



2021

Town of Georgina  
Waste & Recycling Calendar



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# A message from the Mayor



On behalf of Town Council, I am pleased to present the Town of Georgina's 2021 Municipal Waste and Recycling calendar.

This handy, quick-reference guide provides you with various information pertaining to the recycling and waste reduction initiatives in our community. The calendar indicates the days of collection for waste, recycling and yard waste pickup. It provides information as to how to separate material that goes into your green bins and blue boxes, as well as information on composting and disposal of grease and hazardous waste products. It also notes special collection days, such as Christmas tree collection and how to dispose of large articles.

I would also like to include a gentle reminder to please ensure that PPE is placed in with your garbage and not in blue bins, to ensure the safety of everyone.

I'm certain you will find the answers to any questions you may have regarding our waste and recycling program within this guide. We appreciate all of your efforts to reduce waste and keep our community clean and beautiful.

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.

During severe weather, pickup may be delayed. One container or item can be placed out for collection without a tag every other week. Each additional container/item requires a bag tag prominently displayed to a maximum of five-item limit. Tags are non-refundable and can be obtained 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 secure lid
- Do not use ties/bungee cords
- Maximum 50cm (20 in.) x 90cm (36 in.) and maximum 98 Litres
- Maximum weight 22 kg (50 lbs)

**Recycle Coach - FREE App for garbage, recycling and more!**



### 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.

## Plastic recycling bags & 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 and nets can accidentally be caught in the waste collection equipment posing a hazard to the waste collection workers.

# 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 all municipal libraries and at the Civic Centre. \*Remember: You must bring in your broken/damaged blue box or green bin to ensure replacement at no charge. Please rinse all containers prior to returning them.

## USER PAY GARBAGE PROGRAM

Our user pay garbage program allows each household one container/item to be set out without a tag and up to four more with tags to a maximum of five items. Garbage tags must be prominently displayed to ensure collection. NO strapping devices are permitted.

### 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 exceed** 22 kgs (50 lbs).

## YARD WASTE PROGRAM

The Town of Georgina has banned the use of plastic bags for yard waste collection as required by the Region of York. Approved containers are open topped, regular garbage container, reusable containers, or kraft paper bags intended for that purpose. Twigs and branches should be tied and bundled (with string only) in lengths no greater than 90cm (3').

\*Kraft paper bags, unlike plastic bags, can be composted along with the yard waste and produces a much higher quality compost.

### No grass clippings.

Yard waste can be delivered to the **York Region Transfer Station** at 23068 Warden Ave. or to the Miller Compost Site in Richmond Hill at 1351 Bloomington Rd.

