 to 25 people including families, social groups, Scouts and Guides
- Programs available for ages four and up
- Each program runs 1.5 to 2 hours in length
- Provided at no cost in the York Regional Forest

Register your group today. 
york.ca/naturesclassroom
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**FACT:**
The average 15-inch computer monitor contains over 1.5 lbs of lead. Ensure all your electronics are properly disposed of through household hazardous waste depot or municipal electronics collection programs.

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- **Bi-weekly Collection – Garbage**
- **Bi-weekly Collection – Yard Waste**
- **White Goods Collection**
  Call GFL at 1-866-421-5625

- **Curbside Giveaway Day** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Compost Giveaway Day** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **E-Waste Event at the JOC** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
FIGHT THE BITE! AGAINST BLACKLEGGED TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called Borrelia burgdorferi which is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

Symptoms of Lyme disease may include:
- A skin rash
- Fatigue or weakness
- Headache
- Fever or chills
- Dizziness or confusion
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

See your health provider if you develop symptoms of Lyme disease after a tick bite or after visiting a wooded or brushy area.

What are blacklegged ticks?

- Ticks are small bugs that feed off the blood of animals and humans
- Adult ticks are the size of a sesame seed and nymphs are the size of a poppy seed
- Ticks are found on tall grasses and bushes in wooded areas
- They can attach and feed up to five days

Protect yourself in wooded or brushy areas

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved clothing and closed footwear
- Use insect repellents containing DEET or icaridin
- Walk in the middle of trails
- Shower when you get home
- Check yourself, your family and your pets for ticks
- Remove attached ticks as soon as possible

Tips for removing ticks

- Use tweezers to grasp tick as close to skin as possible
- Pull straight out
- Do not put anything on the tick or try to burn it off
- Disinfect the area with alcohol or soap and water
- Wrap the tick in a moist paper towel and put in a sealed container
- Store in the fridge until you can take it to a York Region Public Health location

For more information on how you can protect yourself and your family from Lyme disease, call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit york.ca/lymedisease

York Region
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**White Goods Collection**
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Keep these products out of landfill:

- Paint
- Pesticides
- Solvents
- Fertilizers

Find a recycling location in the Town of Aurora at productcare.org.
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- metal/white goods pick ups

**REMINDER:**
Leave your grass clippings on the lawn to conserve moisture.

**CANADA DAY**
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday scheduled collections are moved one day later due to the Canada Day statutory holiday.

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**Curbside Giveaway Day**
FIGHT THE BITE! AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

What is West Nile virus?
West Nile virus is spread to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito.

How to protect yourself when outdoors
- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Use insect repellents containing DEET or icaridin
- Cover up at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active

How York Region protects you
York Region’s West Nile Virus Program includes larviciding over 100,000 catch basins during the summer and using mosquito traps to capture and test for West Nile virus infected mosquitoes.

Mosquito-proof your home
- Clean up areas of standing water around your home
- Ensure door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair
- Clean up pools / pool covers
- Turn over wading pools
- Empty out flower pots
- Clear eaves troughs, storm and roof gutters
- Clean bird baths weekly
- Empty water in old tires

For more information on West Nile virus, call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit york.ca/westnile
### FACT:
The clothes dryer is the second-largest energy consumer in an average house, costing $85 or more to operate each year. Try air drying your laundry instead.

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What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is anything in your home that is corrosive, explosive, flammable, or poisonous and is no longer needed. It should be brought to a HHW depot where it will be disposed of safely.

Examples of HHW include:
- Aerosol cans (full or partially full)
- Batteries
- Cleaning products
- Cosmetics
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline (containers may not be returned)
- Glues and adhesives
- Nail polish and polish remover
- Paints (liquid and solid)
- Paint thinner and varnish remover
- Perfume and cologne
- Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane cylinders/tanks
- Pool chemicals
- Sharps (needles/syringes) must be in puncture proof container
- Used motor oil and filters

Residents can drop off 60L of household hazardous waste per day and 20 compact fluorescent tubes per day.

What is Electronic Waste?

Electronic waste (e-waste) is any electronic equipment in your home that no longer works and cannot be repaired. E-waste should not be thrown in the garbage as these items contain materials considered to be hazardous.

Examples of e-waste include:
- Cables
- Cameras and camcorders
- Cell phones, telephones, pagers and fax machines
- Computer towers*, laptops*, tablets*, modems, keyboards and mice
- Game systems
- Monitors*, printers*, scanners* and typewriters
- Televisions*
- VCRs, DVD players, radios, stereos, speakers

*Residents may bring two televisions and four units of computer equipment per day. Disassembled electronics will not be accepted.

