



Hamilton

Business Improvement Area Waste Collection Services

October 8, 2024

BUSINESS WASTE

Business waste

Your business could be eligible for free City collection - review our list of criteria and guidelines

Find out if your business is eligible



<https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/garbage-recycling/business-waste>

BUSINESS WASTE – ELIGIBLE BUSINESS CRITERIA

Eligible businesses may include:

- Cafes and restaurants
- Grocery stores
- Bakeries
- Butcher shops
- Hair salons
- Plant and flower shops
- Small office or business

Businesses not eligible may include:

- Those located in shopping plazas or centres
- Those located in strip malls
- Buildings with four floors or greater
- Chain restaurants
- Businesses located in an industrial zone

BUSINESS WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

| Service | Container Limit / Week | Weight Restrictions | Tips for Success |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Garbage | 6 Containers | less than 23kg (50lbs) | No sharp objects (boxed) No needles |
| Organic Waste (Green Bin) | Unlimited | less than 23kg (50lbs) | No liquid waste No compostable plastic No plastic/glass/metal |
| Two Stream Recycling (Blue Box/Cart) | Unlimited | less than 13kg (30lbs) | No wax coated cardboard Shredded paper in clear bags beside your blue boxes |
| Yard Waste | Unlimited | less than 23kg (50lbs) | No dirt/sod/rocks No sticks < 9 cm (3½ in) in diameter |
| Bulk Garbage | Not Eligible | Not Eligible | Transfer Station |

RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

| Service | Container Limit / Week | Weight Restrictions | Tips for Success |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Garbage | 1 Container | less than 23kg (50lbs) | No sharp objects (boxed) No needles |
| Organic Waste (Green Bin) | Unlimited | less than 23kg (50lbs) | No liquid waste No compostable plastic No plastic/glass/metal |
| Two Stream Recycling (Blue Box/Cart) | Unlimited | less than 13kg (30lbs) | No wax coated cardboard Shredded paper in clear bags beside your blue boxes |
| Yard Waste | Unlimited | less than 23kg (50lbs) | No dirt/sod/rocks No sticks < 9 cm (3½ in) in diameter |
| Bulk Garbage | 4 Items | less 90kg (or 200lbs) / item | Wrapped mattresses/box springs |

NON-COMPLIANT WASTE

If you see a bright “**Oops! Sticker**” on your waste after the garbage truck has come by, it means there are items in your garbage that don’t belong

Oops! Some things in here will not compost

Did you put an unacceptable item in your green bin?
Did you put yard waste or grass clippings in your green bin?



23kg (50lb) weight limit

- ✓ Fruit and vegetables (remove plastic wrap, rubber bands and labels)
- ✓ Baked goods, cereals, nuts, pasta, eggs and dairy products
- ✓ Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- ✓ Fish, meat and bones
- ✓ Used paper plates and napkins
- ✗ Plastic, glass, metal and styrofoam
- ✗ Diapers and feminine hygiene products
- ✗ Pet waste (including litter and bedding)
- ✗ Chip bags, candy wrappers and pouches for food and drink
- ✗ Bread tags, rubber bands, produce stickers and twist ties
- ✗ Yard waste including grass clippings

Need more information?
Find out 'What Goes Where' with our online tool at: hamilton.ca/greenbin

askcity@hamilton.ca
905-546-CITY (2489)



Oops! Some things in here cannot be recycled

Did you mix your containers and papers in the same blue cart?
Did you put an unacceptable item in your blue cart?



Did you empty and rinse your containers before placing out for recycling?



- ✓ Paper, envelopes, magazines and catalogues
- ✓ Paper towel rolls and other boxboard (empty cereal boxes)
- ✓ Cardboard boxes (can be flattened, tied in bundles and placed beside your blue cart)
- ✗ Paper cups, plates and napkins
- ✓ Clean bottles, cans, cartons and jars
- ✓ Plastic plates, cups, tubs and bottles
- ✓ Empty, stretchy bags and other wrap, bagged together and tied
- ✗ Coffee cup lids
- ✗ Single-use black plastic or styrofoam

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ON-STREET LITTER CONTAINERS

Litter Container

- Standardized Jubilee style

Collection Schedule

- Ranges from daily to once/week

To request an on-street litter container call 905-546-CITY. Staff will evaluate the location based on criteria

hamilton.ca/litter



ON-STREET LITTER CONTAINER PLACEMENT

Recommended locations for on-street litter containers

- Business Improvement Areas and busy commercial zones
- Public sidewalks and areas near businesses
- Accessible spots that won't obstruct traffic or sight lines

Not recommended locations for on-street litter containers

- Residential neighbourhoods
- Stand-alone businesses outside of the recommended locations
- Existing locations reviewed and adjusted based on factors like **vandalism risk, illegal dumping, and traffic safety**

COMMON WASTE ISSUES IN BIAs

| Issue | Tips to Avoid |
|--|--|
| Over the allowable garbage limit | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay within the allowable limit (e.g., 6 container limit)• Take extra waste to a Community Recycling Centre |
| Waste at curb outside scheduled collection day | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is considered illegal dumping and can be subject up to and including fines• Impacts the overall beautification of the BIA• Store waste in designated area until collection day• Out no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the night before and no later than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection |
| Business/household waste placed in or around on-street litter containers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is considered illegal dumping and can be subject up to and including fines• Place waste at curb for collection on scheduled collection day |

WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TOOLS

- What Goes Where
- Recycle Coach
- Find Your Collection Schedule
- Is Your Business Eligible?

