

# Municipality of Chatham-Kent

## RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTION GUIDE

# 2025



**For recycling issues:  
519-360-9961**

[ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com](mailto:ChathamRecycling@wasteconnections.com)



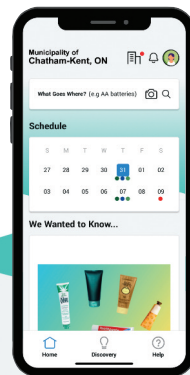
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**For all other waste issues:  
519-360-1998**

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

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# 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 (6 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 8, April 9,  
July 9, October 8

**Ridgetown, Thamesville:**

January 9, April 10,  
July 10, October 9

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

January 15, April 16,  
July 16, October 16

**Blenheim, Dealtown,  
Erie Beach, Eriean,  
Merlin, Shrewsbury:**

January 16, April 17,  
July 17, October 17

**Tilbury:**

January 22, April 23,  
July 23, October 22

**Romney, Wheatley:**

January 23, April 24,  
July 24, October 23

**Wallaceburg West:**

February 12, May 14,  
August 13, November 12

**Wallaceburg East:**

February 20, May 22,  
August 20, November 19

(See map page 6)

**Chatham Northeast:**

February 26, May 28,  
August 27, November 26

**Chatham Northwest:**

March 12, June 11,  
September 10, December 3

**Chatham Southeast:**

March 19, June 18,  
September 17, December 10

**Chatham Southwest:**

March 26, June 25,  
September 24, December 17

(See map page 5)

# 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:

Waste Connections is committed to providing the safest, most environmentally responsible and efficient waste collection services for our municipal customers in Chatham-Kent.

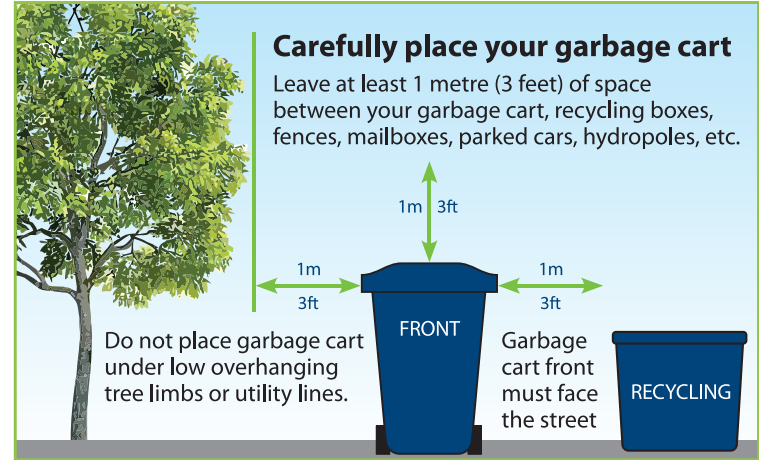
The automated waste collection service provides added convenience for residents, minimizes litter on local streets, and reduces safety risks posed to both drivers and residents by distracted drivers during the waste collection process.



## 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.**
- ✓ Put out **one garbage container** each week. 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 an acceptable container.
- ✓ **Deliver hazardous waste to a Household Hazardous Waste Day event** or visit the Product Care website ([www.productcare.org](http://www.productcare.org)) for the nearest return to vendor location (see pages 12 or 18).
- ✓ Leave grass clippings on your lawn, shred or compost leaves or **deliver yard waste to a Leaf & Yard Depot** (see page 13).

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

# 2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

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

Tuesday, April 8	Saturday, May 10
Tuesday, June 10	Tuesday, July 8
Tuesday, August 12	Saturday, September 20
Tuesday, October 14	Tuesday, November 11



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.**  
Do not place loose household garbage in your garbage cart.
- X Don't place recyclable food, beverage & liquid containers out in clear/transparent bags.**  
Place these items out loose inside your Blue Box.
- 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

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.

