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# 2025-2026 Collection Calendar



Recycling, Organics, Garbage, & Yard Waste

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# Mayor's Message

*"The Earth is a fine place and worth fighting for."*

- Ernest Hemingway



As Mayor, I am proud to reaffirm the City of Windsor's unwavering commitment to building a greener, healthier, and more sustainable community. Each of us has a vital role in protecting and preserving our environment. Every small choice we make each day shapes the world we leave behind. The question becomes: what kind of future do we want to create?

As we step into 2025, Windsor stands at the forefront of transformative growth and opportunity. With monumental infrastructure projects like the NextStar EV battery manufacturing facility, progress on the Gordie Howe International Bridge, and our new Windsor-Essex Acute Care Hospital development, we are witnessing incredible economic momentum paired with unprecedented population growth. This growth brings new opportunities and also demands a unified effort to enhance City infrastructure, improve services, and ensure Windsor remains a beacon of sustainability and resilience.

Windsor stands among 195 cities worldwide recognized by the CDP for its leadership in emission reduction, proudly progressing toward achieving net-zero emissions by 2030. A significant step in this journey will come in October with the launch of Windsor's Food and Organic Waste Program. This initiative will reduce our environmental footprint and mark a key milestone in our shared commitment to a net-zero future. As we adapt to this change, collection may look different than what residents are used to. We ask for your patience during the transition. Rest assured, you will receive guidance and resources to help make this program a success.

As we begin a new year, we look to continue reducing our environmental footprint and taking important steps to support a net-zero transition, even as we continue Building Windsor's Future, actively implementing our Sewer and Coastal Flood Management Plan, and supporting the growth of an EV cluster.

This calendar provides important information, offering essential tips on recycling and proper waste preparation. With the transition of recycling responsibilities to producers now complete, Windsorites can focus on fostering a positive impact by reducing waste and promoting sustainable habits. Should you have any questions or concerns, remember that our 311 service is always here to assist you. We are all in this together, and I ask you to join me in the worthy cause to sustain the river and the land that sustains us all. Thank you for contributing to a stronger community, for everyone who calls Windsor 'home' today, and for all the generations to come.

Sincerely,

Drew Dilkens,  
City of Windsor Mayor

Refer to back page of  
calendar for the index.

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## Questions about garbage or yard waste?

What is collected?

What should be brought to the Drop-off Depot?

311 has all the answers you need for the collection and disposal of garbage, yard waste and many more municipal services.

## Questions answered. Problems solved.

Telephone: 311 | Email: [311@citywindsor.ca](mailto:311@citywindsor.ca)

Alternate: 519-255-CITY (2489)

Online: [www.311online.ca](http://www.311online.ca) | Web: [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca)

Potholes, Graffiti,  
Snow Removal and More...

# Tell the City What's Appening...

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Windsor 311



# BlueBoxGuide



The containers below are **ACCEPTED** in your Blue Box/Cart!



**Aerosol Cans**  
remove & discard lids



**Aluminum Cans**



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



**Aluminum Trays, Plates & Foil**



**Plastic Jugs**  
remove & discard caps



**Cartons**  
discard any plastic caps



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



**All Plastic Bottles**  
remove & discard caps



**Clamshells & Trays (Plastic)**



**Buckets / Pails**  
recycle lids, 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 box/cart.



Circular Materials Website - Windsor

**Contact GFL for:**

Recycling / Collection Issues:

• 1-844-415-4351

• [WErecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:WErecycling@gflenv.com)

**To receive collection:**

**1**



Recycle carts **MUST** have the lifting mechanism in order to be collected. If the cart does not have this, it will not be picked up.

**2**



**Weight Limit Per Box:**  
20 kg / 45 lb

**3**



Have your recycle boxes set out **by 6:00 a.m.** on your scheduled day.

**4**

**NO PLASTIC BAGS** in your recycling!

# RedBoxGuide



The paper products below are **ACCEPTED** in your Red Box/Cart!



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



**Newspapers**  
remove any plastic bags/inserts



**Magazines & Junkmail**  
remove any plastic bags/inserts  
**(NO softcover or hardcover books)**



**Boxboard**  
remove any plastic liners/bags



**Cardboard**  
breakdown boxes no larger than 30"x 30"



**Paper Containers & Cups**



**Pizza Boxes**  
please eat or remove pizza



**Paper Packaging**



**Shredded Paper & White Office Paper**  
place in a paper bag and label

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



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With the Recycle Coach App, you have your collection calendar (garbage, yard waste, recycling) on your phone! **'Real time' updates** (delays, holidays, events, etc.) are sent out and the app also includes a search function to tell you **"What Goes Where"**.