## 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 garbage 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.

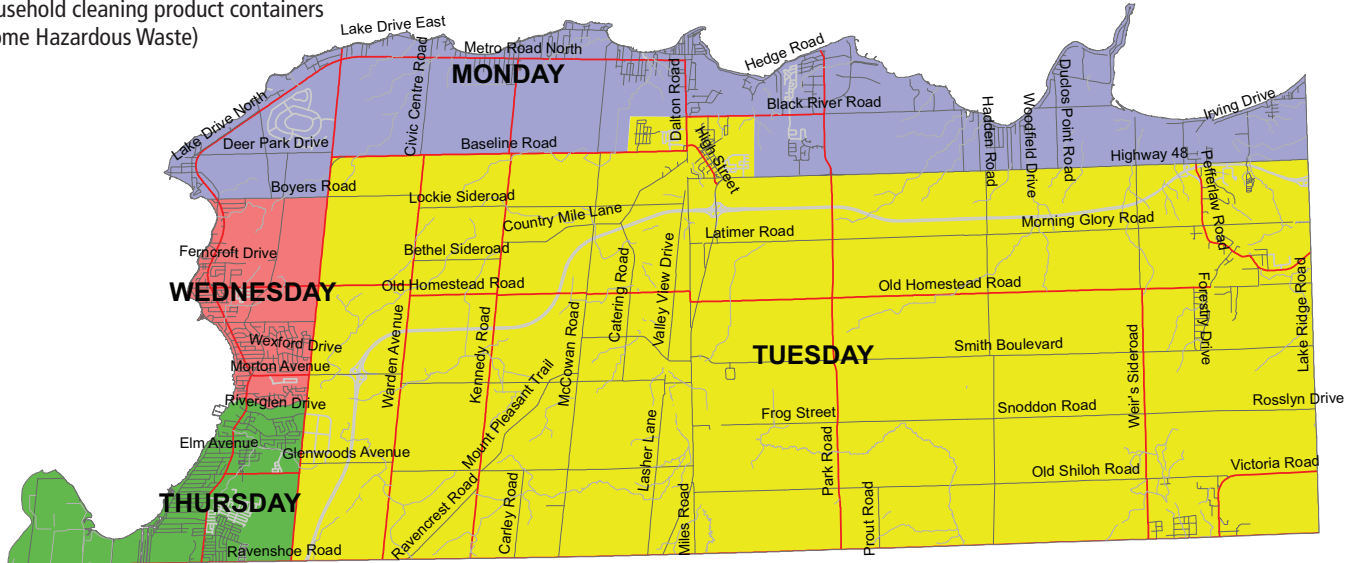
### SEAWEED

Seaweed will now be collected bi-weekly as yard waste. Rigid containers can be used. \*Please 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 special curbside collection, please contact Green for Life at 1-866-421-5625.

**Other large articles:** Chesterfields, chairs, tables, desks, etc. \*Non-metallic shall be placed at the curb on your regular garbage day, with a garbage tag prominently displayed, prior to the 7 a.m. guideline.



### Hours of Operation

#### Transfer Station

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday Closed

#### Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Tuesday and Saturday only 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### No Charge Materials



- Blue box recyclables
- Clothing and fabric items
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household Hazardous Waste (Tues. and Sat. only)
- Large, polystyrene foam
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)

#### Chargeable Materials



- Concrete
- Drywall
- Garbage
- Refrigerated appliances
- Wood
- Yard waste

#### Fees



- Loads of chargeable material \$125 per tonne
- Mixed loads of chargeable/  
no charge material \$125 per tonne
- Loads up to 100kg minimum \$10 fee
- Loads of no charge material only \$0

#### Refrigerated Appliances

- Residential/Commercial without valid CFC removal sticker \$20
- Commercial with valid CFC removal sticker \$10

### Elgin Mills and McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre

1124 Elgin Mills Road East, City of Richmond Hill | 130 McCleary Court, City of Vaughan

#### Hours of Operation

Monday and Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### No Charge Materials



- Blue box recyclables
- Clothing and fabric items
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste (limits apply)
- Household hazardous waste (limits apply)
- Large, polystyrene foam
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper (in clear plastic bags)
- Tires (limit of 10 per day)

#### Chargeable Materials



- Concrete
- Drywall
- Garbage
- Refrigerated appliances
- Wood
- New! Yard waste (McCleary Court only)

#### Fees



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Vehicle size restrictions may apply. Items must be manually unloaded, no mechanical lifts allowed.



### Time to let it go? Cut the clutter.

Discover where you can get rid of unwanted stuff using the Bindicator, a helpful online search tool.

Visit [york.ca/bindicator](http://york.ca/bindicator) to find out where it goes.

\*\*Due to COVID-19 there may be some service reductions in place. All materials listed may not be accepted at this time. Cash payments may also be restricted. Visit [york.ca/wastedepots](http://york.ca/wastedepots) for most current information.

## Bloomington Yard Waste Depot

1351 Bloomington Road East, City of Richmond Hill  
For most current information visit [millercompost.ca](http://millercompost.ca)  
or call 1-866-887-6457

### Hours of Operation

#### April 1 to November 30

Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday Closed

#### December 1 to March 31

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday Closed

### Materials Accepted

- Flowers and garden plants
- Grass clippings
- Hay (clean, small amount)
- Leaves, shrubs, branches, weeds
- Sod (small residential quantities, dirt removed)

*Yard waste in plastic bags must be emptied.*

### Materials Not Accepted

- Animal droppings
- Branches larger than 15 centimetres in diameter or 1.8 metres in length
- Kitchen and food waste
- Rocks, root balls, stumps, soil

### Fees



#### Residential

- Less than one cubic yard (up to 9 paper bags) \$10
- More than one cubic yard \$68 per tonne

