

# Municipality of Chatham-Kent

## RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTION GUIDE



# 2026

### Coming in 2026

Backyard  
Composters



See page 11 or

[www.chatham-kent.ca/organics](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/organics)



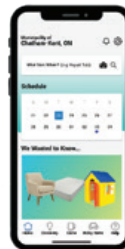
### Changes to Recycling in 2026

See pages 8 & 21 or

[www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent)

### Bulk items need to be scheduled for collection

Download our Recycle Coach App  
to book your pick-up!



See page 1 or

[www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage)

# Bulk Item Collection Program



**There are guidelines for how bulk items are collected at the curb:**

- Bulk items are **collected** four times a year.
- Bulk item **collection requests must be made at least 7 days in advance:**
  - Use the Recycle Coach App
  - Use Recycle Coach online at [www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage)
  - By phone at 311 or 519-360-1998
- Place **out by 7:00 am, but no earlier than 7:00 pm the night before collection.**
- Each residential unit may set out **up to 3 bulk items per collection.**  
Multi-residential properties (5 or more units) may set out up to 15 items per collection.
- Bulk items may also be taken to the **Harwich or Wallaceburg Waste Depot** (fees apply).

For complete information on the bulk item collection program, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/bulk](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/bulk)

## Unacceptable bulk items include:

- E-waste
- Appliances
- Renovation materials
- Tires
- Items made mostly of metal
- Items which pose a health or safety concern for collectors
- Overly heavy items that cannot be safely picked up by two collectors.



**Bothwell, Dresden:**

January 7, April 8,  
July 8, October 7

**Ridgetown, Thamesville:**

January 8, April 9,  
July 9, October 8

**Highgate,  
Howard (south of 401),  
Rondeau Bay Estates:**

January 14, April 15,  
July 15, October 15

**Blenheim, Dealtown,  
Erie Beach, Erieau, Merlin,  
Shrewsbury, South Buxton:**

January 15, April 16,  
July 16, October 16

**Tilbury:**

January 21, April 22,  
July 22, October 21

**Romney, Wheatley:**

January 22, April 23,  
July 23, October 22

**Wallaceburg West:**

February 11, May 13,  
August 12, November 11

**Wallaceburg East:**

February 19, May 21,  
August 19, November 18

(See map page 6, collection  
may take up to 2 days)

**Chatham Northeast:**

February 25, May 27,  
August 26, November 25

**Chatham Northwest:**

March 11, June 10,  
September 10, December 9

**Chatham Southeast:**

March 18, June 17,  
September 16, December 16

**Chatham Southwest:**

March 25, June 24,  
September 23, December 23

(See map page 5, collection  
may take up to 2 days)

# Bulk Item Collection Dates



# Respect your neighbours - please contain all waste going into your garbage cart!

All waste must be secure in bags or boxes when placed inside the garbage cart to prevent littering your neighbourhood

## Your garbage cart:

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is committed to providing safe, environmentally responsible, and efficient waste collection services for our community, in partnership with Waste Connections.

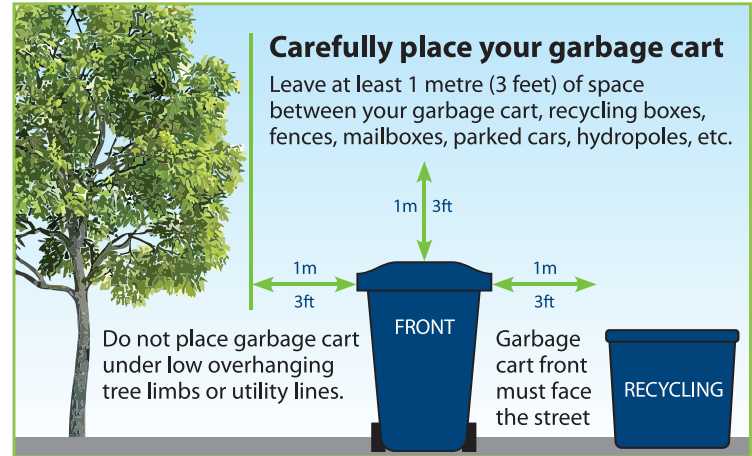
The automated waste collection service provides added convenience for residents, minimizes litter on local streets, and reduces safety risks posed to both drivers and residents by distracted drivers during the waste collection process.



# How to use your garbage cart:

On your waste collection day, simply place your garbage cart at the curb or edge of pavement (not on sidewalk) and follow the instructions below:

- Place garbage in tied bags or closed boxes only
- The garbage cart lid must be able to close
- Overloaded garbage carts will not be emptied
- Arrow on top of lid points to the centre of the road
- Garbage carts are placed 1 metre (3 feet) from all stationary objects including other garbage carts



## Questions/concerns regarding recycling collection?

**Call:** 519-360-9961

**E-mail:** [ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com](mailto:ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com)

## Questions/concerns regarding garbage or other waste collection?

**Call:** 3-1-1 or 519-360-1998

**E-mail:** [ck311@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ck311@chatham-kent.ca)

**Log online:** [www.ck311.ca](http://www.ck311.ca)

# Do's

- ✓ Put your garbage, recyclables, and scheduled bulk items **at the curb by 7:00 am, but no earlier than 7:00 pm the night before collection.**
- ✓ Use an acceptable garbage container (e.g. garbage cart).
- ✓ Bulk items are collected **four times a year and require booking at least 7 days in advance**, through the Recycle Coach App, online at [www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage), or by calling 311 (see page 1).
- ✓ **Dog feces/cat litter must be double bagged**, liquid free and placed inside inside garbage cart.
- ✓ Leave grass clippings on your lawn, shred or compost leaves in a backyard composter, or deliver yard waste to a Leaf & Yard Depot (see page 13).
- ✓ **Deliver hazardous waste to a Household Hazardous Waste Day**, event or visit the RPRA website ([www.rpra.ca/where-to-recycle](http://www.rpra.ca/where-to-recycle)) for the nearest return to vendor location.

