

2021 - 2022 Waste Reduction Calendar






**Fall Yard Waste
Curbside Collection**



See Page 3





Box #1 - Container Recycling



ACCEPTED ITEMS AND PREPARATION		DO NOT INCLUDE
	Glass Bottles, Jars, Juice and Milk Cartons Clear or coloured food & beverage glass bottles and jars Milk, juice, drinking boxes, or any other similar container Paper beverage cups (Tim Hortons®, McDonalds®, etc.) and ice cream tubs Spiral wound containers (Pringles® cans, etc.)	No light bulbs of any type No mirror or window glass No drinking glasses No ceramics (plates, mugs, Pyrex®, etc) No broken glass
	Plastics Food & beverage bottles and tubs with the #1 to #7 symbol Laundry jugs and bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol Cleaner, soap & shampoo bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol Rigid plastic (any plastic packaging) Plastic plant pots and trays	No motor oil, antifreeze, or chemical containers No plastic bags No toys No Styrofoam® No PVC or ABS pipe
	Aluminum & Tin Cans All food and beverage cans & lids Clean aluminum foil containers Empty aerosol and empty paint cans Empty and rinse all containers Remove lids and sprayers from containers Labels are acceptable	No aerosol or paint cans with product in them No cooking pots or pans No other metal items No paper-backed foil (lids from take-out food) No foil laminates (potato chip bags) No coat hangers No electronics

Box #2 - Paper Recycling



ACCEPTED ITEMS AND PREPARATION		DO NOT INCLUDE
	Newspapers Newspapers & all flyers Stack them in your blue box or tie in manageable bundles	No plastic bags No elastic bands
	Mixed Paper Items that are 100% paper , such as magazine, telephone books, junk mail, cards, bags, egg cartons, office paper, etc. Books are accepted – remove and discard hard covers Window envelopes are ok	No wrapping paper No photographs No used tissues or paper towels Milk cartons, juice boxes, and paper beverage cups should NOT be placed into the paper blue box. They should be separated into your container blue box.
	Boxboard Boxboard items such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes and paper towel centre cores Paper egg cartons	Remove plastic windows from pasta and tissue boxes Remove inside bags and liners
	Corrugated Cardboard Corrugated boxes must be flattened Tie in bundles not to exceed 75 cm x 75 cm x 20 cm. Place bundles on top of your blue box. Maximum weight of 9 kg per bundle Staples and tape are ok Remove ALL food residue and contents from pizza boxes	No cardboard that has been contaminated with oil or chemicals

Fall Yard Waste November 1-5, 2021

CURBSIDE COLLECTION



PAPER BAGS

OR



REUSABLE CONTAINERS



Place Yard Waste at the curb by 7 a.m. Crews will only make one pass on each street on their designated recycling pick-up day.



WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Kitchen scraps
- Sod
- Rocks
- Dirt/soil
- Large branches
- Tree stumps
- Railway ties
- Painted or treated wood
- Flower pot/trays
- Animal waste



WE ACCEPT:

- Plant trimmings • Brush • Leaves
- Pumpkins • Grass clippings



Brush must be less than 10 cm in diameter and 1 m in length. Tie in bundles with twine.



125 L
20 kg

Maximum weight per container or bundle is 20 kg, maximum size per container is 125 L.



General inquiries: 519-268-7334 www.thamescentre.on.ca

Remember!

Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November.
Recycling will still be collected weekly.



October 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November. Recycling will still be collected weekly.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Thanksgiving Regular collection	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						



Fall Yard Waste Curbside Collection

Yard Waste is collected at curbside from November 1st to November 5th on your regular collection day.

There will be no return visits. Ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day where you would normally place your garbage and recycling.

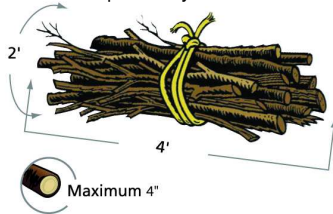
Acceptable Containers:

Place weeds, plant trimmings and leaves in paper yard bags or a rigid open-top container. Bundle branches as shown below.