Don’t know where it goes? Visit york.ca/bindicator

Waste Depots:

East Gwillimbury HHW and Recycling Depot
225 Garfield Wright Boulevard
Town of East Gwillimbury

Elgin Mills CEC
1124 Elgin Mills Road East
City of Richmond Hill

Georgina Transfer Station
23068 Warden Avenue
Town of Georgina

Markham HHW Depot
Rodick Road
South of Miller Avenue
City of Markham

McCleary Court CEC
130 McCleary Court
City of Vaughan

For more information visit york.ca/waste or call 1-866-665-6752
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**FACT:** For richer compost, save some dry fall leaves to add to your composter throughout the winter and next spring.

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TOP 5 WAYS
to save time, money and reduce food waste

On average, York Region households throw away $1,500 worth of food each year. Here are some simple tips to reduce food waste and save time and money:

- Plan ahead and shop with a list
- Buy only what you need; bulk buying or buying on sale is only cost effective if the product is actually used
- Choose recipes you can make ahead
- Serve smaller portions; preparing more than you can eat is more food wasted
- Freeze leftovers to enjoy later

YOU GOT THIS.
Contaminated blue boxes may be left behind.
york.ca/bluebox

NOT THIS.

BUT THIS.

Food doesn’t belong in the blue box. Empty and clean all containers.

FATS, OILS and GREASE

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) can clog your pipes and our sewers when poured down the sink, drain or toilet.

Fats, oils and grease include:
butter and margarine, meat fats, salad dressings, cooking oils (including deep frying oils), sauces, gravies, shortening and lard.

Proper Disposal
- Fats, oils and grease should be allowed to cool and harden, then scraped into the green bin
- Use a small amount of paper towel to help wipe and absorb the liquid before placing it in your green bin
- Liquid cooking oil can also be dropped off at a York Region waste depot to be recycled

Cool it, Scrape it, Green Bin it
york.ca/fog

#PlanPrepareEnjoy
york.ca/goodfood
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**Weekly Collection – Green Bin & Recycling**

**Bi-weekly Collection – Garbage**

**Bi-weekly Collection – Yard Waste**

**White Goods Collection**
Call GFL at 1-866-421-5625

**Waste Reduction Week**

**E-Waste Event at the JOC**
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Curbside Giveaway Day**
Are you using acceptable containers?

A reminder to Town of Aurora residents:

To ensure your waste and recycling are collected, please use the following approved sizes:

- Waste container size: Maximum 133 L (35 gal.)
- Recycling container size: Minimum 68 L (18 gal.)
  - Maximum 83 L (22 gal.)
- Maximum weight: Maximum 22 kg (50 lbs.)
- Green Bin size: Maximum 45 L (12 gal.)

For more information please call GFL at 1-866-421-5625.

**ACCEPTED CONTAINERS:**

- MAX. 133L (35 gal.)
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- MIN. 68L (18 gal.)
- MAX. 83L (22 gal.)
- MAX. 45L (12 gal.)

**NOT ACCEPTED:**
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**FACT:**
It takes two to five months for paper to biodegrade; five years for a plastic-coated paper cartons; up to 12 years for cigarette butts; 50 to 100 years for tin cans; 200-500 years for aluminum cans; and one million years for a styrofoam container or plastic jug.
Metal Goods or Appliance Collection

To dispose of metal goods or appliances, please call our waste collection contractor, GFL at 1-866-421-5625 to schedule a collection date.

Program Guidelines

• Call our waste collection contractor, GFL, at 1-866-421-5625 to schedule a collection date.
• For safety reasons, please remove doors from refrigerators, freezers, ovens, dishwashers, washers and dryers.
• Metal items and appliances must be set out by 7 a.m.
• Collection vehicles will only go by once. Vehicles will not return for items that have been set out late.
• Unacceptable items will be tagged with an explanation notice and will not be collected.
• Property owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of unacceptable items.
• Metal items and appliance collection items do not require a special tag.
• There is no limit for metal goods and appliances.
• **Collection of bulky goods does not require a scheduled appointment.** You can place up to **five (5) bulky items at the curb** on your scheduled collection day. Any items over the five (5) item limit will be tagged and left at the curb.

METAL GOODS OR APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Acceptable metal goods include:
• Air conditioners
• Appliances
• Bath tubs
• Barbecues
• Bed frames
• Empty hot water tanks
• Furniture
• Home safes
• Ladders
• Lawn mowers
• Sinks
• Swing sets

Acceptable appliances include:
• Dishwashers
• Dryers
• Microwaves
• Refrigerators
• Stoves/Oven
• Washing machines

**IMPORTANT!**
We DO NOT accept propane tanks

All Drop-off Depots are listed on page 5
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**Weekly Collection – Green Bin & Recycling**

**Bi-weekly Collection – Garbage**

Christmas Tree collection will be for the week of January 18, 2021.