**Commercial** (business) \$68 per tonne

## East Gwillimbury Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot

225 Garfield Wright Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury

### Hours of Operation

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday and Wednesday Closed  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Materials Accepted - no charge



- Blue box recyclables
- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste
- Refrigerated appliances with valid CFC removal sticker (residential only)
- Scrap metal

### Fees



#### Refrigerated Appliances

- Residential without valid CFC removal sticker \$20



Blue Box Recyclables



Household Hazardous Waste



Electronic Waste



Scrap Metal/  
Metal Appliances



Garbage



Yard Waste



Textiles

## Markham Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Rodick Road, South of Miller Avenue, City of Markham

### Hours of Operation

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday and Wednesday Closed  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Materials Accepted - no charge



- Cooking oil (limit of 4L per day)
- Electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste

**Get to know your depot before you go.**

**Find tips to pack your vehicle, what's accepted and limits that may apply.**

[york.ca/wastedepots](http://york.ca/wastedepots)

Waste depots are for York Region residents only.  
Proof of residency required.  
Fees and hours subject to change without notice.  
All depots closed civic and statutory holidays.

For more information on fees and limits,  
please visit

[york.ca/wastedepots](http://york.ca/wastedepots)  
or call 1-866-665-6752

# Waste and recycling tips

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



- **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** bundle items in your blue bin and place heavier items on top to prevent them from blowing away and littering the street.



- **Do not** place bins and garbage bags on top of or behind snow banks in the winter.



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



- **Do not** overload your containers or use strapping devices. 1 container without a tag, up to 4 more with tags, maximum 5 item limit, can be set out for collection every other week. Please ensure the garbage tag is prominently displayed.

**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](http://georgina.ca/WasteandRecycling), download the Recycle Coach™ app, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or call Service Georgina at 905-476-4301.



# Blue boxes and green bins are collected every week

Available for purchase at all library branches and the Civic Centre. Visit [georgina.ca/WasteandRecycling](http://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 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 please contact GFL 1-866-421-5625.



## 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



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STAY INFORMED.  
Visit [york.ca/covid19](http://york.ca/covid19)

«Будьте осторожны». Resta in sicurezza 保持约克区安全


# January 2021





Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.


Mark your calendars for Georgina's annual Sno\*fest  
– stay tuned for more details at [georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION IS WEEK OF JAN. 11 ONLY.</b> Remove all decorations, nails, tree stands, and plastic tree bags. Note: crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snow bank to retrieve one. Maximum 1.8 (6'), cut in pieces (if necessary).</p>					1	New Year's Day
					2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 <p><b>Maximum 1.8m (6'), cut in pieces (if necessary)</b></p>					
						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
						

To the curb by  
**7 a.m.**

 Garbage Collection Week  
BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.

  For Your Zone:  
  Consult Map Page 2

 Christmas Tree Collection  
Week of Jan. 11-14, 2021

 Green Bin and Blue Box  
are collected WEEKLY.



# CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY

**April 24, May 29,  
June 26, July 31,  
Aug. 28, Sept. 25,  
Oct. 30**

On these dates residents can put out unwanted items at the curb from **7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (FREE)** for other residents to take away.

## Recycle your electronics eWaste Event



# FREE!

**May 8 | Sept. 11**



## Swap & Sell



**Georgina's Annual  
Giant Garage Sale!**

**Saturday, May 8  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Georgina Ice Palace Parking Lot  
90 Wexford Dr., Keswick**






















**To register a spot, please call  
905-476-4301 ext. 2232**



Vendors, please bring  
a donation for the  
Georgina Community Food Pantry.

# February 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Watch for March Break activity announcements at  
[georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
  	1 	2 	3 	4 	5	6 Sno*Fest
7	8 	9 	10 	11 	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Family Day <b>NO SERVICE</b> Collection is ONE DAY LATER this week.	16 	17 	18 	19 	20
21	22 	23 	24 	25 	26	27
28  	<b>Compact Fluorescent light bulbs (CFL)</b> Take care not to drop or break a CFL bulb. If one does break, wear gloves when cleaning up, remove all residue (Tip: duct tape lifts residue from carpets) and dispose of all remnants immediately at a Household Hazardous Waste depot.					