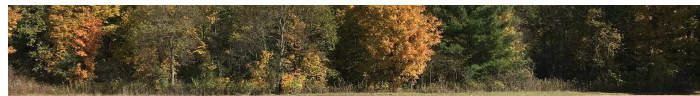
Yard waste in plastic bags will NOT be collected.

These items should not be placed with Yard Waste:

Rocks, dirt, sod, tree stumps, branches with a diameter greater than 4 inches (10 cm), flower pots/trays.



November 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 FALL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION 	3 	4 	5 	6
7 Daylight Saving ends	8 	9 	10 	11 Remembrance Day 	12 	13
14	15 	16 	17 	18 	19 	20
21	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27
28	29 	30 	Please ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.			



Two Stream Recycling

Mixing recyclables leads to contamination of materials and broken glass, which means higher processing costs for our recycling program.

Please do your part by separating your recyclables into the two containers provided: one for containers, and a second for all your paper and fibres.

Box 1 - Food, Beverage, and Liquid Containers

- Aluminum foil and containers
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs
- Milk and juice cartons
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Fast food, coffee, and beverage cups
- Plastic plant pots and trays
- Rigid plastic (hard plastic packaging)
- Spiral wound containers (Pringles® cans, frozen juice containers, etc.)

Box 2 - Paper and Fibre Products

- Newspapers and telephone books
- Paper egg cartons and boxes
- Magazines, books, and catalogues
- Cardboard boxes
- Household paper

For more information, refer to page 1 in this calendar.



Need a new Blue Box?

Blue Boxes are available for purchase for \$6.50 at the Thames Centre Municipal Office located at 4305 Hamilton Rd. in Dorchester. **If your Blue Box is broken bring it to the office and we will replace it for FREE!**



December 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Garbage and Recycling will be collected as normal December 24th and 31st			1 	2 	3 	4
5	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	11
12	13 	14 	15 	16 	17 	18
19	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 Christmas The LANDFILL will be CLOSED Saturday December 25th
26 Boxing Day	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	



Did you know...

Thames Centre residents can take their unwanted electronics, tires, and metal to the landfill for FREE.

The landfill also accepts yard waste (grass and plants), brush (branches less than 25 cm in diameter), rubble (bricks, concrete, porcelain), scrap metal, used batteries, and clean topsoil for free.

The Thames Centre landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Dr. It is open Wednesday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed statutory holidays.

See page 12 for more information about the Thames Centre landfill.
























Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

Between December 27th and January 7th, you may drop off your Christmas tree in the **Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility** front ball diamond parking lot (northeast corner) or the rear of the **Thorndale Community Centre** (concrete pad). There will be signage designating the drop-off areas.

Artificial trees are not accepted. Ensure all tinsel and garland have been removed.