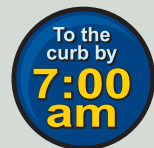
Recycling Collection: **Thursday** during weeks with  symbol.

## 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**

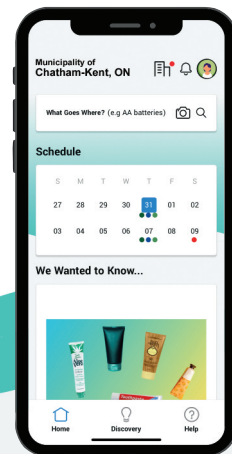
\*Bulk Collection: **Thursday** with  symbol.

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

## Do you need Bulk Items collected?

Download Chatham-Kent's app and never miss another collection day!

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.)



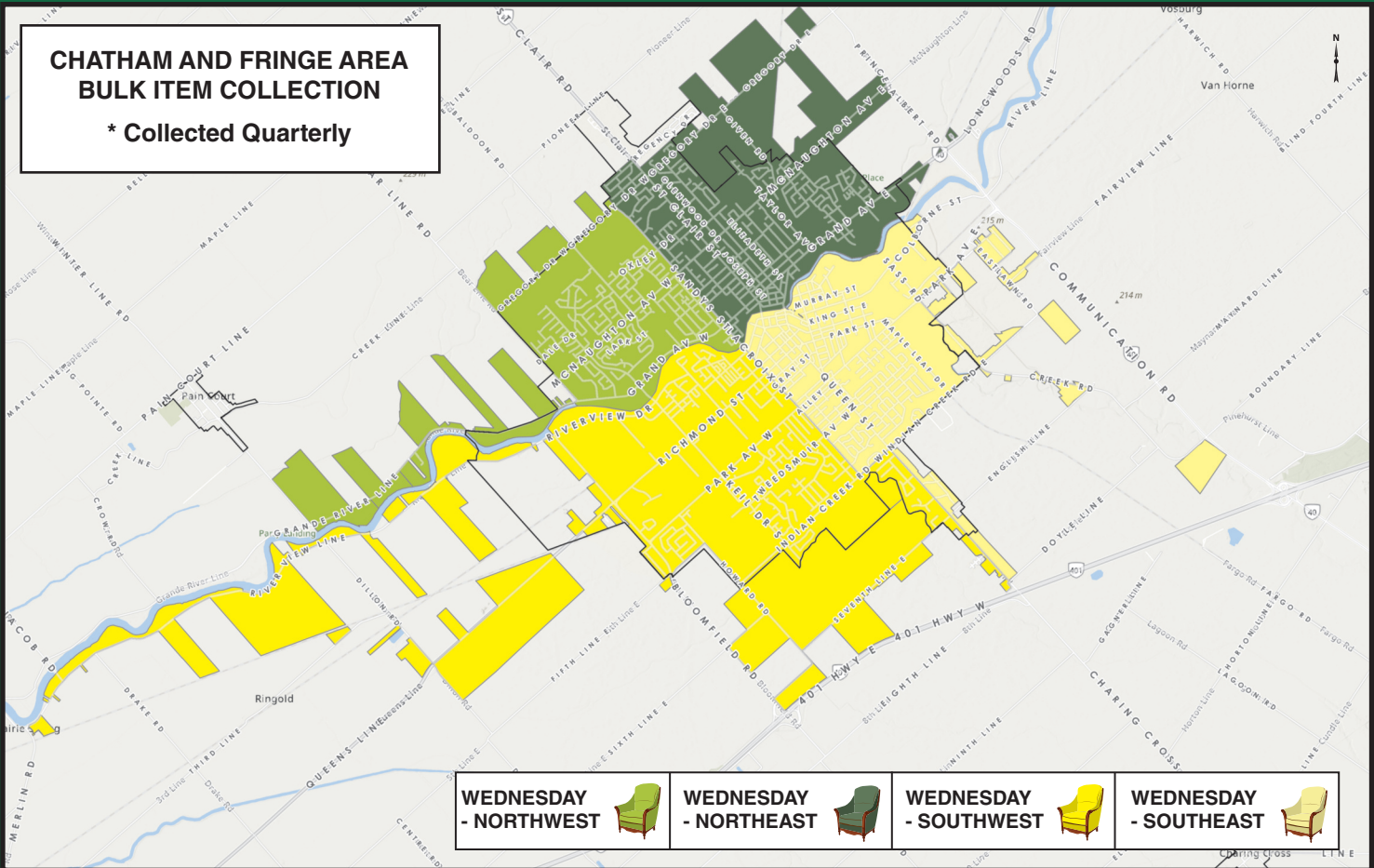
**THURSDAY**  
Includes Park Ave. E.

