# GEORGINA 2025 Waste and Recycling Calendar

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Download the Recycle Coach app for pick-up reminders, recycling information and to report a problem. Find it in the app store on your phone.





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georgina.ca/WasteandRecycling

### A message from the Mayor

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to present the Town of Georgina's 2025 Waste and Recycling calendar.

Inside, you will find information on waste collection including recycling and yard waste collection. In addition to dates for waste, you can also learn about special recycling initiatives, such as Curbside Giveaway days, the electronics recycling program and the Swap and Sell event. The calendar also contains valuable information on what goes into your blue box and green bin, metal and bulky item disposal, and waste and recycling tips. Be sure to download the Recycle Coach app to receive updates and get pick-up reminders.

Changes to the Blue Box program are coming to the Town of Georgina. Effective Dec. 31, 2025, the curbside Blue Box program will transition from being managed by the Town to being operated by producers. Information about this change will be available on the Town's website and will be updated throughout the year.

We encourage everyone to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle whenever possible and eliminate the use of single-use items and plastics and switch to reusable alternatives. As a growing community, we can work together to reduce waste going to landfill and keep our community beautiful and clean.

Sincerely, Margaret Quirk, BASc Mayor



### **Curbside collection reminders**



Place garbage, green bins, blue boxes and yard waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular scheduled day, but not earlier than 8 p.m. the night before. No strapping devices. Recycle Coach - Free app for garbage, recycling and report a problem!

During severe weather, pick-up may be delayed. Two bags of garbage can be placed out for collection without a tag every other week. Each additional bag requires a bag tag prominently displayed to a maximum of the five-item limit. Tags are \$2 each and can be purchased at local stores, library branches and the Civic Centre.

Note: there is never a limit to the number of green bins, blue boxes or yard waste containers.

#### Acceptable containers for garbage

#### **Plastic bags**

- Must be securely tied
- No loose grocery/kitchen catcher bags
- Do not place sharp objects inside bags. Place these materials in a separate, sealed and labeled cardboard box.
- Maximum 76cm x 122cm (30" x 48")
- Maximum weight 22 kg (50 lbs)

#### Metal or plastic cans

- Must have 2 handles and a detachable lid
- Refuse cans/containers cannot be blue in colour
- Do not use ties/bungee cords
- Maximum 50cm (20 in.) x 90cm (36 in.) and maximum 98 Litres
- Maximum weight 22 kg (50 lbs)

#### Plastic recycling bags and blue box netting

You may have noticed plastic recycling bags and blue box netting for sale in your local retail stores. Please be advised that the Town does not permit recycling in plastic bags or netting on blue boxes. The plastic bags and nets can accidentally be caught in the waste collection equipment posing a hazard to the waste collection workers.



**These items are not picked up:** Hazardous and biomedical waste; household paints, solvents and pesticides; syringes and needles; car parts and tires; propane tanks; and construction/ demolition waste. Disposal information for these items can be found throughout this calendar, or by calling 1-866-665-6752.

### Waste collection information • collection map

#### **Blue Box Program**

To assist in the continued success of the Town's Recycling Program, and to ensure your blue box material is picked up, we kindly remind you of the following:

- Size of acceptable container 50cm (20 inches) in height and 50cm (20 inches) in width or length.
- Sorting of materials is not necessary.
- Make sure your blue box is easily visible at curbside. Do not stack garbage bags or containers on top.
- Must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on your designated collection date. Time of the day for collection in your area may be changed at anytime, without notice.
- No garbage, plastic bags or food shall be put in the blue box.
- Blue boxes and green bins can be purchased at the Civic Centre or through Service Georgina at info@georgina.ca or by calling 905-476-4301.
  Bins are delivered directly to your address by GFL on your next collection day.
- Broken green bins and blue boxes can be exchanged for new ones. Residents can contact GFL and request a replacement bin be delivered directly to their home. Contact GFL at 1-866-421-5625 to arrange delivery.