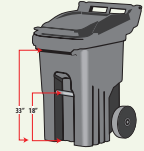
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**Apple Store / Google Play**

# Waste Disposal Information

- You will receive **MULTIPLE** collections on the same day starting this year. Please keep materials separate from each other when setting out for collection.
- **DO NOT** set out garbage prior to **7:00 p.m.** on the day before your collection.
- **Street Collection:** Do not place containers on roadway. Place at the curb/road edge.
- **April 1, 2025:** Collection in residential alleys will be discontinued. All material **must be set out to the curb for collection.**
- Your time of collection can vary. Please place your garbage out the night before or **by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.**
- **If you have questions** regarding your garbage collection (ie. – what is acceptable) please **call 311.**
- **Unacceptable Garbage - These items will NOT be collected curbside:** Renovation and construction debris, animal waste, grass clippings, yard waste, cardboard, fluorescent tubes/lights, household chemical waste, paint products, medical waste, syringes, tires, couches, concrete, asbestos, bricks, appliances, metal items & electronic waste. **Bring these items to the Public Drop Off Depot.**
- **Non-Compliant Containers:** Do not place garbage out in containers that are **Oversized & Overweight.** Containers cannot weigh over 20kg/45lb.

## Acceptable Garbage Containers



125 Litres maximum size.

**Garbage must be placed in bags inside a hard sided container.**

## Metal or Plastic Containers

- Maximum 125L capacity limit
- **Containers cannot exceed 20kg/45lb.**
- Maximum 78 cm/31" tall, 51 cm/20" diameter
- 2 handles and a water tight lid
- Do not secure lid to pail
- Collectors will not reach into pails to pull bags out. This is unsafe as it could injure workers.

## Roll-out Carts

- Carts must have a lower bar 18" from the ground and an upper lift attachment that is 33" from the ground.
- For more information go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search "acceptable garbage cart."
- Roll out carts will only be collected by use of mechanical cart mechanism placed on all garbage trucks. **No manual lifting of bags out of carts.**
- Capacity limit 363L (96 gallon) or 181.5L (48 gallon) approved roll-out cart.
- No loose garbage inside cart

# Public Drop Off Depot and Household Chemical Waste Facility

North East Corner of E.C. Row & Central Ave. (see back cover for map)

## Winter Hours\*

Monday, December 2, 2024 to

Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CLOSED Sundays and Most Statutory Holidays**

## Summer Hours\*

Monday, March 31, 2025 to

Saturday, November 29, 2025.

Monday to Saturday:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED Sundays and most Statutory Holidays**

**OPEN Remembrance Day**

\*Winter Hours: Restart on December 1, 2025

**Garbage User Fee:** 4 loads \$5.00 each annually if load weighs 1-100 kgs. Further loads weighing 0-100 kg AFTER 4 loads will be assessed a flat fee of \$10.00 each. Loads weighing more than 100 kg will be assessed as \$10.50/100 kg (on total weight). Fees subject to change without notice.

\* Hours and days of operation subject to change. Hotline: 1.800.563.3377



## Residential Loads That Are FREE To Drop Off

- Recyclables • Yard Waste (except for grass)
  - Scrap Metal • Electronics
- Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste
  - Tires (car, truck, tractor - 8 tire maximum per year)

## Loads That Will Be CHARGED a Tipping Fee

- Garbage • Grass Clippings • Dirt & Sod
  - Railway Ties • Shingles
- Construction & Demolition Waste
- Appliances With A Compressor / \$20.00 per item

**The Public Drop Off Depots Accept:**  
**VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, Cash and Debit**

## Split Load Policy:

If you have free and chargeable items in the same load you must go over the scale twice – first with the materials that are ‘charged a tipping fee’ and the second time to drop off the materials that are free. Otherwise you will be charged the tipping fee on the whole load.

Go to [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org) to download a full listing of all applicable fees.

Rates subject to change without notice.

# Join us in welcoming our new contractor, Miller Waste Systems!



As of April 1, 2025, Miller Waste Systems will be collecting your residential garbage and yard waste.

## Residential Alley Collection Changes

Residential alleys  
will be closing  
for all collection  
starting  
April 1, 2025.

All material must  
be set out at CURB  
by 6 am for pick up.