For complete set-out guidelines,  
visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage)

# 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Days



**Location:** 141 Prosperity Way, North Buxton  
**Time:** 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7

Saturday, May 9

Tuesday, June 9

Tuesday, July 7

Tuesday, August 11

Saturday, September 19

Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, November 10

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit our website for details on materials and quantities accepted.

[www.chatham-kent.ca/hazardouswaste](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/hazardouswaste)



# Don'ts

- X Overflowing carts, unacceptable containers, and loose garbage will not be collected.** Ensure waste is bagged or boxed before placing inside garbage cart.
- X Don't place bulk items out for collection without scheduling.** See page 1.
- X Don't place small grocery or kitchen catcher bags, or other loose items at the curb.** Garbage will not be picked up unless placed in an acceptable garbage container.
- X These materials will not be collected:** E-Waste, tires, hazardous waste, (including waste oil and antifreeze containers), scrap metal (propane tanks, barbeques, water heaters, etc.), construction & renovation materials (drywall, wood, shingles, etc.), motor oil, batteries, refrigerant units (fridges, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers), appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, etc.) and pallets. For disposal and recycling options, check the waste depot information on page 7.
- X Don't place garbage, recycling, or bulk items at the curbside earlier than 7:00 pm the night before collection.**
- X Don't place any part of needles/syringes in the garbage or recycling.** Contact a local pharmacy for safe disposal options ([www.healthsteward.ca](http://www.healthsteward.ca)) or bring them to a Household Hazardous Waste Day event.
- X Don't bring your garbage or blue box recyclables to a municipal drop-off depot.** Refer to page 7 for information about the use of waste depots for excess garbage, bulk items, and some divertable materials.




# Bulk Item, Garbage and Recycling Collection

\*Note: Bulk item collection takes place four times a year, identified by the colour chair per community.  
Requests for bulk item collection must be made at least 7 days in advance. See page 1 for details.

## Blenheim

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Bothwell

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Wednesday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Chatham and Fringe


Garbage Collection: **Monday, Wednesday or Thursday** (see page 5)

\*Bulk Collection: (see map on page 6)  
Recycling Collection: (see map on page 6)

## Dealtown

Garbage Collection: **Monday**


\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Merlin and South Buxton

Garbage Collection: **Monday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Ridgetown

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Romney

Garbage Collection: **Monday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

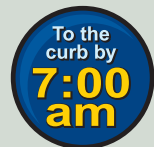
Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Rondeau Bay Estates

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Wednesday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.



Recycling



Download Circular Materials App  
for information on recycling.




Garbage



## Dresden

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**


\*Bulk Collection: **Wednesday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Erieau and Erie Beach

Garbage Collection: **Monday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Highgate

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**


\*Bulk Collection: **Wednesday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Howard - Service is for south of Highway 401 only. (including Bates Subdivision & Morpeth)

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**


\*Bulk Collection: **Wednesday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Shrewsbury

Garbage Collection: **Monday**


\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Thamesville

Garbage Collection: **Tuesday**


\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Wednesday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Tilbury

Garbage Collection: **Monday**

\*Bulk Collection: **Wednesday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Wallaceburg and Fringe

Garbage Collection: **Friday**

\*Bulk Collection: (see map on page 7)

Recycling Collection (see map on page 7)

## Wheatley

Garbage Collection: **Monday**

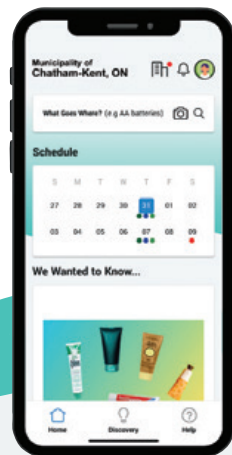
\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## Do you need Bulk Items Collected?

Download Chatham-Kent's app and schedule your bulk item pick-up!