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



# CHATHAM AND FRINGE AREA BULK ITEM COLLECTION

\* Collected Quarterly



# CHATHAM AND FRINGE AREA RECYCLING COLLECTION



**YELLOW WEEK**



**GREEN WEEK**

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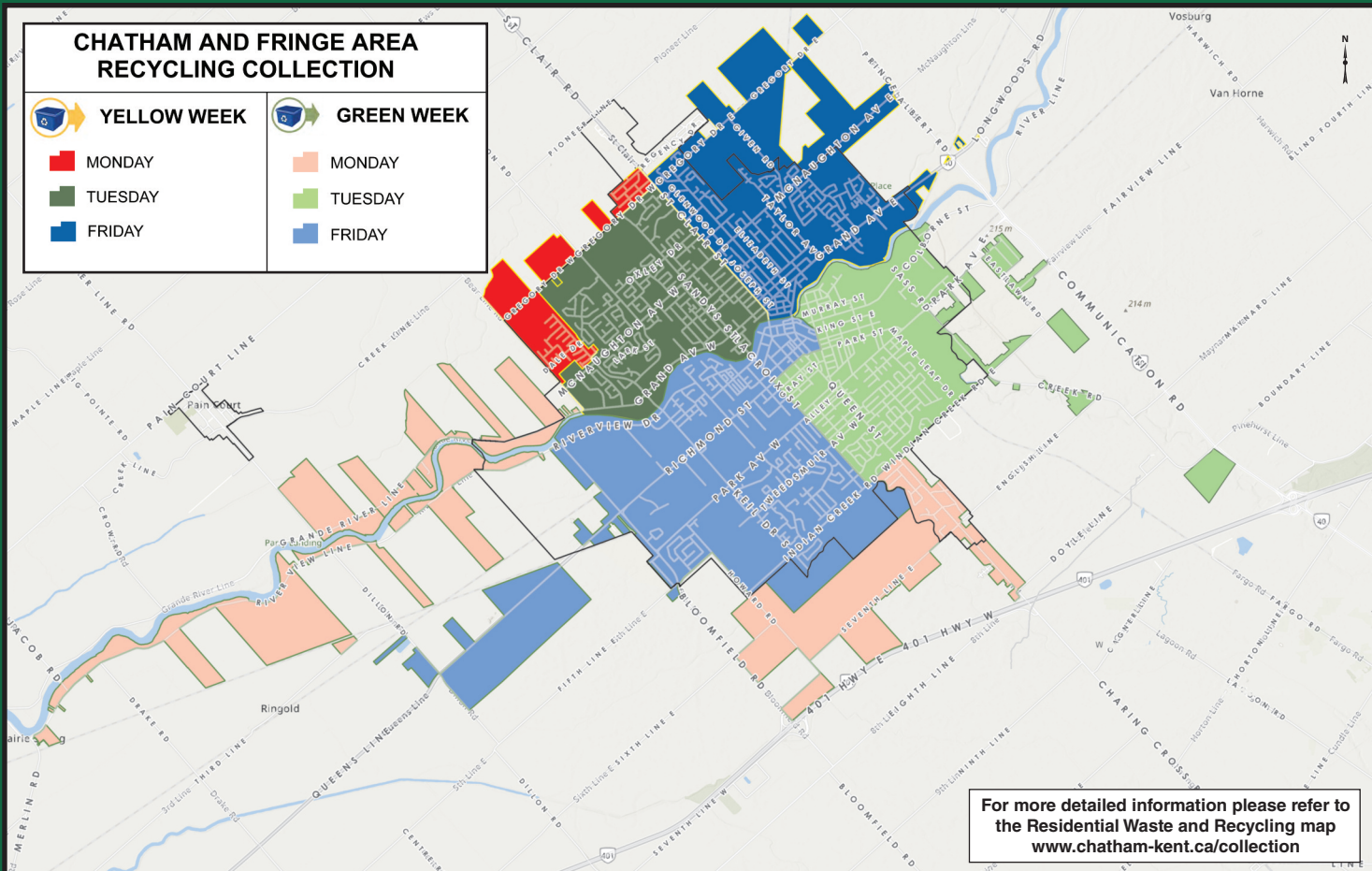
**TUESDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**FRIDAY**