# April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Residential alleys will be closing for all collection starting April 1, 2025. All material must be set out at curb for pick up.		1 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10	11	12
13	14 City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	15 	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 Easter Monday  Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	22 Earth Day 	23	24	25	26
27	28 City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	29 	30	<b>Spring Hours Begin</b> Monday, March 31, 2025 at the Public Drop Off Depot – Mon. - Sat., 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.		<b>April is Rose City's Spring Clean Month</b> Register by calling 311 or email <a href="mailto:311@citywindsor.ca">311@citywindsor.ca</a>



# Missed Collections

Missed collections are upsetting, but there is usually a reason why material was not collected as expected.

To ensure your materials are collected, please make sure they are:

- In acceptable containers (see page 3). Garbage must be placed in bags inside hard sided containers.
- **Out by 6:00 a.m.**
- **Do not overfill containers or place bags on top of containers.**
- **Not altered.** Lids must not be tied to pails.
- Within the weight limit of 20 kg (45 lbs).
- Not hidden behind a vehicle, snow bank, or other obstruction.
- Material is not frozen in pails and /or containers.
- Free of prohibited material (e.g. hazardous or construction/renovation waste).



Other reasons for missed collections are:

- Syringes found in garbage pails or recycling boxes.
- Garbage/Organics/Yard Waste not scheduled for collection that particular day/week.
- Damaged containers/carts i.e. missing bar, wheels or handle.

If an item is not collected for reasons other than the above, please call **311**.

**TIP: Put drainage holes in the bottom of your container to allow liquids to drain out.**

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**Cooking Oil**  
Free residential drop off at an  
EWSWA Depot!

# May 2025

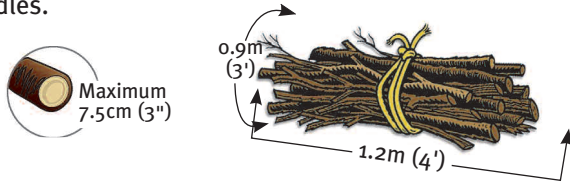


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Containers on Roadway:</b> Please do not place containers on roadway for collection. Please place at curb or road edge.</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6 	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Mother's Day</b>	12 City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	13 	14	15	16	17
18	19 <b>Victoria Day</b>  Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	20 	21	22	23	24
25	26 City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	27 	28	29	30	31



# Leaf & Yard Waste

- Place Yard Waste out **BEFORE 6:00 a.m. ONLY** on your scheduled collection day.
- Brush and branches should be tied in bundles no more than 3' in diameter and weigh no more than 45 lbs/20 kg. Do not use wire to tie the bundles.



- Thorny branches should be placed in boxes, pails or yard waste bags.
- **Any untied, loose piles of brush will NOT be collected.**
- Place leaves, garden waste, branches, brush, tree & hedge trimmings in acceptable yard waste containers.
- **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Yard Waste will not be collected in plastic bags.

! **The City of Windsor is NOT responsible** for large quantities of brush left by commercial tree trimmers working on private property.

! **Do not blow leaves onto the roadway. Our street sweeping machines will not collect them.**

## Yard Waste Collection



Look for the **Paper Yard Waste Bag** it indicates Yard Waste Collection Day.



**Grass clippings are NOT collected** from June thru September.

## Acceptable Yard Waste Containers



Roll-out Carts (see page 3)



Paper Yard Waste Bags



Acceptable Garbage Cans (see page 3)



Cardboard Boxes



**Filled Yard Waste containers must not exceed 20 kg (45 lbs).**

# June 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 	4 Clean Air Day	5	6	7
8	9 City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	10 	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	 Plastic bags are not recyclable.		 Overfilled containers will not be collected.		 <b>IS YOUR CART ACCEPTABLE?</b> See page 3.



Garbage Collection



Recycling Collection



Yard Waste Collection



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# THE GREEN BINS ARE COMING!

The EWSWA is rolling out the new Green Bin collection program to keep food waste and organics out of the Essex-Windsor Regional Landfill. Bin delivery to all single-family households in Phase 1 runs from July to October. Over 150,000 homes will receive Green Bins, so please be patient – yours will be delivered before the October 21<sup>st</sup> program launch.

## What To Expect

- Delivery schedules can be found on the Recycle Coach app, the EWSWA website ([www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)) and social media.
- Your 120L EWSWA Green Bin has a gravity lock and comes with a Starter Kit that includes a kitchen catcher, sample compostable bag, and information on using the Green Bin.
- Collection starts in October, so please be sure to store your Green Bin safely until then.