January 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day The LANDFILL will be CLOSED Saturday January 1st
2	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8
9	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 	15
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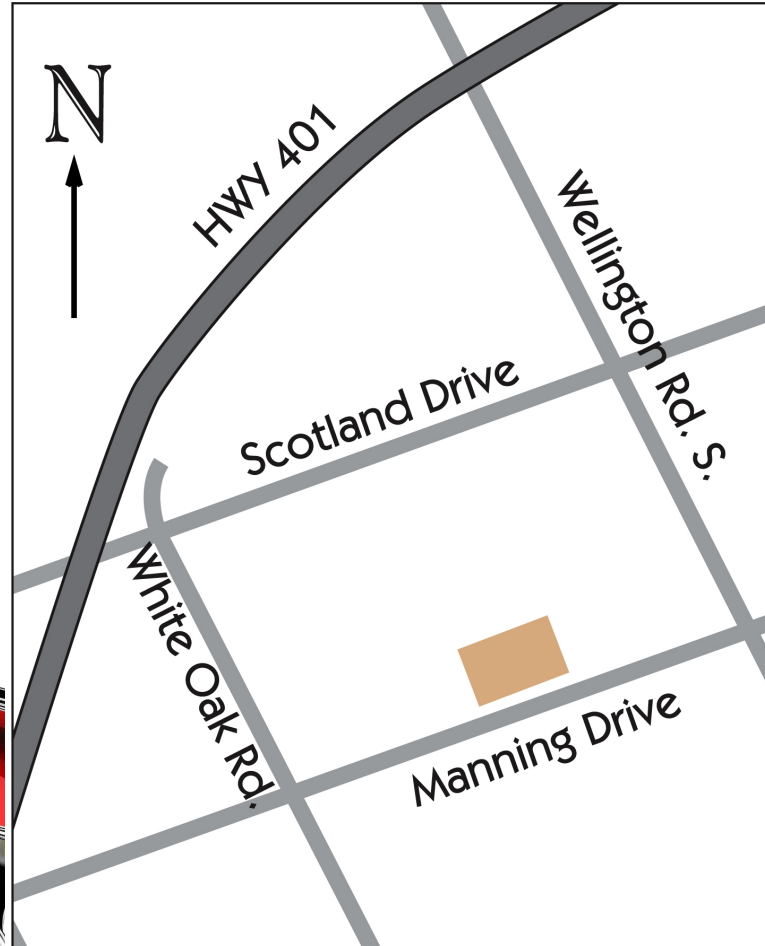
Household Special Waste

Thames Centre residents can take their Household Special Waste (HHSW) to the City of London's W12 landfill for free.

HHSW includes paint, oil, antifreeze, gasoline, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, pool chemicals, thermometers, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, empty oil and anti-freeze containers, and propane tanks.

W12 is located at 3502 Manning Drive, London. It is open Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

W12 is closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays.



February 2022



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 	17 	18 	19
20	21 Family Day 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26
27	28 					





Coming in May 2022 Oversized Waste Collection

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: When do I set out my items?

A: Set out your oversized waste **no more than two days before pick-up**. Rain and other moisture can cause items to become very heavy or to break down. Items must be set out by 7:00 am of your collection day. There will be no return visits. See page 9 to find your collection day.

Q: Where do I set out my items?

A: Pile your oversized waste in the correct piles **on your property**. Do not pile your oversized waste too far away from the curb or it will not be collected.

Q: Why are there three separate piles for Yard Waste, Oversized Waste, and Wood?

A: Previously, wood and wood products were put into the Oversized Waste pile. It was discovered that much of the waste tonnage was due to wood in the Oversized Waste, but because of the contamination it had to be put into the landfill. Now, with the separation of Yard Waste and Wood Products this tonnage can be diverted from the landfill and recycled. In 2020, 60 tonnes of wood was diverted out of the oversized waste stream.

Q: If a lot of smaller items are put into a large box or other container will they be picked up?

A: **NO**. The Oversized Waste Collection Program is for oversized items **ONLY**. Waste that will fit into a garbage bag or smaller container will **NOT** be collected. Call 519-268-7334 with inquiries if you are unsure if an item will be accepted or not.

Q: What items are NOT accepted in the Oversized Waste Program?

A: **No item that will fit into a garbage bag will be accepted**. No electronics, tires, household special waste, recyclable material (cardboard, plastic plant pots, etc.), toilets, sinks, stumps, shingles, concrete, bricks, stone, dry wall, or freon filled appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners) or automotive parts (truck toppers). Also, **piles that are not separated will not be collected**.






















Q: Does one truck collect all three piles?

A: No, three separate trucks are used to collect the three separate piles. The trucks may arrive at different times. It is important to have all of your oversized waste at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.