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

**BULK COLLECTION** \* collected quarterly

**WEDNESDAY**



**WEDNESDAY**



**RECYCLING COLLECTION**



**YELLOW WEEK**



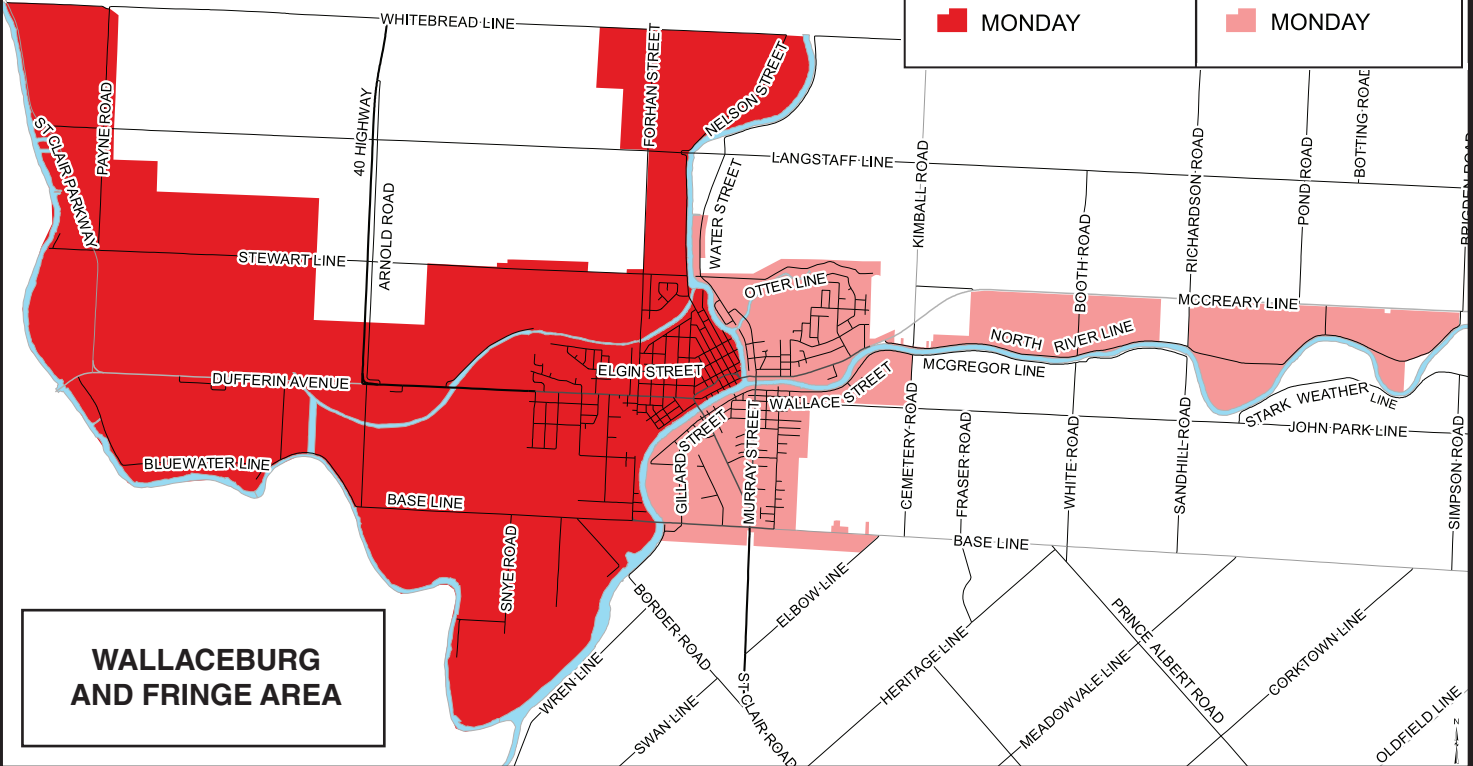
**GREEN WEEK**



**MONDAY**



**MONDAY**



**WALLACEBURG  
AND FRINGE AREA**

# Disposal of Items Banned at the Curb

## E-Waste is the fastest growing source of waste in North America.

As faster and more powerful computer equipment, televisions, and appliances are introduced, current models quickly become obsolete. Lead, mercury, etc. are found in most equipment, increasing risks to human health and the environment.

### Help divert the following E-Waste products away from landfill:

- Amplifiers and speakers
- Audio & video players and recorders (DVD & VCR)
- Cameras/cell phones
- Computers and peripherals
- Fax machines/copiers
- Monitors
- Pagers and PDA's
- Printers and scanners
- Radios/televisions
- Receivers, tuners and turntables
- Telephone and answering machines
- Video Projectors

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## Recycling Tires contributes to a greener community.

Used tires are recycled into a variety of useful products:

- Surfacing for walking trails, sidewalks, etc.
- Roofing shingles, landscape mulch
- Athletic field turf and running tracks
- Interlocking patio bricks
- Swings and playground equipment
- Speed bumps and mats

## Think Green

FREE recycling programs exist locally for e-waste, tires, and many other items. You can also recycle vehicle and single single-use batteries, appliances, empty propane tanks and cylinders, scrap metal, and used antifreeze/oil (including empty containers).

Please refer to [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots) for the recycling options available to all residents.

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much  
stuff?