**NOTE:**  
Only EWSWA  
Green Bins will  
be collected.



Download the Recycle Coach app  
for your Green Bin delivery date  
and your collection schedule.



## JOIN THE GREEN TEAM

Become a Green Superhero! Help make the Region greener by putting food waste and organics in the Green Bin, not your garbage. It's a lot easier than you might think - it's just a different bin, and it's the right thing to do.

Your new Starter Kit will get you going, and you can learn more at [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org) or by scanning below.

### WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

Scan the QR code for the  
acceptable materials list.



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For full program information, visit [ewswa.org](http://ewswa.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Canada Day  Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	<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> City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	 For more information on proper disposal of needles visit <a href="http://www.healthsteward.ca">www.healthsteward.ca</a> .	





# BIG CHANGES Coming . . .

- **Big changes coming in October.** Food & Organics Waste will be starting on a **WEEKLY** collection schedule. Garbage collection will be moving to **BI-WEEKLY** collection at that time.
- Please **DO NOT** use your new Food & Organics Green Bin for any other material collection. It will not be collected.
- A reminder that multiple bins (garbage, yard waste, food & organics and recycling) may be collected on the same day. **Please space bins at least 1 metre apart from each other and structures.**

**Use for Food &  
Organics Waste  
ONLY**



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## **Old Cell Phones**

Free residential drop off at an  
EWSWA Depot!  
Note: remove personal info first.

# August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Non-compliant Containers:</b> Please do not use <b>non-compliant</b> containers for recycle or garbage. Please refer to Page 3 for compliancy information.</p>					1	2
3	4 Civic Holiday Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 	27	28	29	30
31						





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**YQG**green**EXPO**

**SAT, OCT 4, 2025**

- ✓ **Indoor Green Business Exhibitors**
- ✓ **Environmental Expert Panel Discussion**
- ✓ **Community Recycle Drive Thru & Drop Off**

# September 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labour Day  Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	<b>2</b>  	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<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>21</b>	<b>22</b> First Day of Fall  City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<b>23</b>  	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Public Drop Off Depot OPEN  	 <a href="http://www.mappmycity.ca">www.mappmycity.ca</a>			



Garbage Collection



Recycling Collection



Yard Waste Collection



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## JOIN THE GREEN TEAM

Essex-Windsor residents set out 48.25% of food waste in their garbage.\* You can easily reduce your waste footprint by putting food waste and organics into the EWSWA Green Bin instead. Become a Green Superhero by using the Green Bin, and help create a better tomorrow!

\* 2022/23 curbside audit of Essex-Windsor households



### WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

Scan the QR code for the acceptable materials list.



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Download the Recycle Coach app for your Green Bin delivery date and your Green Bin collection schedule.

For full program information, visit [ewswa.org](http://ewswa.org)



**NOTE:**  
Only EWSWA Green Bins will be collected.

# GREEN BIN COLLECTION STARTS WEEK OF OCTOBER 21

Get your green on! Download Recycle Coach now and know your collection start date.

## 5 Key Things To Know

-  **Your collection day.** Check your municipal collection calendar for your weekly collection dates, and download Recycle Coach for updates and notifications.
-  **Your set-out time.** Put your Green Bin out by **6 AM** so you don't miss the truck.
-  **How to use your Green Bin.** Know the do's and don'ts of using your Bin. Refer to your Starter Kit for details.
-  **What bags to use.** Only compostable bags can be used in this program. Refer to your Starter Kit for details.

 **Proper Bin set-out.** "Park-Point-Space". Due to automated collection, you must:

- \* **Park** the Bin about 30 cm (1 ft) from the curb.
- \* **Point** the arrows on the Bin to the street.
- \* **Space** the Bin at least 1 metre apart from other carts or structures.



# October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>BI-WEEKLY</b> garbage collection starts this month. Please do not set out garbage unless it is your collection day.</p>			1	2	3	4  9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5	6	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiving  Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20 City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	21 Green Bin Collection Starts 	22	23	24	25
<b>Waste Reduction Week • October 20 – 26, 2025</b>						
26	27	28 	29	30	31 Halloween	



# Bulk Item Collection

Did you know? Dumping any material on public or private property is illegal, makes our community less attractive, and requires costly clean up.

To dispose of unwanted furniture and large items:

- Consider donation or selling any item in good condition (see page 13).
- Bring the item to the Public Drop Off Depot (see back cover; fees apply).
- Call **311** to schedule a **Bulk Item Pick Up**
  - Items must be placed at the curb (not in the alley) **by 6am** on designated day.
  - Items must be less than 200 lbs, under 4ft. wide and 8ft. in length.
  - Restrictions apply; visit [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca) or call **311** for more details.
  - Fees may apply; program is subject to Council approval.



