

# 2026 Waste Collection Guide



Garbage, recycling and green bin/yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure collection. Weight limit for each can, bag, bin or bundle is 20 kg (44 lbs). The City of Orillia follows every-other-week garbage collection. Garbage is to be placed in clear bags and requires a garbage tag. Recycling and green bin/yard waste are collected weekly. After a statutory holiday collection is usually delayed by one day. Visit [orillia.ca/waste](http://orillia.ca/waste) for more information.

## Green Bin and Yard Waste Program



**Green Bin Requirements:** Line your green bin with newspaper, use a paper bag or a certified compostable bag with the certified compostable logo.



**Yard Waste Requirements:** Place yard waste into a paper or compostable bag or a labelled yard waste container. Please place thorny/prickly trimmings into paper bags. Loose leaves raked into ditches or onto boulevards will not be collected. No plastic bags.

### Green Bin

#### Food Waste (Table Scraps)

- Fruits and vegetables
- Corn cobs and husks
- Eggs and egg shells
- Breads, grains and cereals
- Dairy, cooked meat and bones
- Nuts and shells
- Coffee filters and grounds
- Tea bags
- Salads and dressings
- Rice and pasta (cooked/uncooked)



#### Other

- Soiled paper towels
- House plants
- Dryer lint
- Tissues and paper napkins

### Do Not Include

- Pet waste (includes cat litter)
- Diapers
- Hygiene products
- Cleaning wipes
- Plastics of any kind (no hard plastic, plastic wrappers, bags, etc.)
- Biodegradable products (only certified compostable are accepted)



### Yard Waste

Bags or cans of leaves and other yard waste do not require a garbage tag. Bags of grass clippings require a garbage tag.

#### Yard Waste Includes:

- Leaves
- Trimmings
- Branches
- Pumpkins

#### Yard Waste Excludes:

- Sod
- Soil
- Dirt
- Winter sand

Branch diameter must be under 2.5 cm. Bundles should be no larger than 1m long x 50cm wide/tall. Christmas trees (natural) will be collected the first three full weeks after Christmas. Please remove all lights, decorations and tinsel.

## Sort like a pro

Download the Recycle Coach app for customized collection notifications and use the "What Goes Where" tool.



# Garbage Tag Program

All garbage placed at curbside requires a City of Orillia garbage tag. Additional tags can be purchased in sets of five for \$15 (\$3 each) from the Orillia City Centre, the Waste Diversion Site, online through OrilliaNow and at select retail stores.

## Set Out Requirements

- Garbage must be placed in a clear bag. Up to two small privacy (opaque) bags can be placed in the clear garbage bag.
- Weight limit for can, bag or bundle is 20 kg (44 lbs).
- Maximum garbage can size is 133 litres.
- Maximum garbage bag size is 95 cm x 80 cm (38 in x 32 in).
- **Garbage containing more than 10% recycling box and green bin/yard waste materials will not be collected.**
- Wrap sharp objects, such as broken glass, or place in a rigid container.
- No needles or syringes.
- Place **diapers** in small clear bags (no garbage tags required).

### Missed Your Collection Day?

Clear garbage bags tagged with an Orillia garbage tag can be dropped off at the Waste Diversion Site free of charge.

## How to Tag Garbage

- **For a bag:** attach it over the twist tie/knot to form a flag.
- **For a bundle:** attach the tag to the string so it is easily visible.
- **For a can (bag not required):** place tag on top item inside the can (not on the lid).



### Note:

The weight limit applies to each container and its contents - the total cannot exceed 20kg (44lbs). Each garbage can is equivalent to a single bag of garbage by weight.

	<b>ORILLIA GARBAGE TAG</b>	L 1013961
	<b>ORILLIA GARBAGE TAG</b>	L 1013962
	<b>ORILLIA GARBAGE TAG</b>	L 1013963

## WASTE DIVERSION SITE (100 Kitchener St.)

Please visit [orillia.ca/waste](http://orillia.ca/waste) for days and hours of operation.

### Free Diversion Depots (Limits May Apply)

- Tires (on or off rims)
- Scrap metal
- Large plastic pails (up to 20 litres)
- Green bin/yard waste/grass clippings

### Items for Sale

1. Compost, brush chips and firewood/lumber
2. Backyard composter
3. Green bin
4. Kitchen catcher (compost)
5. Rain barrel (must produce water bill)

**Note:** Items 2-5 are for Orillia residents only. Visit [orillia.ca](http://orillia.ca) for complete pricing.

**Please note:** Opaque garbage bags will be charged at the regular garbage tipping rate.

### Other Diversion Depots (Charges Apply)

- Brush and tree wood
- Refrigeration equipment
- Demolition wood
- Drywall
- Shingles
- Asphalt
- Mattresses and box springs
- Concrete
- Recycling box materials
- Green bin/yard waste/grass clippings (commercial)

**There is a minimum charge on all chargeable loads. Visit [orillia.ca/waste](http://orillia.ca/waste) for the latest tipping fee rates.**

# Household Hazardous Waste Depot

The Household Hazardous Waste Depot is located at the Waste Diversion Site and is open to residents of Orillia and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara, and Severn. Household hazardous waste can be brought to the depot free of charge. Businesses are excluded. There is a limit of one 20-litre (5-gallon) pail, or equivalent, of any material type per day. Containers must be sealed. If you have business generated hazardous waste or larger quantities you can visit [productcare.org](http://productcare.org) or [call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca) (batteries) for other drop-off locations.

## Household Hazardous Waste Material

- Aerosol spray cans
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (all types)
- Cosmetics
- Disinfectants
- Fertilizer
- Fire extinguishers
- Flea powder
- Floor wax
- Fluorescent tubes/UV bulbs (limit 50 per visit)
- Motor oil and filters
- Oil containers
- Old gasoline
- Oven cleaner
- Paints and stains
- Pesticides
- Propane and helium tanks
- Solvents
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Used cooking oil



**Did You Know?** Empty spray and paint cans can go in your recycling.



**Curbside Battery Collection:** Runs Nov. 2-6, 2026 following the daylight savings time changes. Please place your bagged batteries on the ground in front of your green bin. Watch for more information at [orillia.ca](http://orillia.ca).



## Electronic Recycling Program

Drop off any of the following electronic items for recycling free of charge.

- Vacuum cleaners
- Microwaves
- Computers and monitors
- Video game consoles
- Televisions
- VCRs and DVD players
- Printers, scanners and modems
- Cameras (all types)
- Photocopiers
- Stereos
- Cell phones
- Anything with a cord (including extension cords, string lights, etc.)



## Reuse Depot Materials

Visit the Reuse Depot for gently used household items like:

- Paints and stains
- Car care products
- Home and garden products
- Furniture
- Tools
- Toys
- Books
- Dishes



For more information, call 705-325-1311 or email [service@orillia.ca](mailto:service@orillia.ca).

Visit [orillia.ca/Waste](http://orillia.ca/Waste) for details.

Note: Information presented in this guide is subject to change.



# Below are some of the accepted materials for curbside recycling:



## Paper and fibre



**Paper**



**Cardboard and boxboard**



**Paper laminate packaging**



**Flexible plastics**

## Containers



**Cartons and cups**



**Plastic containers**



**Metal**

**Glass containers**



**Foam packaging**



As of January 1, 2026, Orillia's recycling program will be managed by Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system in Ontario

Learn more: [circularmaterials.ca/orillia](https://circularmaterials.ca/orillia)

## Recycling questions?

Contact Emterra as of January 1, 2026.

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