#### **User Pay Garbage Program**

The user pay garbage program allows each household two bags of garbage to be set out without a tag every other week. It allows three more with tags to a maximum of five bags. Garbage tags must be prominently displayed to ensure collection. No strapping devices are permitted.

#### Large Item Fee

A large item tag is needed for large items such as furniture, mattresses, box springs, toilets, appliances and carpeting. Large item tags are \$12.

### Some points to remember when putting out your garbage:

- All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of collection or no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before collection.
- Disposable bags designed and sold for the purpose of containing garbage shall not exceed the size of 75 cm (30") by 100 cm (48").
- Rigid refuse containers are to be reusable metal or plastic, and shall not exceed the size of 50 cm (20") in diameter and 90 cm (36") in height and also must have handles and a lid.
- Total weight of any full can, container or bag cannot exeed 22 kgs (50 lbs).

#### **Yard Waste Program**

Yard waste is collected with recycling every second week from April to November. There is no limit on the amount of yard waste that can be placed with collection providing acceptable label containers are used (yard waste stickers are available at no charge).

Use environmentally friendly Kraft paper bags or regular garbage container. Tree and shrub clippings should be tied with string and bundled. The maximum diameter of the trees and shrub clippings is 60cm (24 inches) and 90cm (36 inches) in length. Tree stumps will not be collected. Bundles or bags shall not exceed 22kg (50lbs) in weight.

Note: the Town does not accept grass clippings, dirt or sod in curbside yard waste collection.

#### White Goods and Metal Items Pickup

To arrange for white goods pick-up: Residents must contact Green for Life at 1-866-421-5625. Each item requires a \$12 large item tag prominently displayed. You can now recycle more materials using your blue box. In addition to the existing plastics, fibres, metals and glass that are collected.

#### Georgina will now accept:

- Aluminum foil, trays, and plates
- Empty metal paint cans (lid removed)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Gable top containers such as milk cartons
- Aseptic packaging including juice boxes
- All rigid plastic food containers
- Household cleaning product containers (Home Hazardous Waste)

• Tags are not required for: The blue box, bag tag exemption days (limit of 5), leaf and yard waste days, and Christmas tree pickup days.

#### Seaweed

Seaweed is collected bi-weekly as yard waste. Rigid containers can be used. Drill holes in bottom to drain water.

#### White Goods Examples:

Refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, metal bathtubs, hot water heaters, freezers, barbecues (no propane tanks), swing sets, bicycles and lawn mowers. To arrange a curbside collection, contact Green for Life at 1-866-421-5625. White goods require a \$12 large item tag.



# Blue boxes and green bins are collected every week

Recycling bins can be ordered by calling Service Georgina at 905-476-4301. Visit georgina.ca/**WasteandRecycling** to find out "What Goes Where."

Take the "whole home" approach to diversion. Every room in your house that has a garbage can has materials that can be separated for the green bin and blue box. Please consider using reusable bags and travel mugs to reduce waste.

Return used plastic bags to participating retailers for recycling.

Compostable bags are the preferred option when lining your green bins.

For replacement of broken bins, contact GFL at 1-866-421-5625. Replacement bins are delivered directly to your home.



Effective Dec. 31, 2025, the curbside blue box program will transition from being managed by the Town to being operated by producers. For more information, visit georgina.ca/WasteandRecycling

#### Accepted

- Blue boxes (Blue boxes purchased at retail outlets must be similar to those offered by the Municipality in dimension and size)
- Materials bundled appropriately beside the blue box



#### **Not Accepted**

- Semi-opaque garbage bag
- Blue garbage containers
- Containers with attached lids
- Wheeled containers
- Other like containers



# January 2025

Have a question? Consult the back cover. Get outside this winter with a visit to the ROC. There's tubing, skiing and snowboarding. Visit georginaroc.ca for more information.