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**258-TIPS**

# November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>DO NOT</b> sweep leaves onto the boulevard or street; they <b>WILL NOT BE COLLECTED</b>.</p> <p>Yard waste must be placed in paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes or containers, at the roadside on your collection day.</p> 						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>DST ends – Turn clocks back one hour at bedtime.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b></p> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>11 Remembrance Day</b> Public Drop Off Depot OPEN</p> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>18</b></p> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						



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# DON'T FREEZE THIS WINTER

## Keep It Green with the Green Bin Program



Winter's cold weather can present unique challenges. Here are some useful cold weather tips to help you "stay green" all year.

Check out the winter tips!

1. Line the bottom of your Green Bin with a layer of cardboard, newspaper, or a paper egg carton to prevent contents from freezing to the Bin.
2. Drain liquids before you put food waste and other organics into your Bin.
3. Where possible, try to set out your Bin the morning of collection (by 6 AM) to avoid material freezing to the Bin.



Download the Recycle Coach app for Green Bin program updates.

## STAY GREEN THIS WINTER WITH THE GREEN TEAM

*Be a Green Superhero all year-round! Help make the Region greener by using the Green Bin instead of your garbage for food waste and organics. It's a lot easier than you might think - even in the winter. It's just a different bin!*



### WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

Scan the QR code for the acceptable materials list.



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[www.ewswa.org/curbside-collection/green-bin/](http://www.ewswa.org/curbside-collection/green-bin/)



# December 2025

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	<b>1</b> Winter hours begin at the Public Drop Off Depot. Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sat 9-1 p.m.	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> City Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<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>21</b> First Day of Winter	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	<b>26</b> Boxing Day Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> This calendar does NOT expire until March 31st, 2026.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Public Drop Off Depot OPEN	Visit Bright Lights Windsor see <a href="http://www.BrightLightsWindsor.ca">www.BrightLightsWindsor.ca</a> for details.		



# Is It Really Garbage?

- On average, households in Windsor throw away 650kg (1,433 lbs) of garbage per year, taking up valuable space in our landfill.
- Donations to charitable organizations are a great way to avoid sending reusable items to the landfill. Before throwing out furniture, clothing, shoes, appliances or toys, consider donating to a local organization such as:

## Diabetes Canada

[www.declutter.diabetes.ca](http://www.declutter.diabetes.ca)  
1-800-505-5525

## Goodwill Industries

[www.goodwillindustries.ca](http://www.goodwillindustries.ca)  
1-888-518-8387

## Habitat for Humanity

[www.habitatwindsor.org](http://www.habitatwindsor.org)  
519-969-3762

## Salvation Army

[www.salvationarmywindsor.ca](http://www.salvationarmywindsor.ca)  
519-253-7473

## Soles 4 Souls

[www.soles4soulsCanada.org](http://www.soles4soulsCanada.org)

## St. Vincent de Paul

[www.ssvpwindsoressex.com](http://www.ssvpwindsoressex.com)  
519-253-7481

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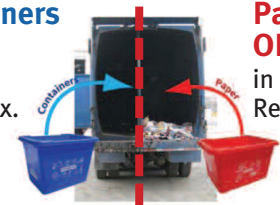
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**TOGETHER** but **SEPARATE**  
the **recycling** duo!

*How do I ensure all off my  
recycling gets recycled?*

**Containers  
ONLY**

in the  
Blue Box.



**Paper  
ONLY**

in the  
Red Box.

# January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Medical Waste</b> of any kind is <b>prohibited</b> in your garbage and recycling. For more information on proper disposal of needles visit <a href="http://www.healthsteward.ca">www.healthsteward.ca</a>.</p>			<p><b>MAXIMUM SIZE</b> 125 Litres</p> 	<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day</p> <p>Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>  <p>Additional 2 extra bags this week only.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
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### We Wanted to Know...

Can you recycle your disposable plastic iced coffee cups?

Yes

**Here's the right answer.**



These plastic cups are accepted for recycling. Please make sure they are empty and clean.