Download the free app today





# CHATHAM AND FRINGE AREA GARBAGE COLLECTION



**DOWNTOWN**  
No change



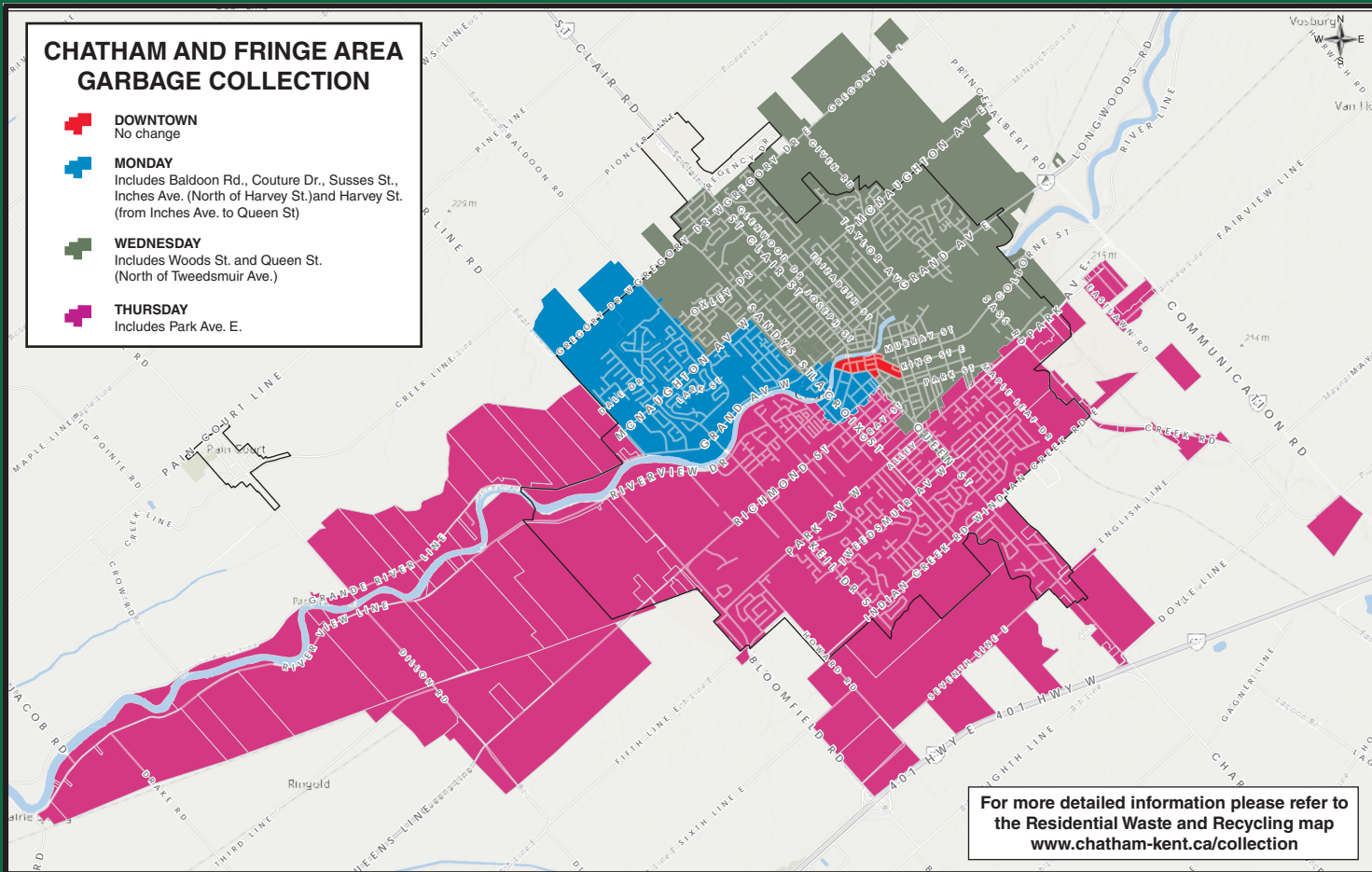
**MONDAY**  
Includes Baldoon Rd., Couture Dr., Susses St.,  
Inches Ave. (North of Harvey St.) and Harvey St.  
(from Inches Ave. to Queen St)



**WEDNESDAY**  
Includes Woods St. and Queen St.  
(North of Tweedsmuir Ave.)



**THURSDAY**  
Includes Park Ave. E.



For more detailed information please refer to  
the Residential Waste and Recycling map  
[www.chatham-kent.ca/collection](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/collection)