  Garbage Collection Week  
BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.

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# Keep these products out of landfills



✓ Paint   ✓ Pesticides   ✓ Solvents   ✓ Fertilizers



Find information on accepted products and recycling locations at [productcare.org/georgina](https://productcare.org/georgina) or call 1-877-592-2972 x 239





# March 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

March and April are cat spay/neuter months in Georgia,  
visit [georgia.ca/AnimalServices](http://georgia.ca/AnimalServices)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
  <div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">                     To the curb by <b>7a.m.</b> </div>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks forward one hour) Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and CO alarms.	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Did you know? It takes two to five months for paper to biodegrade, 50 to 100 years for tin cans and one-million years for a Styrofoam container or plastic jug. <i>(Statistics Canada, Environment Canada)</i>		

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BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.

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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).

## Acceptable containers:

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

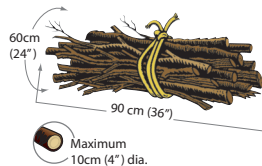
Bundle branches as shown. Use twine only, no ropes please.

**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 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Don't miss out on Easter activities, such as the  
in-water Easter Egg hunt. [georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Download the app and never miss another collection day. Find out what to do with your stuff or choose to receive customized notifications, program updates, and recycling tips.</p>				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Curbside Giveaway
<b>Pitch In Week (April 18-25)</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Pitch In Week						

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Relax  
AND  
Enjoy



INVASIVE PLANTS

Dog-strangling vine

Garlic mustard



The  
Fabulous Forest

Imagine how it feels to be surrounded by trees and forests – the cool shade, the aromatic smell, the feeling of escaping time as you connect with nature. Now imagine always having that at your fingertips.

If you own property in York Region, we can help you rekindle your connection with nature by planting a tree or forest on your property.

**Tree planting programs include:**

- Low-cost backyard do-it-yourself and full-service planting
- Full-service, large scale planning and planting
- Do-it-yourself bulk seedlings



Discover how easy tree planting can be.  
[york.ca/treepanting](http://york.ca/treepanting)

Non-native invasive plants are species that have been introduced into areas outside of their native range. Dog-strangling vine and garlic mustard are two common invasive plants you may find on your property or in your garden.

If left alone these aggressive plants can take over your garden making it difficult for anything else to grow, including native flowers which provide food for important pollinators like the Monarch butterfly.

**To make sure this doesn't happen to you, learn how to:**

- Identify invasive plants
- Control and remove invasive plants
- Plant native flowers to attract birds and butterflies to your garden



Show your yard (and pollinators!) some love and stop the spread of invasive plants.

[york.ca/loveyouryard](http://york.ca/loveyouryard)

**Did you know?** Spending time outside is good for your body and mind. Walking and enjoying nature's sights and sounds has been shown to decrease blood pressure, stress and the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes.

The York Regional Forest is the perfect place to enjoy fresh air and connect with nature. Take a stroll on one of the many forest tracts to enjoy better mental and physical well-being.



Find a forest tract near you.  
[york.ca/yrf](http://york.ca/yrf)



# May 2021

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](http://georgina.ca/BuildingPermits)

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

**E-WASTE**  
More than 140,000 tonnes of e-waste accumulates in Canadian landfills each year. That's equivalent to the weight of one and half times the CN Tower. (Environment Canada 2007)

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9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24 Victoria Day NO SERVICE Collection is ONE DAY LATER this week.	25	26	27	28	29 Curbside Giveaway
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30	31	<b>BAG TAG EXEMPTION – Put out up to 5 items untagged.</b>			
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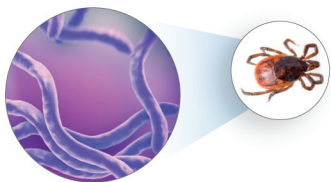
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# FIGHT THE BITE! AGAINST BLACKLEGGED TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

## What is Lyme disease?



Symptoms of Lyme disease may include:

- A skin rash
- Fatigue or weakness
- Headache
- Fever or chills
- Dizziness or confusion
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* which is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

See your health care provider if you develop symptoms of Lyme disease after a tick bite or after visiting a wooded or brushy area.

