



# Say hello to your new recycling cart

**Starting July 1, 2024, recycling will be even more convenient with a new automated recycling cart system in Thunder Bay.**

The new automated recycling carts will simplify sorting to ensure materials are recycled effectively.

There will be no change to the materials you can recycle or your collection day.



## **When can I start using my cart?**

Carts can be used starting July 1, 2024. Do not use your cart before this date. Store your carts safely until then.

## **How do the carts work?**

The new automated recycling carts make it easy to sort your materials and ensure they are recycled effectively. Cardboard and paper go in the grey lid side, and containers go in the blue lid side.

## **Where do I place my cart?**

When getting your recycling ready for collection day, remember to:

- Place your cart out by 7 a.m. and set your recycling cart so that the wheels are away from the curb (towards your home).
- Place your cart on a flat surface clear of any snow and ice.
- If your recyclables don't fit, save them for your next collection day.
- Place cart at least 3 feet in front of or beside fences or vehicles.
- Place cart 3 feet from garbage.

## **What do I do if my cart breaks?**

If a cart requires maintenance or a replacement, please contact GFL at [thunderbayrecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:thunderbayrecycling@gflenv.com) or 844-870-4351.



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## What are the benefits of using recycling carts instead of bags?

- ✓ **Improved service and efficiency:** Recycling carts are highly durable and easy to handle.  
  
Instead of lifting recycling bags to the curb, you can simply wheel your recycling cart to the curb making it even easier to recycle.
- ✓ **Simplified sorting:** Automated recycling carts simplify sorting recyclables by providing separate compartments for paper & cardboard and containers.
- ✓ **Enhanced safety:** Automated collection systems with recycling carts create a safer working environment for collection staff and reduce the risk of injury and accidents.
- ✓ **Environmental advantages:** Recycling carts, with lids fully closed, help minimize litter on streets and reduce odor and pest issues.
- ✓ **Cost savings:** Reduced costs to residents associated with buying bags.

## Where do I put my recyclables?

### Blue lid:

- Food and beverage cans
- Plastic containers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Milk cartons and Tetra paks



### Grey lid:

- Newspapers, flyers, magazine
- Cardboard and boxboard (broken down and flattened)
- Paper egg cartons
- Toilet and Paper towel rolls
- Clean used paper such as printed paper and mail



### Excess cardboard:

If you have additional cardboard that doesn't fit in your cart, place bundled cardboard beside your cart, no larger than 90cm x 60cm x 30cm broken down flat and tied with string or rope.