# CHATHAM AND FRINGE AREA BULK ITEM COLLECTION

\* Collected Quarterly

WEDNESDAY  
- NORTHWEST



WEDNESDAY  
- NORTHEAST



WEDNESDAY  
- SOUTHWEST



WEDNESDAY  
- SOUTHEAST



# CHATHAM AND FRINGE AREA RECYCLING COLLECTION



**YELLOW WEEK**



**MONDAY**



**TUESDAY**



**FRIDAY**



**GREEN WEEK**



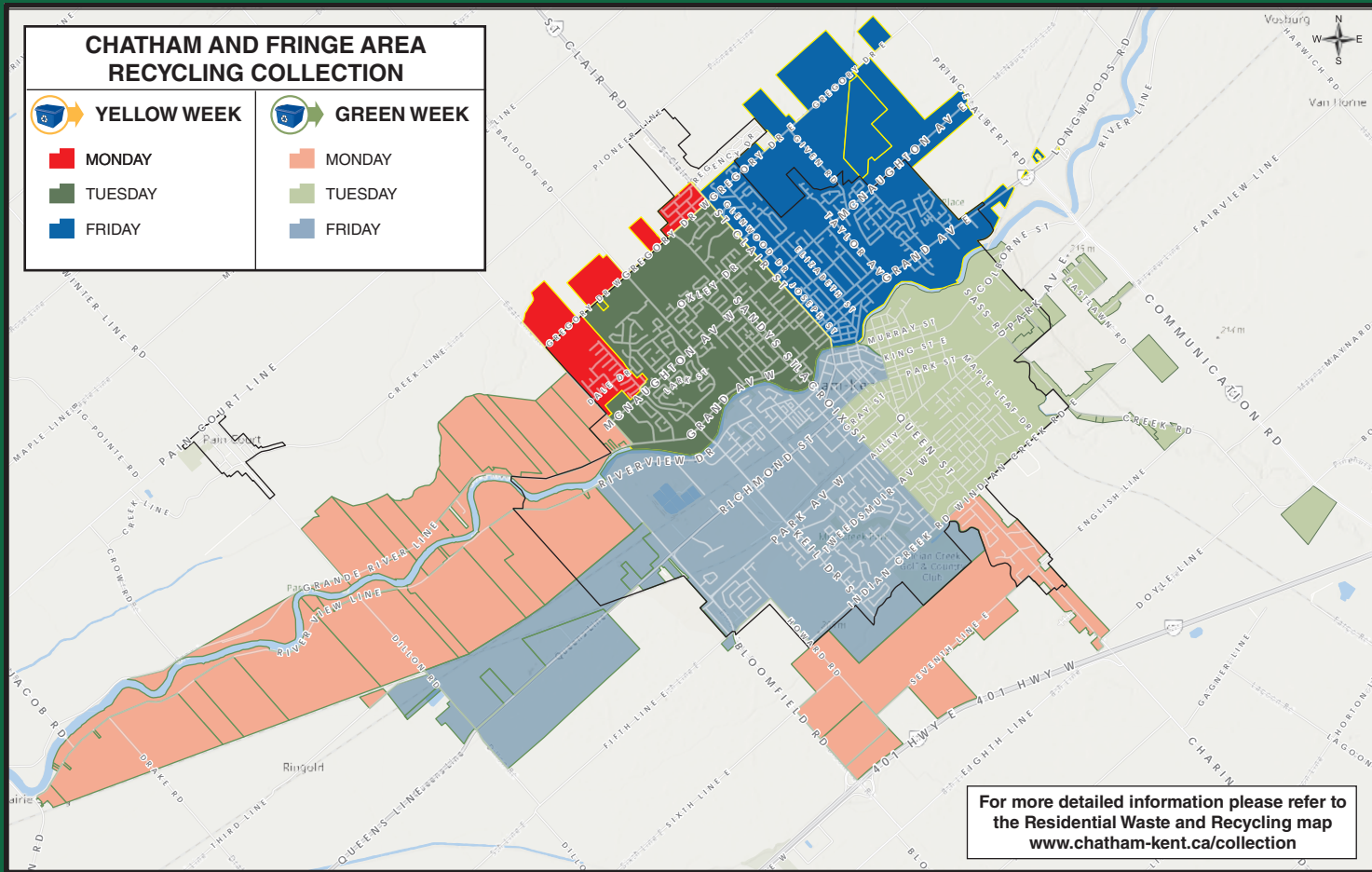
**MONDAY**



**TUESDAY**



**FRIDAY**



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## BULK COLLECTION \* collected quarterly

WEDNESDAY



WEDNESDAY



## RECYCLING COLLECTION



YELLOW WEEK



MONDAY



GREEN WEEK



MONDAY

**WALLACEBURG  
AND FRINGE AREA**

# Waste Depots

Some things just don't belong in the garbage. Chatham-Kent Waste Depots make it easy to properly dispose the items banned at the curb. From batteries and e-waste to scrap metal, we've got you covered with **FREE disposal** options that protect your community and the environment.

## Help divert the following materials away from landfill:



Batteries (vehicle and single-use)



Empty propane tanks & cylinders



E-waste (computers, TVs, phones, Audio/visual equipment, and more)



Antifreeze & Used oil (PCB free, see website) – includes empty containers and used oil filters.



Scrap metal & white goods



Tires

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## Rethink Waste. Reuse More. Recycle Right!

Dispose materials where they belong, donate household items instead of throwing away, compost yard waste, or bring to a Leaf & Yard depot (see page 13).

For details on your nearest Waste Depot and FREE recycling options available to all residents, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots)

# too much stuff?

## change lives. donate today.

accepting clothing,  
housewares, electronics,  
books, media, toys,  
games + more

### donate at:

255 Grand Ave W (519-351-9486)  
**CHATHAM**

1416 Dufferin Ave (519-627-9354)  
**WALLACEBURG**

you donate.  
we train.  
people work.



# Excess Garbage and Construction Waste Disposal

## Harwich Waste Depot

21633 Communication Rd.  
(South of Hwy. 401)

Open Tuesday to Saturday  
7:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Closed on Statutory Holidays

## Wallaceburg Waste Depot

505 Water St. (Wallaceburg)

Open Monday to Friday  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
**Saturday** 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed on Statutory Holidays

Tipping fees apply for garbage, bulk items, un-tagged refrigerant units, and construction waste.



All Waste Depots operate in accordance with the Waste Management Facilities By-law 139-2024. For accepted materials, fees, and other details, see [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots)

## Ridge Landfill

Construction/demolition waste and large items (e.g. boats, trailers, etc.) ONLY

20262 Erieau Rd. (near Charing Cross)  
(519) 676-5000

**Monday to Friday** 7:00 am to 4:30 pm  
**Saturday** 7:00 am to 11:30 am

**TIPPING FEES APPLY FOR ALL ITEMS:** Minimum charge of \$112.74 plus applicable taxes and fees.



# VIRTUAL LIBRARY OPEN 24/7!

It's free  
and easy!



[www.ckpl.ca/virtual](http://www.ckpl.ca/virtual)



# BlueBoxGuide



**Don't put your recyclables in plastic bags!**



**Empty  
Aerosol Cans**



**Aluminum Cans,  
Trays, Plates & Foil**



**Metal Cans & Lids  
remove & recycle  
metal lids**



**Glass Bottle & Jars  
remove & recycle  
metal lids**



**Buckets & Pails  
remove any  
metal handles**



**All Plastic Bottles,  
Jugs, Tubs, & Cups**



**Plastic Clamshells,  
Egg Cartons & Trays**



**Paper cups, Cartons  
& Ice Cream Tubs**



**Spiral Wound  
chip & frozen juice cans**

**New in  
2026**



**Foam Packaging  
Styrofoam™  
containers & packaging**



**Plastic Tubes  
toothpaste, lotions  
& deodorants**



**Plastic Packaging  
& Plant Pots**

**ALL recyclables above must be EMPTY, RINSED and LOOSE in the blue box.**

## Changes to Recycling in 2026



Ontario's recycling program is changing.  
Now accepting foam packaging, plastic  
squeeze tubes, pet food bags and more.