## Protect yourself in wooded or brushy areas

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved clothing and closed footwear
- Use insect repellents containing DEET or icaridin
- Walk in the middle of trails
- Shower when you get home
- Check yourself, your family and your pets for ticks
- Remove attached ticks as soon as possible



## What are blacklegged ticks?



- Ticks are small bugs that feed off the blood of animals and humans
- Adult ticks are the size of a sesame seed and nymphs are the size of a poppy seed
- Ticks are found on tall grasses and bushes in wooded areas
- They can attach and feed up to five days

## If you find a tick on you or a family member remove it quickly




1. Grasp the tick with tweezers as close as possible to your skin and pull it straight out
2. Do not put anything on the tick or try to burn it off
3. Disinfect the area with rubbing alcohol
4. Visit [etick.ca](http://etick.ca) for **FREE** tick identification


For more information on how you can protect yourself and your family from Lyme disease, call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit [york.ca/lymedisease](http://york.ca/lymedisease)

# June 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Mark your calendars for our July 1 Canada Day celebration and fireworks! Visit [georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events) for details.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BUY LOCAL</b> Reduce the amount of emissions required to transport food to your table: buy locally grown foods.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day First day of Summer	21	22	23	24	25	26 Curbside Giveaway
27	28	29	30	Download the Town of Georgina app and never miss another collection day.  Find out what to do with your stuff or choose to receive customized notifications, program updates, and recycling tips.		

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# SHARPS

COLLECTION  
PROGRAM

## You Can Return:

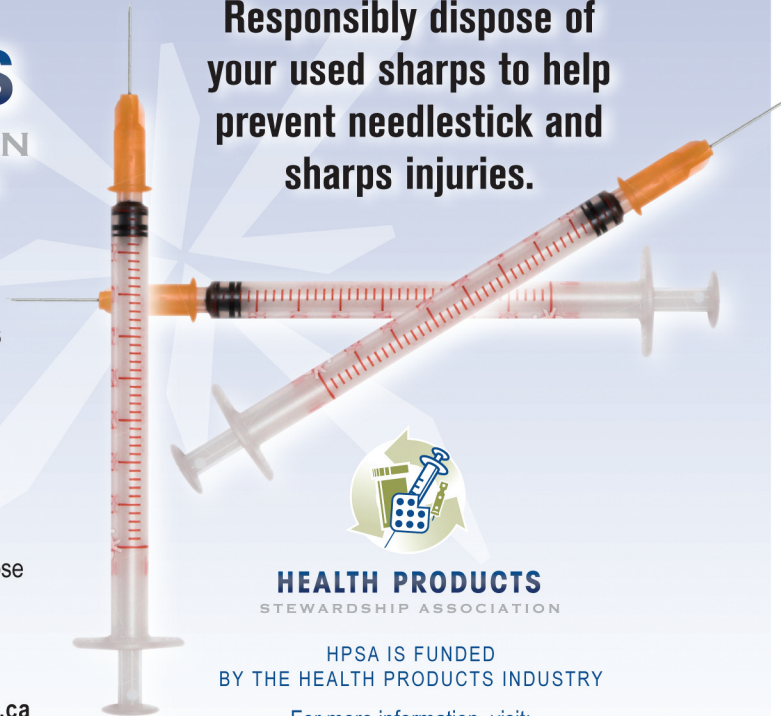
- Needles, needle tips and syringes
- Insulin pens
- Lancets
- Other used medical sharps

Components such as glucose meters and cotton swabs should not be disposed of in sharps containers.

Visit [www.healthsteward.ca](http://www.healthsteward.ca) to find your nearest participating pharmacy.

# TAKE IT BACK!

Responsibly dispose of your used sharps to help prevent needlestick and sharps injuries.



## HEALTH PRODUCTS STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

HPSA IS FUNDED  
BY THE HEALTH PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

For more information, visit:  
[healthsteward.ca](http://healthsteward.ca) or e-mail [info@healthsteward.ca](mailto:info@healthsteward.ca)  
Call Our Toll-Free Number: 1-844-535-8889

SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR USED SHARPS DEVICES BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:

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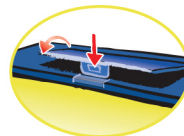
Recap needle and place into approved sharp container offered free of charge at any participating pharmacy.