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books, media, toys,  
games + more

**donate at:**

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

1416 Dufferin Ave (519-627-9354)  
WALLACEBURG



# Excess Garbage Disposal Locations & Hours

## 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 regular bagged garbage, bulk items, and construction waste.**

### Other materials accepted include:

- Scrap metal & white goods
- Tires
- Electronic waste
- Used oil & antifreeze
- Empty oil/antifreeze
- Empty propane cylinders
- Used vehicle and single-use batteries
- Yard waste



Visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/depots](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/depots) for details and fees.

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

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

Open 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 \$102.60 plus applicable taxes and fees.

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# BlueBoxGuide



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



**Empty  
Aerosol Cans**



**Aluminum Cans**



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



**Empty Metal  
Paint Cans**  
*remove & recycle  
metal lids*



**Aluminum Trays,  
Plates & Foil**



**Plastic Jugs**



**Plastic Tubs & Lids**  
*tub lids CAN be  
recycled*



**All Plastic  
Bottles**



**Clamshells &  
Trays (Plastic)**



**Buckets & Pails**  
*remove any  
metal handles*



**Plastic Cups**



**Plastic Egg  
Cartons**



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



**Spiral Wound  
chip & frozen juice cans,  
discard plastic lids**

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

## 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.

All new homeowners are eligible for free recycling boxes. Please visit [www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent) for details.