Download the Circular Materials app for  
full details and a handy search tool, or visit  
[circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](https://circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent).

# BlackBoxGuide



**Don't put your recyclables in plastic bags!**



**White Office Paper**  
can be placed in  
a paper bag



**Newspapers, Magazines  
& Junkmail**  
remove any plastic  
bags / inserts



**Paper Packaging**



**Boxboard**  
remove any plastic  
liners / bags



**Cardboard**  
breakdown, flatten & tie  
no larger than 30"x30"x8"



**Shredded Paper**  
use a paper or  
clear bag

**New in  
2026**



**Foil Pouches**  
chip bags &  
snack wrappers



**Food Service  
Packaging**



**Paper Laminate  
Packaging**

**ALL products above must be EMPTY (No Lids / No Food / No Liquids).**

## General Recycling Information

Have your recycle boxes  
out the

**NIGHT BEFORE,  
OR PRIOR TO 7 a.m.**  
on your scheduled  
recycling collection day.



**Windy Days:** Please stack your  
Blue Box on top of your Black  
Box. This will help secure the  
paper products so they don't  
blow out of the Black Box.



Reminder to write your name and  
address on your recycling boxes in the  
space provided.

New homeowners are eligible for free  
recycling boxes. For program details, a full list  
of accepted materials, and more recycling tips  
visit [www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent)

# Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Program

## Communities with Curbside Collection

Residents in the following communities currently receive curbside leaf and yard waste collection:

- Bates Subdivision
- Blenheim
- Bothwell
- Ridgetown
- Thamesville
- Tilbury

Please ensure that leaf & yard waste placed out for collection does not block municipal sidewalks or roadways. Leaf & Yard Waste must be in paper bags or properly prepared for collection.

## For Residents Without Curbside Collection

If your community does not receive curbside leaf and yard waste collection:

- Consider investing in a backyard composter to manage yard waste – See page 11.
- Please bring your Leaf & Waste to a Depot – Leaf & yard waste set out with curbside garbage is sent to landfill. By using the Leaf & Yard Depots, your waste is recycled or composted – See page 13.



For more information on Leaf & Yard Depots and the collection guidelines and schedules for all brush, leaf, and yard waste, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/yardwaste](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/yardwaste)



# January 2026



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**Christmas Trees** taken to a depot are recycled or composted – Remove all decorations and plastic (see page 13). Trees collected at the curb are sent to landfill for disposal, if you miss pick-up you can schedule trees for bulk item collection.

1 **New Year's Day**  
**NO SERVICE**  
Collection is one day later this week.

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Accepting Christmas trees in addition to a garbage cart this week.



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Accepting Christmas trees in addition to a garbage cart this week.



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[www.chatham-kent.ca](http://www.chatham-kent.ca)



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# Missed Collections

## Missed Garbage Collection?

This could be why:

- Garbage placed in a non-prescribed container
- Garbage cart lid is not closed flat as required
- Garbage was not set out at the curb by 7:00 am
- Over the prescribed limit
- Garbage hidden (e.g. behind snow bank, parked vehicles, etc.)
- Garbage or cart not accessible (e.g. behind snow bank, too close to other objects, etc.)
- Items not accepted for curbside pickup (e.g. E-waste, tires, appliances, scrap metal, etc.)



## Missed Bulk Item Collection?

This could be why:

- Items not booked at least 7 days in advance (see page 1)
- Items exceeding the 3 item limit per residential unit (up to 15 for multi-residential)
- Items not accepted for collection (e.g. renovation materials, e-waste, scrap metal)
- Items are not able to be safely picked up by two collectors.



## Is Your Garbage and Recycling Safe for Collection?

It is your responsibility to ensure that your garbage and recycling is safe in order to be picked up.

- Put glass items, broken glass, or sharp objects (e.g. knives) in a sealed and clearly labelled cardboard box and place within your garbage cart.
- **DO NOT** put any needles/syringes in the garbage or recycling. Contact your local pharmacy for safe disposal options (visit [www.healthsteward.ca](http://www.healthsteward.ca)) or bring them to a Household Hazardous Waste Day event.

# February 2026



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## CORRECT WINTER PLACEMENT

To ensure collection and the safety of collection employees, please place garbage and recycling on level ground within 1 metre of the curb. Do not place on top of, or behind snowbanks.

## STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

affect curbside collection in ALL communities. These holidays and the effect they have on collection are clearly indicated by these blue arrows.

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**NO SERVICE**  
Collection is one day later this week.

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# New for Spring 2026

## Backyard Composters

Backyard composting is a simple and effective way to turn everyday waste into something useful. By collecting organic materials like food scraps and grass clippings, you let nature do the work of naturally breaking them down into nutrient-rich soil.

### Here's how to get started:



For a healthy compost mix, combine a mix of "greens" (e.g. fruit/vegetable scraps) and "browns" (e.g. dry leaves, paper).



Maintain aeration by turning the pile regularly



Keep out meat, dairy, and oily foods to prevent odours and pests.



Apply finished compost on lawns or gardens to improve soil health.