**White Goods Collection**
Call GFL at 1-866-421-5625

**REMINDER:**
Please do not place waste or recycling items on a snow bank or roadway.
What goes in the blue box?

**Paper**
- Cardboard
  - Cardboard boxes (flattened, tied and smaller than 2’ x 2’ x 1’)
  - Pizza boxes (clean)
  - Shoe boxes
- Newsprint/Paper/Posters
  - Calendars and posters
  - Flyers
  - Magazines
  - Newspapers (no plastic bags)
  - Telephone books
- Food and Drink Containers
  - Drink boxes or tetra packs (no straws)
  - Frozen food boxes
  - Frozen juice containers (lids separate)
  - Juice and milk cartons
- Other Paper
  - Boxboard (cereal boxes)
  - Bristol board (no decorations)
  - Egg cartons/flats
  - Greeting cards (plain)
  - Paper bags
  - Paper tubes/rolls
  - Wrapping paper (non-metallic)

**Plastic**
- Plastic household containers
  - Antifreeze and windshield washer bottles
  - Baby wipe containers
  - Containers (between 2” to 9” in diameter)
  - Detergent bottles and jugs
  - Household cleaning product containers
  - Plastic bottles/jugs
  - Shampoo bottles (no black plastic)
- Plastic food and drink containers
  - Bakery trays and clamshells
  - Clear beverage cups (no flat lids)
  - Clear take-out food containers
  - Egg cartons (clear plastic)
  - Tubs and lids (yogurt, sour cream)
  - Water and pop bottles (lids on)

**Metal**
- Steel containers
  - Cookie tins
  - Empty aerosol cans
  - Empty metal paint cans (lids separate)
  - Food and soup cans

**Aluminum Containers**
- Aluminum foil (clean, rolled into ball)
- Aluminum plates and trays
- Pop cans

**Glass**
- Remove lids and place separately in the blue box.
- Bottles
- Jars

What does NOT go in the blue box?
- Batteries
- Black plastic
- Coffee cups
- Coffee pods/discs
- Dishes/glasses
- Foam packaging
- Food scraps/residue
- Medical waste (needles/syringes)
- Plastic bags/film (of any kind)
- Propane cylinders/tanks
- Take-out cups

All containers must be EMPTY and RINSED.

What goes in the green bin?

- All foods (cooked, raw, bones or spoiled)
- Diapers
- Paper products
- Food-soiled cardboard
- Newspaper
- Paper towels
- Shredded paper (small amounts)
- Tissues
- Personal hygiene products
- Pet/animal waste

What does NOT go in the green bin?
- Baby/cleaning wipes
- Clothing
- Cutlery
- Dryer lint
- Plastic bags/film
- Plastic food containers

For a full list of what is accepted in the green bin visit york.ca/greenbin

For more information visit york.ca/bluebox or call 1-866-665-6752
CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY
#YRCURBALERT

Place unwanted, gently used items at the curb for others to take for their own use.
Place your items at the curb, marked ‘FREE’ from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 27, July 25, August 29 and September 26
#yrcursalret
york.ca/curbsidegiveaway

Anything remaining must be brought back inside by 5 p.m.

REPAIR CAFE

Bring broken things back to life at a

Bring in your tools, appliances, clothing and other items in need of repair. Our volunteer fixers will bring your item back to life.
Fixer specialties include:
bikes, toys, small appliances, clothing and fabric items and tools
Sign up for the next Repair Café.
york.ca/repaircafe

WALKED A MILE IN THAT SHOE?
BRING IT.

The Lendery is a library where you sign out things rather than books and it’s free with your library card!

Save money and space by borrowing items like:
camping equipment, garden tools, hand tools, lawn games, party supplies,
sports equipment, kitchen appliances and toys

Find out where you can borrow things.
york.ca/lendery

Bring your unwanted fabric items to a participating waste depot to be donated to Diabetes Canada.
We accept almost anything including:
backpacks, bedding, belts, clothing, curtains, hats, jackets, shoes, sleeping bags and stuffed toys
Find out where you can bring your stuff.
york.ca/wastedepots
Questions or Comments?

Collection Inquires/
Metal or Appliance Pickup
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wasteline@gflenv.com

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info@aurora.ca
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york.ca/waste

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