2



Once the sharp waste has reached the designated fill line, snap lid closed by securing the strip.

3



To permanently close the sharps container, insert the tab into the opening to secure the lid down.

4



Always use an approved sharps container when disposing of used sharps to help reduce the risk of needlestick injuries.

# July 2021





Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Need an open-air burn permit? Applications can be found at [georgina.ca/BurnPermit](http://georgina.ca/BurnPermit)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>WASTE DIVERSION</b> A typical Canadian household's garbage consists of 40% compostables (e.g. food and yard waste); 40% recyclable materials (e.g. paper, glass, plastics); 10% bulky goods (e.g. appliances, furniture); 10% other materials (e.g. packaging and household hazardous waste). <i>(Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 2009)</i>				1 Canada Day <b>NO SERVICE</b> Collection is ONE DAY LATER this week.	2	3
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Curbside Giveaway

 Garbage Collection Week BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.
  For Your Zone: Consult Map Page 2
  Yard Waste Collection
  Green Bin and Blue Box are collected WEEKLY.

# FIGHT THE BITE! AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

## What is West Nile virus?



West Nile virus is spread to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito.

## How to protect yourself when outdoors

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Use insect repellents containing DEET or icaridin
- Cover up at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active



## How York Region protects you

York Region's West Nile Virus Program includes larviciding over 100,000 catch basins during the summer and using mosquito traps to capture and test for West Nile virus infected mosquitoes.



## Mosquito-proof your home

- Clean up areas of standing water around your home
- Ensure door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair
- Clean up pools / pool covers
- Turn over wading pools
- Empty out flower pots
- Clear eavestroughs, storm and roof gutters
- Clean bird baths weekly
- Empty water in old tires



For more information on West Nile virus, call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit [york.ca/westnile](http://york.ca/westnile)




# August 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Taking fun to new heights. Check out the ROC, York Region's Adventure Headquarters at [georginaroc.ca](http://georginaroc.ca)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Civic Holiday <b>NO SERVICE</b> Collection is <b>ONE DAY LATER</b> this week.	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Curbside Giveaway
29 	30	31	 <p><b>Download the app and never miss another collection day.</b> Find out what to do with your stuff or choose to receive customized notifications, program updates, and recycling tips.</p>			

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# What is Household Hazardous Waste?



Household hazardous waste (HHW) is anything in your home that is corrosive, explosive, flammable or poisonous and is no longer needed. It should be brought to a HHW depot where it will be disposed of safely.

## Examples of HHW:

- Aerosol cans (full or partially full)
- Batteries
- Cleaning products
- Cosmetics
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline (containers may not be returned)
- Glues and adhesives
- Nail polish and polish remover
- Paints (liquid and solid)
- Paint thinner and varnish remover
- Perfume and cologne
- Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane cylinders/tanks
- Pool chemicals
- Sharps (needles/syringes) must be in puncture proof container
- Used motor oil and filters

Residents can drop off 60L of household hazardous waste and 20 compact fluorescent tubes per household per day.

## Waste Depots:

**East Gwillimbury HHW and Recycling Depot**  
225 Garfield Wright Boulevard  
Town of East Gwillimbury

**Elgin Mills CEC**  
1124 Elgin Mills Road East  
City of Richmond Hill

**Georgina Transfer Station**  
23068 Warden Avenue  
Town of Georgina

**Markham HHW Depot**  
Rodick Road  
South of Miller Avenue  
City of Markham

**McCleary Court CEC**  
130 McCleary Court  
City of Vaughan

For more information visit [york.ca/waste](http://york.ca/waste) or call 1-866-665-6752

# What is Electronic Waste?



Electronic waste (e-waste) is any electronic equipment in your home that no longer works and cannot be repaired. E-waste should not be thrown in the garbage as these items contain materials considered to be hazardous.

## Examples of e-waste:

- Cables
- Cameras and camcorders
- Cell phones, telephones, pagers and fax machines
- Computer towers\*, laptops\*, tablets\*, modems, keyboards and mice
- Game systems
- Monitors\*, printers\*, scanners\* and typewriters
- Televisions\*
- VCRs, DVD players, radios, stereos, speakers




\*Residents may bring two televisions and four units of computer equipment per household per day. Disassembled electronics will not be accepted.


