

## **Appendix C - Recycling Box Lid Covers - FAQs**

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### **1. Why are some people using Blue Box lids?**

The Region is testing a vented Blue Box lid in a small area of Thorold and Lincoln. These areas were chosen as they are known for high volumes of litter. The Blue Box lids are designed to help reduce litter. The Region is just testing these lids at this time to collect data on how well they work.

### **2. Can I have a Blue Box lid to try?**

At this time, the Region is conducting a small trial test with a limited number of blue lids to collect data on how it works. A limited number of the vented Blue Box lids are available at the Region's Recycling Centre for free distribution while quantities last. These lids will fit on Blue Boxes currently sold by Niagara Region, and may not fit on the wide variety of recycling boxes used by all of Niagara's residents.

### **3. Can I buy a Blue Box or a Grey Box that will fit the limited number of blue lids available for distribution at the Recycling Centre?**

Yes, you can buy a recycling box for six dollars. The available lids are only available in blue, but can be used for either box (Blue or Grey) as long as the materials are separated properly in each box.

### **4. If Niagara Region runs out of Blue Box lids, where can I purchase one?**

Recycling box lids or covers (vented or unvented) can be purchased at local department stores, such as Home Depot or Canadian Tire, for an approximate cost between five and 10 dollars. It is recommended that you check that the lid will fit your recycling box as recycling box sizes can vary.

### **5. How do these lids work?**

The lids are made from plastic and simply snap onto the top of the recycling box making it easy for both residents and collection workers to remove, while preventing the contents inside the recycling boxes from blowing away.

### **6. Is Niagara Region going to test Toronto-style carts with wheels?**

Niagara Region does not have plans to transition from manual curbside collection to an automated cart-based system.

### **7. Why isn't Niagara Region looking at Toronto-style carts?**

Larger wheeled carts are incompatible with the Region's existing two-stream recycling processing facility. Cart-based programs also result in significant amounts of garbage (contamination) which affects overall material quality and lowers revenues which are used to offset the cost of waste management programs.