



Changes to Recycling & Leaf/Grass Collection to Take Effect July 1, 2019

Beginning July 1, 2019, recyclables must be placed in blue boxes or blue bins for collection in the Village of Point Edward. **Plastic bags will no longer be accepted.** Also beginning July 1, 2019, leaves and grass must be contained in **paper bags** or in an **open container marked with an "X."** Leaves and grass in plastic bags will not be collected.

Why are these changes happening?

Plastic bags are no longer being collected with recyclables for a number of reasons:

- Plastic bags create many issues at sorting facilities and can damage the equipment used, prompting the recycling contractor and industry to eliminate collection of plastic bags.
- In recycling terms, plastic bags are considered a source of contamination—they must be sorted from recyclable materials and sent to a landfill.
- Entire loads of recycling may be rejected by the processing company when the level of contamination becomes too high. Plastic bags contribute to this contamination and can cause good recycling material to be diverted to a landfill.
- Blue boxes and blue bins are a reusable, environmentally-responsible alternative to plastic bags.

Leaves and grass collected in the Village of Point Edward are taken to a compost site in the City of Sarnia. Sarnia Council has decided to implement a ban on plastic bags for leaf and yard waste on a trial basis, at least for the remainder of 2019.

More Questions?

Please call the Municipal Office at (519) 337-3021 or visit us at 135 Kendall St. Point Edward, ON N7V 4G6

Is there a limit to the number of recycling bins or compost containers I can set out?

No, there is no limit to the number of recycling or compost containers. You may use blue bins/containers up to 32 gallons/121 litres for recycling. For compost collection, each **filled paper bag/container must not exceed 48 lbs.**

Where can I get extra blue boxes or larger recycling containers?

Most home improvement, office supply, and big-box stores have these items available for purchase. Standard size blue boxes can be purchased for \$10.00 at the Municipal Office, located at 135 Kendall St.



Can I still use plastic bags for garbage?

Yes. Garbage collection requirements have not changed.

What do I do with my shredded paper?

Shredded paper is the only exception to the rule: it will still be accepted in clear plastic bags. The bag must contain only shredded paper.

Are there any other options for dealing with leaves and grass clippings?

You may wish to investigate backyard composting as an alternative to bagging your leaves/grass clippings. You can purchase a compost bin—these are available at most home improvement and big-box stores—or build your own.

PROPERTY OWNERS: IF YOU HAVE TENANTS, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THEM.

ACCEPTABLE FIBRE

- Ad mail
- Bills, statements
- Boxboard (cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.)
- Catalogues
- Clean pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Copy paper
- Corrugated cardboard: flattened, bundled, and no larger than 1m x 1m x 0.5m
- Flyers
- Household paper
- Magazines
- Molded pulp (fast food take out trays)
- Newspapers, Newsprint
- Office paper
- Paper cores (from toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- Paper cups (not Styrofoam), including fast food coffee cups with their lids
- Paperback books
- Phone books
- Writing paper

ACCEPTABLE GLASS, CANS & PLASTIC

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN (RINSED)

- Aluminum foil wrap
- Aluminum plates and trays
- Cans
- Glass bottles (clear and coloured)
- Margarine tubs and lids
- Metal paint cans: empty, dry, lid removed
- Milk and juice cartons
- Plastic clamshell containers
- Plastic flower pots & trays, rinsed (no hangers)
- Plastic lids from fast food cups
- Spiral wound frozen food containers (e.g. frozen juice)
- Steel food and beverage cans
- Tetra Pak boxes
- Yogurt containers
- Small plastic containers coded 1-2 and 4-7: rinsed and over 2 inches
- #1 plastics: soft drink bottles, water bottles, juice bottles, liquor bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter containers, dish soap bottles, mouthwash bottles, clear egg cartons, bakery containers, clamshells, trays, prescription bottles and vials
- #2 plastics: plastic juice, milk, laundry soap, shampoo, and windshield washer containers
- #4, #5, #6, and #7 plastics

UNACCEPTABLE BLUE BOX ITEMS

- Aerosol cans
- Artwork
- Auto parts, tires, rubber
- Batteries
- Biohazards, medical waste, syringes
- Blister packaging
- Broken glass
- Building, construction, and renovation materials
- Carbon, photographic, and blueprint paper
- Cards with foil, plastic, ribbon, or lamination
- Ceramics
- Chip, snack, candy bags
- Coffee pods
- Composite cans
- Cutlery
- Diapers
- Dishes: glass, plastic, ceramic
- Electronics (computers, audio, appliances etc.)
- Facial tissue
- Fast food cartons
- Floor sweepings
- Furniture
- Gift bags
- Gift wrap
- Hangers, including the hangers from hanging plant containers
- Hazardous waste
- Laminated paper or packaging
- Laundry baskets
- Light bulbs
- Meat trays/packaging
- Medical equipment
- Mirrors
- Motor oil bottles
- Organics (e.g. food waste)
- Paint cans with liquid paint
- Paper towels
- Paper with foreign material attached
- Pet waste
- Pizza boxes with grease or food
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film
- Plastic paint cans
- Pots and pans
- Prescription bottles and vials smaller than 2"
- Recyclables in bags
- Styrofoam
- Tissue paper
- Toilet paper
- Waxy cardboard
- Wire

Acceptable items can be mixed together; separation of recyclables is not necessary. **Please note that all plastic bags, including plastic shopping bags, are not recyclable as of July 1, 2019.** If unacceptable items are included with recyclables, the entire bin will be left uncollected. Collection days are marked on the Village calendar and the community calendar on our website: www.villageofpointedward.com