

Waste Management By-Law Update

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Background

- Purpose: regulate and control the use of Niagara Region's waste management system
- Last updated 2017
- An update to the Requirements of Waste Collection policy and procedures will be provided to Public Works Committee in September, 2020

Collection Changes – October 19

- Service levels changes taking place on October 19, 2020
- Farm exemptions
 - Residential farms can request commercial services or vice versa
- Private garbage collection
 - Properties using private garbage collection can also utilize Regional Garbage collection, provided they are also using diversion programs
- Cart collections outside the DBAs
 - Max 8 Blue/Grey Carts and 8 Green Carts for IC&I properties outside of DBAs

Container Specifications and Collection Locations

- Container measurements and lids
 - Container size restrictions are further defined to provide max width, height and depth of containers. All containers must have handles or indentations for collection and all lids must be readily separable from containers with the exception of Blue, Grey, and Green Carts and Green Bins.
- Enclosures
 - No collection from inside an enclosure unless otherwise approved by the Region. Collection personnel must be able to access materials from enclosures by opening the enclosure from the front not the top and must be able to remove materials from the enclosure without any obstruction.
- Communal collection points
 - Owners must ensure all collection containers are labelled with the Dwelling Unit address to clearly distinguish separation from neighbouring Premises

Container Specifications and Collection Locations

- Cardboard bundles
 - Loose cardboard must be flattened and tied using twine, packing tape or an approved alternative, into bundles with max dimensions of 3ft x 3ft x 3ft
- Garbage tag use
 - Tag must be around the neck of a garbage bag or on top of the materials placed in a garbage container
- Multi-purpose properties
 - Each individual Premises is subject to their respective eligibility requirements and collection limits.
- Uncontained Material
 - Owners must ensure material is contained and if not cleaned up, Region can issue Order for cleanup and charge back the Owner.

Additional Updates

- **Illegal Dumping - litter bins**
 - Illegal dumping into a litter bin now extends to a 1 metre radius around the litter bin
- **Inappropriate behaviour**
 - Region may cease collection from a premises as a result of inappropriate behaviour, violent, threatening or illegal conduct, or use of profane or abusive language until the behaviour is corrected to the satisfaction of the Region
- **Collection for investigation**
 - Region may authorize the collection of non-compliant or non-collectable material for the purpose of investigation or health, safety and welfare of the general public

Additional Updates

- HHW disposal containers
 - Must be in the original or clearly labelled container, indicating contents
 - All containers must be capped and sealed
 - Liquid wastes must not be larger than 20 litres each. Barrels and/or drums of liquid waste will not be accepted
 - Gasoline will not be decanted at depots. The container and the contents will be taken for safe disposal
 - No industrial, commercial or institutional hazardous waste will be accepted
 - Other acceptable containers As Designated.
- Anti-idling provision
 - No Person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than three (3) minutes

Definitions

Revised

- Amnesty week
- Bulky Goods
- Friendly reminders
- Garbage exemptions
- Garbage tag
- Green Bin container
- Leaf and yard material
- Pet waste
- Regional drop-off
- Set out service
- Sharps

New

- Care and control
- Communal collection point
- Construction, renovation and demolition
- Dwelling unit
- Illegal dumping
- Litter
- Liquid material
- Multi-purpose property

Education, Enforcement and Orders

- Obtaining compliance by way of an Order
 - Region may issue an Order for an Owner to cleanup material. If not completed within the timeframe the Region can charge back the Owner for cleanup actions taken by Region.
- Updated Short Form Offences and Set Fines Schedule
 - Failing to remove materials after collection was revised in Short Form Offences
 - \$75 set fine (only wording was revised, original wording only referenced containers and not material)
 - Failure to comply with an Order was added to Short Form Offences
 - \$500 proposed set fine (new set fine to be applied for)

Next Steps

- Upon approval from Council, the Short Form Offences and Set Fines Schedule (Appendix 2) will be forwarded, for approval, to the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) as required under the Provincial Offences Act.
- Upon approval including any changes by the Chief Justice, the Short Form Offences and Set Fines Schedule become enforceable under the updated By-law.

Questions?