Don't know where it goes? Visit [york.ca/bindicator](http://york.ca/bindicator)

# September 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Celebrate the arrival of autumn and join us for all the fall activities, visit [georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Download the Town of Georgina app and never miss another collection day.</p>  <p>Find out what to do with your stuff or choose to receive customized notifications, program updates, and recycling tips.</p>  			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labour Day NO SERVICE Collection is ONE DAY LATER this week.	7	8	9	10	11 Electronic Recycling Event
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BAG TAG EXEMPTION – Put out up to 5 items untagged.						
19	20	21	22 First day of fall	23	24	25 Curbside Giveaway
26	27	28	29	30	<p><b>WASTE</b> Canadian households generate 12 million tonnes of waste each year. That's more than a kilogram per person per day! <i>(Statistics Canada, 2005)</i></p>	

 Garbage Collection Week  
BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.


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## TOP 5 WAYS to save time, money and reduce food waste

On average, York Region households throw away \$1,500 worth of food each year.

Here are some simple tips to reduce food waste and save time and money:

- Plan ahead and shop with a list
- Buy only what you need; bulk buying or buying on sale is only cost effective if the product is actually used
- Choose recipes you can make ahead
- Serve smaller portions; preparing more than you can eat is more food wasted
- Freeze leftovers to enjoy later

#PlanPrepareEnjoy  
[york.ca/goodfood](http://york.ca/goodfood)

 **YES**



**Bag it. Tie it. Pitch it.**

Used masks, gloves and wipes  
go in the garbage.

Learn what goes where at [york.ca/waste](http://york.ca/waste)

# FATS, OILS and GREASE

Cool it, Scrape it, **Green Bin it**



Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) can clog your pipes and our sewers when poured down the sink, drain or toilet.

Fats, oils and grease include:

butter and margarine, meat fats, salad dressings, cooking oils (including deep frying oils), sauces, gravies, shortening and lard.

**Proper Disposal**

- Fats, oils and grease should be allowed to cool and harden, then scraped into the green bin
- Use a small amount of paper towel to help wipe and absorb the liquid before placing it in your green bin
- Liquid cooking oil can also be dropped off at a York Region waste depot to be recycled


Cool it, Scrape it, Green Bin it  
[york.ca/fog](http://york.ca/fog)


  
York Region





# October 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Visit Georgina's events listing page for some great  
Halloween events at [georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Pumpkins, cornstalks and straw are great additions to the yard waste collection.</b> When leaf and yard waste is included, organic waste makes up as much as 40% of residential waste.</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	<b>11 Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>NO SERVICE</b> Collection is <b>ONE DAY LATER</b> this week.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31 Halloween</b>						<b>30 Curbside Giveaway</b>

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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



# November 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Welcome the upcoming holiday season with an old fashioned Christmas at Georgina Pioneer Village and the Festival of Lights. For details visit [georgina.ca/events](http://georgina.ca/events).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 	3 	4 	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time ends (turn clocks back one hour) 	8 	9 	10 	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13
14	15 	16 	17 	18 	19	20
21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26	27
28	29 	30 	<b>RENEWABLE RESOURCE</b> Real Christmas trees are a renewable, recyclable resource. At most farms, up to three seedlings are planted for every real Christmas tree harvested. Artificial trees contain non-biological plastics.			

Garbage Collection Week  
BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.

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# 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 bath tubs, storage sheds, and bicycles must be recycled. To arrange a special curbside collection, please contact **Green for Life** at **1-866-421-5625**.

**\*Please 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. Please 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 (1) item limit.

## 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.





# December 2021

Have a question?  
Consult the back cover.

Your new 2022 Waste & Recycling calendar will be delivered in the Advocate in late December.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Do you have a real Christmas tree? Remember to water your Christmas tree daily. Dry trees are a fire hazard.</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 First day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day
						<p>January 2022</p>



Garbage Collection Week  
BI-WEEKLY on your regular day.



For Your Zone:  
Consult Map Page 2



Christmas Tree Collection  
Week of Jan. 10-13, 2022



Green Bin and Blue Box  
are collected WEEKLY.