WHAT GOES WHERE?


What Goes Where? Report a Problem English ∨



What Goes Where Discovery Zone

Do you know how to recycle right? Put your knowledge to the test with our Annual Survey! [START NOW](#) X

Search for Recycling and Disposal Information

What goes where? (e.g., Styrofoam) Search

 We've been taught to recycle. Now it's time to learn to recycle correctly. Download the [Recycle Coach](#) app.

RECYCLE COACH

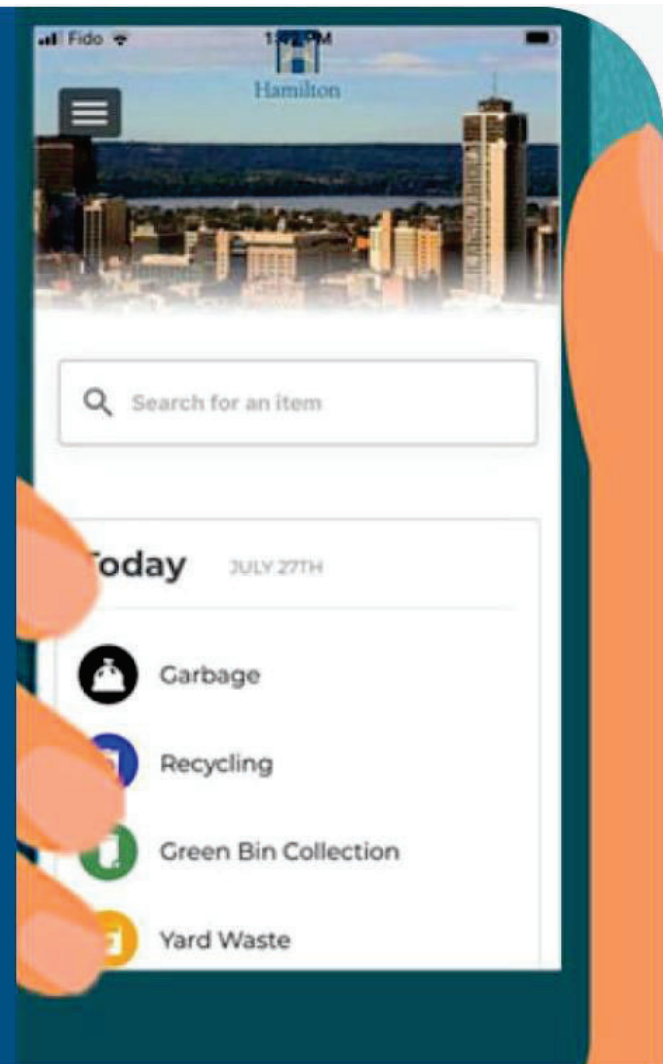
Download Recycle Coach

- Use the personalized collection schedule
- Receive customized notifications
- Sort waste correctly with the "What goes where?" search tool

Available for download on:

App Store

Google Play



FIND YOUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday 2024/2025 Recycling and Waste Schedule

Place your waste at the curb in front of your property between 7 pm on the evening before and 7 am on the morning of your scheduled pick-up day. Bring all empty containers in from the curb by 7 pm.

■ Regular pick-up day: **Monday**
■ **Statutory Holiday:** Waste collection is one day later if your regular pick-up day falls on or after the holiday.
 ■ Christmas tree pick-up

○ Leaf and yard waste collection

| MARCH 2024 | | | | | | | APRIL 2024 | | | | | | | MAY 2024 | | | | | | | JUNE 2024 | | | | | | |
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REMINDER

LEAF AND YARD WASTE
 Curbside yard waste is collected seasonally from **March 4, 2024 to December 6, 2024** and resumes **March 3, 2025**.
 Residential yard waste is accepted at Community Recycling Centres for free year-round.

askcity@hamilton.ca 905-546-CITY(2489) hamilton.ca/waste 

Find your collection calendar

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Find your Collection Schedule

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SINGLE USE PLASTIC BUSINESS RECOGNITION



Check out and join
Hamilton's new program
that highlights
restaurants cutting down
on single-use items.



hamilton.ca/wereducesingleuse



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

CITY OF HAMILTON WASTE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

All Waste Management information and resources can be found at the City of Hamilton's website:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/garbage-recycling>

As well as...

The City of Hamilton's Customer Contact Centre:
905-546-CITY (2489)