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



# BlackBoxGuide

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



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



**Newspapers**  
*remove any plastic bags / inserts*



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



**Boxboard**  
*remove any plastic liners / bags*



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



**Non-waxed Paper Containers**



**Cartons**  
*discard any plastic caps*



**Paper Packaging**



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

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

## No Plastic Bags PERIOD!



- Don't use plastic bags as 'containers' for recyclables
- Keep recyclables loose in recycling boxes

**Bags are NOT ACCEPTED**  
in recycling boxes.



# Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Update

**Beginning January 1, 2025 the Municipality moves to paper bag mandate for leaf & yard waste collection in communities who currently receive this service:**

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

Please ensure that leaf & yard waste placed out for collection does not block municipal sidewalks or roadways.

## Residents Without Curbside Collection

For communities who do not receive curbside leaf & yard waste collection, please bring your materials to one of our leaf & yard depots. Leaf & yard waste set out with curbside garbage is sent to landfill. By using the depots, your leaf & yard waste is recycled or composted, see page 13 for locations.

For more information on this program update and the collection guidelines for all brush, leaf, and yard waste, visit [www.chatham-kent.ca/yardwaste](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/yardwaste)

## Benefits of Paper Bags



- Reduces environmental impact by minimizing plastic waste



- Promotes sustainability by using biodegradable materials



- Offers solution that is easily recyclable and compostable



# January 2025

**YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

**GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Christmas Trees taken to a leaf & yard depot are shredded into wood chips (see page 13) - remove all decorations, tree skirts and plastic bags. Trees collected at the curb are sent to landfill for disposal.

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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To the curb by  
**7:00 am**

Have a question? Consult the back cover.  
[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.)
- Large/bulk items are collected quarterly and require booking 7 days in advance (see page 1)



## Missed Recycling Collection?

This could be why:

- Recycling boxes hidden behind snow bank or not set out by 7:00 am
- Non-recyclable items in the recycling boxes
- Incorrectly sorted materials
- Weighs more than 18 kg (40 lbs)
- Cardboard is too large, not bundled, or in a non-prescribed container



## 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 2025

 **YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

 **GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday

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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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14 **Valentine's Day**

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17 **Family Day**  
**NO SERVICE**  
Collection is one day later this week.

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To the curb by  
**7:00 am**

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# Recycling Matters

**GO GREEN** with your blue and black box! Please keep fibre/paper material separate and in your black box. All other acceptable containers except paper beverage cartons, go in the blue 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.

## No Plastic Bags PERIOD!

**NOT ACCEPTED**

• Don't use plastic bags as 'containers' for recyclables  
• Keep recyclables loose in recycling boxes

**Bags are NOT ACCEPTED in recycling boxes.**

# March 2025

 **YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

 **GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday

Monday

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**RECYCLING MATTERS!**



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!

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**DST begins**  
(turn clocks forward one hour at bedtime)

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17 **St. Patrick's Day**

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20 **First Day of Spring**

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# 2025 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 8, May 10, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 20, October 14 & November 11



## ✓ 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 2025

 **YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

 **GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Paper bags are required for communities that receive curbside leaf and yard waste collection in bags.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <b>Household Hazardous Waste Day</b> (see above)	9 	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16 	17 	18 <b>Good Friday</b> <b>NO SERVICE</b> Friday collection picked up on Saturday this week. 	19
20 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	21 <b>Easter Monday</b> Regular collection this week.	22 <b>Earth Day</b> 	23 	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30	 In communities without leaf and yard waste collection, bring your materials to leaf & yard depot to see materials composted or recycled (see page 13).		

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# Leaf & Yard Depots

All residents are allowed 2 cubic metres (approximately 25 bags) of leaf and yard waste free of charge each operating day.

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

## We Accept

Brush, leaves, grass clippings, yard waste, and natural wood no greater than 76 cm (30") in diameter and 1.5 m (5') in length are accepted.

Please do not use wire or plastic to tie bundles.

Christmas trees are accepted however no decorations or plastic tree bags please.