# What goes in the blue box?

All containers must be **EMPTY** and **SCRAPED**.

## Paper

### Cardboard

- Cardboard boxes (flattened, tied and smaller than 2' x 2' x 1')
- Pizza boxes (clean)
- Shoe boxes

### Newsprint/Paper/Posters

- Calendars and posters
- Flyers
- Magazines
- Newspapers (no plastic bags)
- Telephone books



### Food and Drink Containers

- Drink boxes or tetra packs (no straws)
- Frozen food boxes
- Frozen juice containers (lids separate)
- Juice and milk cartons

### Other Paper

- Boxboard (cereal boxes)
- Bristol board (no decorations)
- Egg cartons/flats
- Greeting cards (plain)
- Paper bags
- Paper tubes/rolls
- Wrapping paper (non-metallic)

## Plastic

### Plastic household containers

- Antifreeze and windshield washer bottles
- Baby wipe containers
- Containers (between 2" to 9" in diameter)
- Detergent bottles and jugs
- Household cleaning product containers
- Plastic bottles/jugs
- Shampoo bottles (no black plastic)

### Plastic food and drink containers

- Bakery trays and clamshells
- Clear beverage cups (no flat lids)
- Clear take-out food containers
- Egg cartons (clear plastic)
- Tubs and lids (yogurt, sour cream)
- Water and pop bottles (lids on)

## What does NOT go in the blue box?

- Batteries
- Black plastic
- Coffee cups
- Coffee pods/discs
- Dishes/glasses
- Foam packaging
- Food scraps/residue
- Masks, gloves and wipes
- Medical waste (needles/syringes)
- Plastic bags/film (of any kind)
- Propane cylinders/tanks
- Take-out cups

## Metal

### Steel containers

- Cookie tins
- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty metal paint cans (lids separate)
- Food and soup cans



### Aluminum Containers

- Aluminum foil (clean, rolled into ball)
- Aluminum plates and trays
- Pop cans

### Glass

Remove lids and place separately in the blue box.

- Bottles
- Jars



# What goes in the green bin?

All green bin waste must be **BAGGED** and **TIED**.

- All foods (cooked, raw, bones or spoiled)
- Diapers
- Paper products
  - Food-soiled cardboard
  - Food-soiled newspaper
  - Paper towels
  - Shredded paper (small amounts)
  - Tissues
- Personal hygiene products
- Pet/animal waste



## What does NOT go in the green bin?

- Baby/cleaning wipes
- Clothing
- Cutlery
- Dryer lint
- Plastic bags/film
- Plastic food containers

For a full list of what is accepted in the green bin visit [york.ca/greenbin](http://york.ca/greenbin)



Place unwanted, gently used items at the curb for others to take for their own use.

**Place your items at the curb, marked 'FREE' from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Anything remaining must be brought back inside by 5 p.m.**

For dates and details visit  
[york.ca/curbsidegiveaway](http://york.ca/curbsidegiveaway)



**The Lendery is a library where you sign out things rather than books and it's free with your library card!**

**Save money and space by borrowing items like:**

camping equipment, garden tools, hand tools, lawn games, party supplies, sports equipment, kitchen appliances and toys

Find out where you can borrow things.

[york.ca/lendery](http://york.ca/lendery)



Bring broken things back to life at a

# REPAIR CAFÉ

**Bring in your tools, appliances, clothing and other items in need of repair. Our volunteer fixers will bring your item back to life.**

**Fixer specialties include:**

bikes, toys, small appliances, clothing and fabric items and tools

For more information visit

[york.ca/repaircafe](http://york.ca/repaircafe)

WALKED A MILE IN THAT SHOE?

# BRING IT.



**Bring your unwanted fabric items to a participating waste depot to be donated to Diabetes Canada.**

**We accept almost anything including:**

backpacks, bedding, belts, clothing, curtains, hats, jackets, shoes, sleeping bags and stuffed toys

Find out where you can bring your stuff.

[york.ca/wastedepots](http://york.ca/wastedepots)



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



**GEORGINA**

## 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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## Calendar Information:

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Turnkey solutions for effective waste  
 management education & outreach.