### Better recycling habits matter.

#### Download the free app and learn to recycle better:

- Personalized collection schedule
- Custom notifications
- "What Goes Where" Search Tool
- Report A Problem Tool



Download the free app today



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### What goes in the green bin?

**Green bin tip:** Lining your green bin with compostable bags is no longer mandatory but is the preferred option. Please refrain from using plastic bags to ensure collection.

#### Food and food scraps

If you can eat it, it goes in the green bin, as well as fish/meat bones, shells, fat, grease and lard (solidified), small amounts of cooking oil (can be placed in milk cartons), baking supplies, dairy products, egg shells, coffee filters/grounds and tea bags, corn cobs/husks, and nuts/shells.

#### Soiled or shredded paper

Shredded paper may be placed in the green bin in small amounts. Other paper products that go in the green bin include; butcher and cheese paper (no waxed or plastic liner), microwave popcorn bags, flour and sugar bags, muffin paper, soiled paper plates, paper towels and tissues, paper serviettes, and any non-waxed paper or cardboard that contains food residue (sauce, cheese, etc). No waxed paper.

#### **Personal care items**

Diapers, hair, nail clippings, sanitary products, tampons, incontinence products, tissues.

#### **Pet products**

Animal bedding, pet waste, kitty litter, bird seed, pet food, pet fur, feathers and sawdust (wood sources only).

Houseplants and flowers In small quantities only, no yard waste



2025	Have a question? Consult the back cover.		Watch for March Break activity announcements at georgina.ca/ <b>events</b> .		
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### Yard waste

Yard Waste is collected with recycling every second week from April to November, as noted throughout this calendar (there are some exceptions due to statutory holidays).

There is no limit on the amount of yard waste that can be placed for collection, providing that acceptable labeled containers are used (yard waste stickers are available at no charge at the Civic Centre).

#### Acceptable containers:

Place weeds, plant trimmings, and leaves in paper yard bags or any regular garbage container that has handles.

Bundle branches as shown. Use twine only, no ropes please.

No plastic bags please!





These items should not be placed with yard waste:

Kitchen scraps, grass clippings, rocks, dirt, sod, tree stumps, larger branches, flower pots/trays, painted or treated wood and animal droppings.







# **April 2025**

Have a question? Consult the back cover. Spring is here. Remember to get your resident parking pass online by visiting georgina.ca/ParkingPass.

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# **May 2025**

Have a question? Consult the back cover.

Did you know building permit applications are available online? Get ready for those summer projects at georgina.ca/**BuildingPermits**.



# **June 2025**

Have a question? Consult the back cover. Mark your calendars for our July 1 Canada Day celebration. Visit georgina.ca/events for details.





### Curbside Giveaway

Residents can put unwanted items at the curb from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (free) for other residents to take away.

April 26 | May 24 June 28 | July 26 Aug. 23 | Sept. 27 Oct. 25 Georgina's Annual Giant Garage Sale

### Swap and Sell

Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Georgina Ice Palace parking lot

Check out all the new-to-you treasures. To register to be a vendor, call Service Georgina.



georgina.ca/WasteandRecycling



Properly recycle those pesky old electronics for FREE Saturday, May 10 and Saturday, Sept. 13.

**Reminder**: no batteries or lightbulbs.

# **July 2025**

#### Have a question? Consult the back cover.

Need an open-air burn permit? Applications can be found at georgina.ca/**BurnPermit**.



# Service Georgina -Contact us

#### We're here to help!

Service Georgina is committed to providing a high-quality and efficient customer service experience. The goal is to provide the public with a central place to obtain information or direction about Town-related concerns, or to ask questions or provide comments about Town services and programs.

Visit georgina.ca/**ContactUs** for a convenient list of phone extensions for everything from Animal Services and the Building Division to Municipal Law Enforcement and the Planning Division. You can reach us Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 905-476-4301, ext. 3001, or by email at info@georgina.ca.







BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.