Backyard composters will be available at municipal locations for just

**\$20**



For up-to-date information and to learn more about composting, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/organics](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/organics)

# March 2026



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Download the Circular Materials app for an easy and convenient way to learn about recycling at home! Discover what materials go in your recycling bin, find your recycling schedule, receive recycling service alerts, and more! [www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent)

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# 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Days

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RIDGE LANDFILL



WASTE CONNECTIONS  
OF CANADA



**Location:** Veolia Environmental Services, 141 Prosperity Way, North Buxton, 8am - 1pm

April 7, May 9, June 9, July 7, August 11, September 19, October 13 & November 10



## ✓ Accepted Items:

- Gasoline, oils, solvents, BBQ starter
- Aerosol cans with product
- Batteries (all types)
- E-waste - Computers, TVs and electronics
- Paints, varnishes and stains
- Pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach
- Pesticides, rat poison, cleaning fluids
- Propane tanks and cylinders up to 30 pounds maximum
- Medications / Pharmaceuticals
- Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's)
- Syringes/Needles (in puncture-proof container)

## ✗ Not Accepted Items:

- Agricultural, commercial, or industrial waste
- PCB's
- Explosives and ammunition (contact police)
- Pathogenic waste
- Radioactive waste
- Propane tanks (>30 pounds)
- Road flares

- Stay in your vehicle at all times
- Containers used to hold waste will not be returned after being off-loaded, so please use disposable containers like cardboard boxes.

## Accepted Items:



# April 2026



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Chatham-Kent has launched a backyard composting program to help residents to manage organics at home and reduce waste sent to landfill (see page 11).

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**Good Friday**

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**NO SERVICE**  
Friday collection  
picked up on  
Saturday this week.



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**Easter Sunday**



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**Easter Monday**

Regular collection  
this week.

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**Household  
Hazardous  
Waste Day**  
(see above)

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**Earth Day**



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Paper bags are required for  
communities that receive  
curbside leaf and yard  
waste collection in bags.

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# Leaf & Yard Depots

Residents may drop off up to 2 cubic metres of leaf and yard waste (approximately 25 bags) free of charge each operating day.

## We Accept

Brush, leaves, grass clippings, yard waste – loose or paper bags only.

Natural wood no greater than 76 cm (30") in diameter and 1.5 m (5') in length. Please do not use wire or plastic to tie bundles.

Christmas trees - remove all decorations and plastic bags.

Yard Waste in paper bags may be left at Depot, plastic bags must be emptied on site.



## These items are **NOT** accepted at Leaf & Yard Sites:



Garbage, kitchen scraps, other organics, rocks, dirt, sod, tree stumps or larger branches (> 30" in dia.), flower pots/trays, painted or treated wood, railroad ties, and animal droppings/manure.



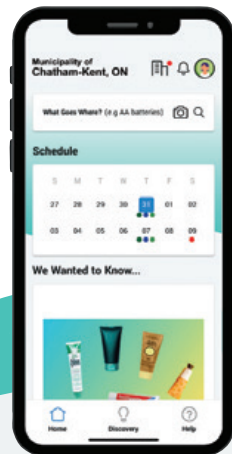
**Please note:**  
ALL non-paper yard waste bags, boxes, containers, must be emptied on site.



## What Goes Where?

Search for any item to find out if it can be recycled and learn proper disposal instructions.

Download the free app today





## Bothwell Leaf & Yard Depot

MacEwan Street

Mon - Fri: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Sat & Sun: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Camden Waste Depot

12187 Splinter Line

Sat: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Chatham Leaf & Yard Depot

**January to March**

Tue & Thu: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sat: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**April to December**

Mon to Fri: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sat: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Note: Closed on Statutory Holidays.**

Hours of operation subject to change.

For complete information on all leaf & yard depots, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/yardwaste](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/yardwaste)

## Dover Waste Depot

25280 Big Pointe Road

Wed: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sat: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Harwich Waste Depot

21633 Communication Road

Tues to Sat: 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

## Ridgetown Leaf & Yard Depot

100 Erie Street North

Mon - Fri: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Sat & Sun: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Romney Leaf & Yard Depot

22022 Wheatley Road

**January to December**

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Tilbury Leaf & Yard Depot

4 Tower Street

Mon - Fri: 7:00 am - 2:30 pm

## Wallaceburg Waste Depot

505 Water Street

Mon - Fri: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



# Grasscycling: Your lawn will love it!

Leaving grass clippings on your lawn returns much-needed moisture and nutrients to the soil. Cut properly, clippings are virtually unnoticeable and generally disappear within three days.

## Did you know it is a littering by-law violation to put grass in waterways and streets?

Studies show that grasscycling can reduce fertilizer requirements by as much as 30%.

It helps the soil retain valuable moisture, and helps to choke out weeds by denying light and air to them and improving your lawn's weed resistance.

## Tips for successful grasscycling:

- Set your mower height to 2.5 inches (6 cm).
- Keep your mower blade(s) sharp.
- Take care to cut no more than one-third of the grass blade height at a time.
- Mow frequently to produce small clippings which will decompose faster.
- Mow when the lawn is dry to prevent clumping.



## Did You Know?



**Chatham-Kent now  
has Electric Vehicle  
Charging Stations.**

### Locations:

- **Gable Rees Rotary Pool**  
66 Regent St., Blenheim
- **Civic Centre, front & underground lot**  
315 King St. West, Chatham
- **Chatham Courthouse**  
425 Grand Ave. West, Chatham
- **John Bradley Convention Centre**  
565 Richmond St., Chatham
- **Ken Houston Memorial Agricultural Arena**  
1212 North St., Dresden
- **Wallaceburg Service Centre**  
786 Dufferin Ave., Wallaceburg

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Find more information at  
[www.chatham-kent.ca/EVcharging](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/EVcharging)

# May 2026



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## DON'T BAG YOUR GRASS!

