

CHANGES ARE COMING TO WASTE COLLECTION

Dear Property Owner or Tenant,

As you may have heard, Niagara Region is making changes to waste collection starting on October 19, 2020. These changes will affect properties differently depending on property type and location. **If your property does not use the Region's garbage collection service, please disregard this letter.**

How Collection Changes Will Affect You

As an Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) property outside of the Designated Business Areas (DBAs), your property will receive the following collection service as of October 19, 2020:

- You will have garbage collection every-other-week with a limit of eight (8) garbage containers/collection. Your Blue and Grey Box/Cart and Green Bin / Cart will continue to be collected every week.
- You will have a combined limit of eight (8) Blue and Grey Carts and a limit of eight (8) Green Carts per collection.
- All containers must be set-out for collection by 7 a.m. on the day of collection and not before 5 p.m. the night before.
- Please note that IC&I properties must be three (3) storeys or less to be eligible for Regional collection service.

Why Collection Changes Are Being Made

Niagara Regional Council approved changes to curbside collection in October 2019 to reduce the amount of recyclable and organic material going into our local landfills. The goal is to help extend the life of the landfills, save valuable natural resources and lessen

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our environmental impact for future generations. The decision was supported based on research, best practices in the industry and public consultation.

Moving to every-other-week garbage collection will encourage businesses to put their organics (paper towels, food waste, etc.) in the Green Bin/Cart to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Organics which end up in the landfill do not break down and produce more greenhouse gas as they decompose, contributing to climate change.

Putting organics in the Green Bin/Cart for weekly collection avoids potential issues with odours and pests which may occur if this material was left to sit in the garbage for every-other-week collection. It can also help encourage businesses to recycle more, to reduce demands on storage for every-other-week garbage.

How to Get Ready for the Changes

If you are not already fully using the Region's recycling and organics collection services, now is the perfect time to start. This will help your property reduce the volume of garbage for collection and stay within your garbage container limits.

You can buy Blue & Grey Boxes and Green Bins online and pick them up at one of our available distribution locations. Visit niagararegion.ca/waste, for details on purchasing Boxes, Bins and Carts as well as tips on how to sort your waste.

While you are on the website, check out our recognition program for local business champions that are committed to waste reduction and sustainability in the workplace. . Whether you are just getting your organics and recycling program off the ground or your program is well established, this is a great way for your business to be recognized for its commitment to reducing its environmental footprint and get access to additional promotional materials and support.

More information on the collection changes and tools to support your property, including a new waste app, will be available closer to October 19. Visit niagararegion.ca/waste for updates. If you have further questions, you can phone our Waste Info-Line Monday to Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 905-356-4141 or toll-free: 1-800-594-5542.

Thank you for your participation. Together we will make Niagara a leader in waste diversion!