## 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.



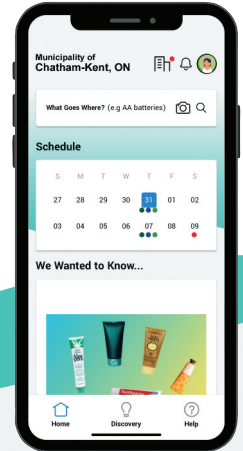
**Please note:**  
ALL non-paper yard waste bags, boxes, containers, must be emptied on site.



## 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

22843 Creek Road, across from

Glasshouse Nursery

### 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:** Hours of operation subject to change.

**Closed on Statutory Holidays.**

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 parking lot**  
315 King St. West, Chatham
- **Civic Centre, underground parking lot**  
315 King St. 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 2025

**YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

**GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday

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## DON'T BAG YOUR GRASS!

Leave the clippings on the lawn by using a mulching mower. Grass clippings are 85% water and decay quickly, returning valuable nutrients back to the soil.



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Household  
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**NO SERVICE**

Collection is one day later this week.



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# Home Composting



Composting transforms food scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil, helping to reduce landfill waste and greenhouse gases.

## 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.












By composting at home, residents can turn organic waste into a valuable resource, reducing their environmental footprint and contributing to a more sustainable community.



# June 2025

**YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

**GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 	2	3	4 Clean Air Day	5	6	7		
Canadian Environment Week • June 2-8								
8  Canadian Environment Week	9	10 Household Hazardous Waste Day (see page 12)	11 	12	13	14		
15 Father's Day 	16	17	18 	19	20 First Day of Summer	21		
22 	23	24	25 	26	27	28		
29 	30	<p><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.</p>						

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# Divertable Materials

Divertible materials are items that can be recycled through special programs outside of regular curbside collection, such as e-waste, scrap metal, and tires.

Residents have the following options for recycling these items, but please call ahead to confirm there have been no changes:

**E-Waste** (see [www.recycleyourelectronics.ca](http://www.recycleyourelectronics.ca) for more info.)

**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 3, 12 and 18 for details

## Tires

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

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

Contact a tire service company

## Scrap Metal - includes items made mostly of metal

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

Deliver to the nearest salvage/scrap metal dealer



CHATHAM-KENT  
RECYCLING INC

## What Happens to Your Recycling

What happens to your recyclables  
after your Blue/Black box  
is emptied?

All your recyclables are delivered to Chatham-Kent Recycling (519-689-4651) near Merlin for storage. The material is then transported to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) outside of CK for sorting and separation by hand and machines.

**Not sure if an item is recyclable?**  
Check the Recycling Guides on pages 8 & 21!

# July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Bulk item collection must be scheduled at least seven days in advance.</b> Use the Recycle Coach app, book online, or contact Municipal Customer Service. Details on page 1.</p>		1 <b>Canada Day</b> <b>NO SERVICE</b> Collection is one day later this week.				
6	7	8 <b>Household Hazardous Waste Day</b> (see page 12)	9	10	11	12
			13	14	15	16
			17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					<b>RECYCLING MATTERS!</b> Recycling boxes are FREE to curbside residents only. Visit <a href="http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent">www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent</a> 	

Have a question? Consult the back cover.  
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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.



### Food Storage

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



### 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 2025

**YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

**GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

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**GET YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE READY!**  
See pages 3, 12 and 18 for details.



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**12 Household Hazardous Waste Day**  
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# 2025 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 8, May 10, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 20, October 14 & November 11



## ✓ 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.

## Shop Local

### Explore Thrift Stores in Your Community

- **Goodwill Community Store & Donation Centre**  
255 Grand Avenue W., Chatham
- **Salvation Army Thrift Store**  
456 St. Clair Street, Chatham  
18 Main Street E., Ridgetown  
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 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>RECYCLING MATTERS!</b> 	<b>1</b> <i>Labour Day</i> <b>NO SERVICE</b> Collection is one day later this week.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Day</b> (see above)
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>First Day of Fall</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b>	<b>DON'T BAG YOUR GRASS!</b> Leave the clippings on the lawn by using a mulching mower. Grass clippings are 85% water and decay quickly, returning valuable nutrients back to the soil.			