Leave the clippings on the lawn, they're 85% water, decay quickly, and return valuable nutrients back to the soil. If you don't want to leave on lawn, try using a backyard composter.



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Household  
Hazardous  
Waste Day  
(see page 18)

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Mother's Day

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of Action  
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18 Victoria Day

NO SERVICE  
Collection is one day  
later this week.

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# Recycling Matters

## GO GREEN with your blue and black box!

Please keep your recyclables properly separated in your blue and black boxes. Acceptable containers, foam, and rigid plastics go in the blue box. Paper products and foil pouches go in your black box.

Refer to the Recycling Guides on pages 8 and 21.



## Recycling Box Replacements:

For inquiries about recycling collection or replacement boxes, contact Waste Connections Canada at 519-360-9961 or [ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com](mailto:ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com)

Please write your name/address on your boxes.

# Changes to Recycling in 2026



Ontario's recycling program is changing. Now accepting foam packaging, plastic squeeze tubes, pet food bags and more.

Download the Circular Materials app for full details and a handy search tool, or visit [circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](https://circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent).

# June 2026



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 	1	2	3 Clean Air Day	4	5	6
Canadian Environment Week • June 1-7						
 Canadian Environment Week	8	9 Household Hazardous Waste Day (see page 18)	10 	11	12	13
	15	16	17 	18	19	20
 Father's Day First Day of Summer	22	23	24 	25	26	27
	29	30	<b>TAKE PRIDE:</b> Keep our community clean. Dumping any material on public or private property is illegal. It also makes our community less attractive, threatens human and wildlife health, and is costly to clean up. Help set a good example: do not dump or litter. 			

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# Divertable Materials

Many items can be recycled through special programs outside of regular curbside collection.

Residents are encouraged to use available drop-off locations to ensure proper recycling; please call ahead to confirm there have been no changes:

## E-Waste – [www.recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca)

**Municipal Waste Depots** • see [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots)

**Best Buy** • 802 St. Clair St., Chatham • 519.354.5525

**Chatham-Kent Recycling** • 6584 Middle Line Road, Merlin • 519.689.4651

**Goodwill Attended Donation Centre** • 255 Grand Ave. West, Chatham • 519.351.9486

**Goodwill Attended Donation Centre** • 1416 Dufferin Ave., Wallaceburg • 519.627.9354

**Habitat for Humanity** • 566 Riverview Drive, Chatham • 519.352.4440

**Staples** • 788 St. Clair St., Chatham • 519.360.1344

**Household Hazardous Waste Days** • see pages 12 or 18 for details



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## Tires – [www.rpra.ca/tires](http://www.rpra.ca/tires)

**Municipal Waste Depots** • [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots)

**Deliver to the nearest tire collector** • [www.rpra.ca/where-to-recycle](http://www.rpra.ca/where-to-recycle)

**Contact a tire service company**



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## Scrap Metal – includes items made mostly of metal

**Municipal Waste Depots** • [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots)

**Deliver to the nearest salvage/scrap metal dealer**



# July 2026



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**Bulk item collection must be scheduled at least seven days in advance.** Use the Recycle Coach app, book online, or contact Municipal Customer Service. Details on page 1.

1 **Canada Day**  
**NO SERVICE**  
Collection is one day later this week.

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**Household Hazardous Waste Day**  
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Rethink Waste.  
Reuse More.  
Recycle Right.

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# Food Waste Reduction

Wasted food sent to landfill contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and is a large part of a household's environmental impact.

## Tips to reduce your food waste:



### Meal Plan

Have a plan for your weekly meals and create your shopping list based on that plan. Know what foods you have and use-up before buying more.

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### Food Storage

Keep produce and leftovers in proper containers at the right temperature to extend freshness.

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### Leftovers

Reduce how much food you prepare or plan ahead to transform leftovers into new meals. Plan to use or freeze items before they spoil.

Using these tips, you can save money, reduce household waste, and have a meaningful impact on the environment.





# August 2026



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## CUT DOWN ON FOOD WASTE!

Did you know 12% of the garbage collected at the curb in Chatham-Kent is made of food waste that could have been avoided? Small changes add up – follow tips above to make a difference!



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3 **Civic Holiday**

**NO SERVICE**

Collection is one day later this week.

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Hazardous  
Waste Day**  
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# 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Days

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RIDGE LANDFILL



WASTE CONNECTIONS  
OF CANADA



**Location:** Veolia Environmental Services, 141 Prosperity Way, North Buxton, 8am - 1pm

April 7, May 9, June 9, July 7, August 11, September 19, October 13 & November 10



## ✓ Accepted Items:

- Gasoline, oils, solvents, BBQ starter
- Aerosol cans with product
- Batteries (all types)
- E-waste - Computers, TVs and electronics
- Paints, varnishes and stains
- Pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach
- Pesticides, rat poison, cleaning fluids
- Propane tanks and cylinders up to 30 pounds maximum
- Medications / Pharmaceuticals
- Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's)
- Syringes/Needles (in puncture-proof container)

## ✗ Not Accepted Items:

- Agricultural, commercial, or industrial waste
- PCB's
- Explosives and ammunition (contact police)
- Pathogenic waste
- Radioactive waste
- Propane tanks (>30 pounds)
- Road flares

• Stay in your vehicle at all times  
• Containers used to hold waste will not be returned after being off-loaded, so please use disposable containers like cardboard boxes.