No

Not Sure

**Oops! Wrong Answer.**

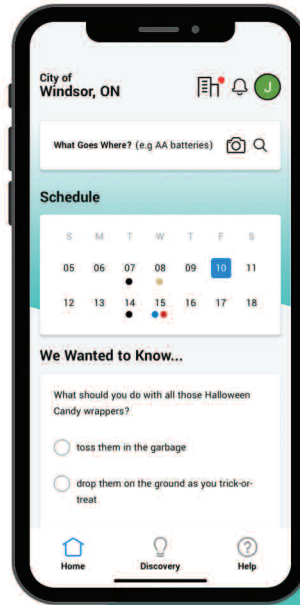


### What Goes Where?

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

### Never miss a pick-up

Recycle Coach sets you up with a personalized waste collection schedule and sends you notifications when you need them.



### We Wanted to Know

Find out what is and isn't recyclable in Windsor. Spend less time looking and more time recycling.



**Download the free app today**



### Spent Batteries

Free residential drop off at an EWSWA Depot!



### Mini Propane Tanks

Free residential drop off at an EWSWA Depot!

# February 2026

Connect with the City of Windsor



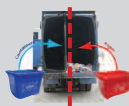
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Family Day  Public Drop Off Depot CLOSED	17 	18	19	20	21
22  Turn the page for March 2026.	23	24 	25	26	27	28

**TOGETHER** but **SEPARATE** the recycling duo!

*How do I ensure all off my recycling gets recycled?*

Containers **ONLY** in the Blue Box.



Paper **ONLY** in the Red Box.



Overfilled containers will not be collected.



**CRIME STOPPERS** 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)  
 @CStoppers  
 Windsor & Essex County [www.catchcrooks.com](http://www.catchcrooks.com)



# Rat Extermination Program

## Are Rats making it difficult to enjoy your yard?

Minimize interaction by following these simple steps:

- Ensure your garbage container is in good condition and has a secured lid.
- Eliminate sources of water in bird baths, ponds, etc.
- If you feed any animals outside, limit the length of time pet food is placed out.
- Keep your yard free of debris, unsecured garbage and rotting fruits/vegetables.
- If you suspect rats are living on your property, call **311** to inquire about City baiting services. Residential external baiting service only (Program subject to Council approval).



For more information on Nuisance Animals, please visit [www.wingsrehab.ca](http://www.wingsrehab.ca); [www.windsorhumane.org](http://www.windsorhumane.org), [www.ontario.ca/wildlife](http://www.ontario.ca/wildlife) or [www.owren-online.org](http://www.owren-online.org)

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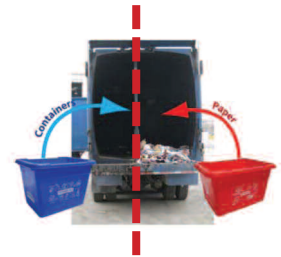


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## Keep 'Em Separated!

There are two compartments in each recycle truck— **one side is for paper and one side is for containers.**

Please use the **Red Box for paper only** and the **Blue box for containers only.**



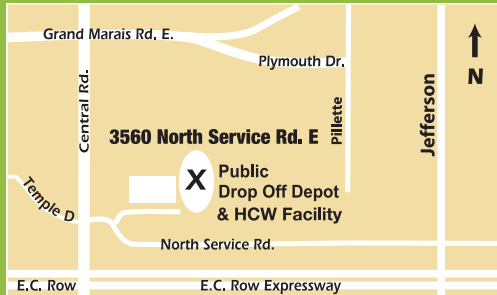
# March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 	4	5	6	7 DST begins – Turn clocks forward one hour at bedtime.	
8	9	10 	11	12	13	14	
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 	<p>Canada Post will deliver the 2026 Calendar by March 31, 2026. If you have not received your new calendar by that date, call 311.</p>				<p>For more information on proper disposal of needles visit <a href="http://www.healthsteward.ca">www.healthsteward.ca</a>.</p>



# Public Drop Off Depot and Household Chemical Waste Facility



## Winter Hours\*

Monday, December 2, 2024 to  
Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CLOSED Sundays and Most Statutory Holidays**

## Summer Hours\*

Monday, March 31, 2025 to  
Saturday, November 29, 2025.

Monday to Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED Sundays and Most Statutory Holidays**

**OPEN Remembrance Day**

**\*Winter Hours: Restart on December 1, 2025**

**The Public Drop Off Depot accepts:**

VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, cash and debit.

\* Hours subject to change.



## Information that can be found in this calendar

### NEW - Food & Organics Green Bin Collection Starts in October 2025

<b>Big Changes to Collections</b> . . . . .	August	Household Chemical Waste . . . . .	Page 3, Back Cover
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<b>Green Bin</b> Winter Tips . . . . .	December		



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