Consult Map Page 2



### Metal item recycling • bulky item pick-up

#### Large metal items

Large metal items such as appliances, barbecues (no propane tanks), bed frames, furnaces, hot water heaters, metal bathtubs, storage sheds and bicycles must be recycled. These items require a \$12 large item tag. To arrange a curbside collection, contact Green for Life at 1-866-421-5625.

\*Note: For safety, remove doors from fridges, freezers, and ovens. Each item requires a garbage tag prominently displayed.

If a special collection is not booked, metal items will not be collected. Metal appliances and scrap metal can also be dropped off at select York Region Depots. \*See page 3 for details.

### Furniture, mattresses, box springs, plastic lawn furniture, toilets, carpeting, etc.

Items to be placed at curbside for pick up on your regular garbage collection day with a \$12 large item tag attached. Break down or separate large/heavy items, if possible. Bundle small loose pieces. Tie carpeting and linoleum in rolls measuring no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft.) and weighing less than 20 kilograms (44 lbs.). Each piece or bundle counts toward the one item limit. Toilets must be separated.

#### **Construction and demolition waste**

Take these materials to one of the York Region Community Environmental Centres. See page 3 for locations and hours of operation or donate good quality materials to a charitable organization.





# September 2025 Consult the back cover.

Have a question?

Celebrate the arrival of autumn and join us for all the fall activities, visit georgina.ca/events.



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# Waste and recycling tips

To help make waste and recycling pickup as easy and efficient as possible, residents are reminded of the following:

• Do bundle items in

prevent them from

blowing away and

littering the street.

your blue bin and place heavier items on top to



• **Do** place items at the end of the driveway/curb so they are visible to the operator collecting them.





- **Do not** leave items half way up the driveway for operators to collect.
- **Do not** place bins and garbage bags on top of or behind snow banks in the winter.
- Do not overload your containers or use strapping devices. Two containers without a tag, up to three more with tags, for a five item limit, can be set out for collection every other week. Ensure the garbage tag is prominently displayed.



• **Do** use the proper containers for garbage, recycling, green bin items and yard waste.

**Reminder:** Have your waste and recycling items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. For more information, visit georgina.ca/**WasteandRecycling**, download the Recycle Coach app, follow us on Facebook, X and Instagram, or call Service Georgina at 905-476-4301, ext. 3001.

# October 2025

#### Have a question? Consult the back cover.

Visit Georgina's events listing page for some great Halloween events at georgina.ca/events.



### Self-serve at your finger tips

Whether you want to pay, apply, find or connect, the Town wants to make it easier. From building permits and marriage licences to burn permits and parking passes – you can find it online. Visit georgina.ca/**OnlineServices**.

### Looking for something to do?

Check out our online events calendar for all the great things happening in Georgina. From Town events to community happenings, you can find it all on the events calendar. Have an event you'd like people to know about? Community groups can submit to the online calendar at georgina.ca/**events**.





### November 2025 Consult the back cover.

Welcome the upcoming holiday season with Vintage Christmas at Georgina Pioneer Village. For details visit georgina.ca/events.



Have a question?

Report a streetlight, pothole or other problem from your phone!

- 1. Download the **Recycle Coach** app
- 2. Go to 'Help'
- 3. Report your problem
- It's free and easy!

Scan to download

recycle coach

For more information, visit georgina.ca/**WasteandRecycling** 

# **December 2025**

Have a question? Consult the back cover. For waste collection inquiries, missed pick up or to exchange a broken blue box or green bin, contact GFL (Green for Life) at 1-866-421-5625 or email WasteLine@gflenv.com.





Service Georgina 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON L4P 3G1 905-476-4301, ext. 3001



### Who to Call:

Collection Inquiries: Green for Life (GFL) 1-866-421-5625 wasteline@gflenv.com gflenv.com

- Missed collections
- Damaged blue boxes/green bins
- Schedule a metal item pickup

Hazardous materials: 1-866-665-6752 york.ca



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