## Thrift for Good



**Support your community  
and the environment –  
donate & shop local**

- **Goodwill Community Store & Donation Centre**  
255 Grand Avenue W., Chatham
- **Salvation Army Thrift Store**  
456 St. Clair Street, Chatham  
600 Lowe Avenue, Wallaceburg
- **New Life Thrift Store**  
202 Queen Street, Chatham
- **Mission Thrift Store**  
26 Wellington Street W., Chatham
- **re:find Charity Thrift Shoppe**  
216 Nelson Street, Wallaceburg
- **Loads of Love Thrift Store**  
127 Colborne Street, Chatham
- **Value Village**  
80 Keil Drive S., Chatham

# September 2026



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Rethink Waste.  
Reuse More.  
Recycle Right.

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Hazardous  
Waste Day  
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First Day of Fall

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National Day  
for Truth and  
Reconciliation

**GET YOUR HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE READY!**  
See page above for details.



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WASTE CONNECTIONS  
OF  
CANADA

- Temp Containers
- Commercial Services
- Recycling Programs



Contact us today for information on other services we provide to the residents and businesses of Chatham-Kent.



519.360.9435



Chatham Office located at 91 Sass Rd.



Open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm.

# October 2026



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## RECYCLE YOUR LEAVES

Bring leaves and yard waste to a site listed on page 13 so they can be mulched and reused.

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Fire Prevention Week • October 4-10

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12 **Thanksgiving Day**

**NO SERVICE**  
Collection is one day later this week.

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# November 2026



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Household  
Hazardous  
Waste Day  
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**REMINDER: All garbage must be bagged or boxed inside your cart.** Property owners are responsible for cleaning up any litter caused by loose garbage. For complete set-out guidelines and acceptable garbage container options, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/garbage)

Have a question? Consult the back cover.  
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Collection is one day later this week.

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Christmas Trees taken to a depot are recycled or composted (see page 13) - remove all decorations and plastic bags.

Have a question? Consult the back cover.  
[www.chatham-kent.ca](http://www.chatham-kent.ca)



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# 2-STREAM Recycling Guide



## STREAM 1

Paper Materials & Foil Pouches  
in Black Box ONLY

### Foil Pouches:

Includes potato chip bags, snack wrappers, stand up pouches.



New in  
2026

### Household Paper/ Newspaper:

Includes mail, white & coloured paper, envelopes, glossy publications, inserts/flyers.



## STREAM 2

Containers  
in Blue Box ONLY

### Foam Packaging:

Please remove food and rinse.  
Includes Styrofoam™, foam packing, foam cups, plates and trays.



New in  
2026

### Plastic Tubes:

Includes empty toothpaste, lotion, and other squeezable plastic tubes.



### Plastic Packaging & Plant Pots:

Includes small item packaging, rigid plastic inserts, plant pots and trays.



### Paper Cups, Cartons, & Ice Cream Tubs:

Includes milk, juice & Tetra Pak cartons, drink boxes, paper hot beverage paper cups.





## Paper Egg Cartons and Boxboard:

such as cereal, tissue, detergent, cracker and shoe boxes. Remove liners and flatten.



## Cardboard Boxes:

Break down, flatten and tie in bundles no larger than 75cm x 75cm x 20cm (30"x30"x8") and place beside black box. **Do not put broken down cardboard in a cardboard box.**

Please remove food residue and liners from pizza boxes.



### New items accepted

Paper Laminate Packaging, Foil Pouches, Foam Packaging, Plastic Tubes, Plastic Packaging and Plant Pots now accepted!



### Updated sorting rule

Paper Cups & Cartons are now sorted in Containers Blue Box – not Black Box for Paper/Fibres.



### Program change

Empty metal paint cans are no longer accepted for recycling.

For a complete list of accepted recyclables, sorting tips, and details on how to obtain a replacement Blue Box, visit [www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent)

## Glass Bottles and Jars:



**DO NOT** recycle broken glass, drinking glasses, dishes, cups, other ceramics, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pottery, glass pots & pans, alcoholic beverage containers.



## Aluminum/Steel Cans Plus Empty Aerosol Cans:

Please remove food and rinse.

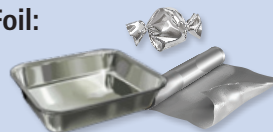


**DO NOT** recycle coat hangers, pots, needles, batteries, hazardous waste, alcoholic containers.



## Aluminum Foil Containers and Foil:

Pie plates, trays/baking pans and take-out food containers. Please remove/rinse food and flatten.



## Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs:

Now accepting more plastic household rigid containers and tubs with numbers through on the bottom of the container, including clamshells and cleaning product containers.



**DO NOT** recycle toys, K-cups (Keurig, etc.), used oil containers, and unmarked plastics.





**For recycling issues: 519-360-9961**  
**ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com**



**For all other waste issues:**  
**519-360-1998 or 3-1-1**  
**ck311@chatham-kent.ca**

## Municipal Centres

### Blenheim

35 Talbot St. West

### Chatham

315 King St. West

### Dresden

485 St. George St.

### Ridgetown

45 Main St. East

### Tilbury

17 Superior St.

### Wallaceburg

786 Dufferin Ave.

## Information Desks

For details on Information Desks located in **Bothwell, Thamesville** and **Wheatley**, please call 311 or 519-360-1998 or email [ck311@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ck311@chatham-kent.ca)

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## Waste Management