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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 2025

**YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

**GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
  <p><b>RECYCLE YOUR LEAVES</b> Bring leaves and yard waste to a site listed on page 13 so they can be mulched and reused.</p>			1	2	3	4		
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<b>Fire Prevention Week • October 5-11</b>								
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	<p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b> NO SERVICE Collection is one day later this week.</p>	<p><b>Household Hazardous Waste Day</b> (see page 18)</p>						
<b>Waste Reduction Week • October 13-19</b>								
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
								
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# November 2025



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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)

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# December 2025

**YELLOW ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

**GREEN ZONE**  
Recycling Collection Week

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	 <p>Christmas trees collected at the curb are sent to landfill for disposal. Christmas trees taken to a leaf &amp; yard depot are shredded into wood chips (see page 13) - remove all decorations, tree skirts, and plastic bags.</p>		

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

25 **Christmas Day** 26 **Boxing Day** 27  
**NO SERVICE**  
 Collection is one day later this week.

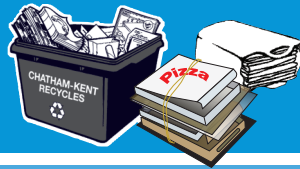
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# 2-STREAM Recycling Guide

2-STREAM recycling means you separate paper products from all other recyclables. Use two containers, black box for fibres (e.g. beverage cartons, paper & boxboard) and blue box for all other acceptable recyclables. Place all shredded paper and excess paper (excluding boxboard/cardboard/cartons) in a paper or clear plastic bag in or beside your black recycling box.

## STREAM 1 Fibre Products In Black Box ONLY



### Paper Beverage Cartons:

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



**DO NOT** recycle foil pouches (i.e. Koolaid Jammers), aluminum foil lined containers (e.g. Boost, wine), etc.



### Household Paper/Newspaper:

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



**DO NOT** recycle waxed, foil, hard and soft cover books, laminated or gift wrap paper, or fast food waxed soft drink cups.

## STREAM 2 Food, Beverage & Liquid Containers In Blue Box ONLY



### Glass Bottles and Jars:

Please remove food and rinse.



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

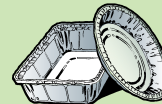


### Aluminum/Steel Cans Plus Empty Aerosol/Paint Cans:

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.





### Paper Egg Cartons and Boxboard:

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

\* Deliver paper egg cartons to a Transfer Station to be re-used.

### Cardboard Boxes:

Break down, flatten and tie in bundles no larger than 75cm x 75cm x 20cm (30" x 30" x 8") and place beside black box. **Do not put broken down cardboard in a cardboard box.**

Please remove food residue and liners from pizza boxes.



### 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, Styrofoam™, plastic wrap and bags, flowertrays, K-cups (Keurig, etc.), used oil containers, and unmarked plastics.

**Note: Visit [www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/chatham-kent) for details on obtaining replacement recycling boxes.**

**Blue or Black Box Bloopers**  
The following materials **DO NOT** belong in your **Blue or Black Boxes:**



### Styrofoam™ Containers

(foam containers like coffee cups, egg cartons and protective foam packaging)



### Plastic Plant Pots and Trays



**Foil pouches**  
(i.e. Koolaid Jammers)  
**Aluminum foil lined containers**  
(i.e. wine), etc.



**Waxed Boxboard**  
(frozen food packaging, ice cream containers, etc.)



**Food, Beverage & Liquid Containers**  
Do not use clear/transparent plastic bags for 2-STREAM recyclables.





Ready, Recycle, Repeat



[www.chatham-kent.ca](http://www.chatham-kent.ca) • 311 or 519.360.1998

### 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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Turnkey solutions for effective waste management education & outreach.