March 2022



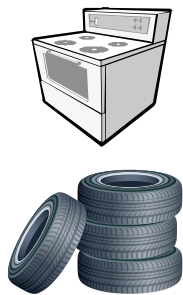
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13 Daylight Saving starts	14 	15 	16 	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 	19
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Charity Depot - Metal, Tires, Electronics and Batteries

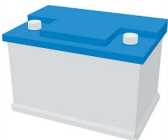
Do something good for your community!

Drop off metal, used tires, waste electronics and old batteries for **FREE** with the proceeds going to community charities.
The depots are open from **8:00 am** to **1:00 pm**.



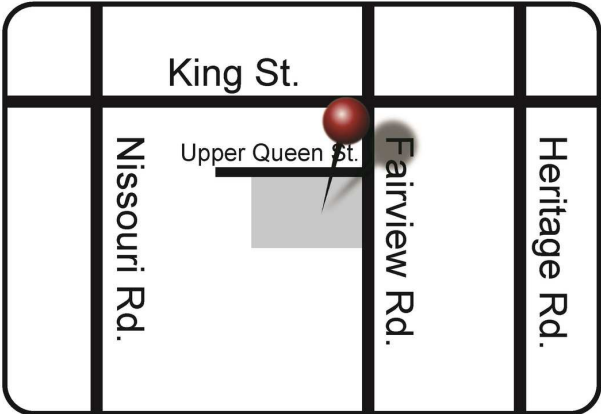
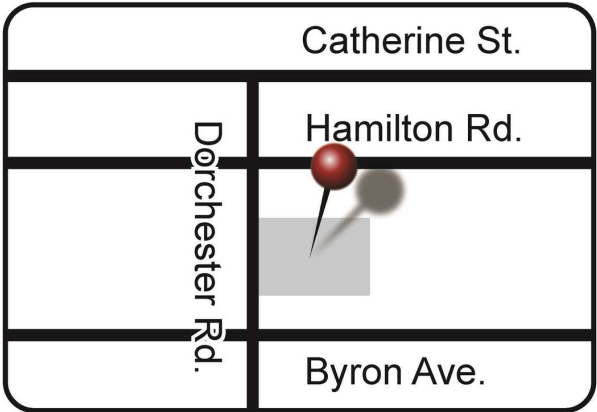
May 7

Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility
2066 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester



May 14

Thorndale Community Centre
265 Upper Queen St., Thorndale



April 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Weekly garbage pickup resumes in April.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Regular collection	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Easter Monday Regular collection	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2022 Oversized Waste Collection



Pile #1 Oversized Waste

The Oversized Waste Collection Program is for items that will not fit into a garbage bag. Items that will fit into a garbage bag will not be taken. Permitted items are couches, chairs, mattresses, carpet, linoleum, windows, mirrors, etc. Carpet and linoleum must be cut into rolls no longer than 1.2 meters (4 ft.) in length. All glass and mirrors must be taped. Broken glass will not be collected. Water softeners and other large containers must be completely empty.



Pile #2 Wood

Wood and wood products must be dismantled, cut into lengths no longer than 1.2 meters (4 ft.), and neatly piled. Permitted items are fencing, picnic tables, skids, doors, desks, cabinets, etc. All large pieces of metal must be removed from the wood. All exposed nails must be flattened down or removed. Wire must be removed from fence posts.



Pile #3 Yard Waste

Yard waste must be bundled and tied or bagged in paper bags. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.** Bundles must be no longer than 1.2 meters (4 ft.). Limbs must be no bigger than 10 cm (4 inches) in diameter. Permitted items are leaves, sticks, house and garden plants, tree trimmings, etc. No stumps or root balls will be accepted.

If your weekly garbage & recycling pickup day is...	Then your Oversized Waste Collection MUST be set out by...
Wednesday	Monday, May 2
Friday	Wednesday, May 4
Monday	Monday, May 9
Tuesday	Wednesday, May 11
Thursday	Thursday, May 12

Remember the Charity Depots
May 7 Dorchester
May 14 Thorndale

Items NOT Accepted In The Oversized Waste Collection Program

- any item that will fit into a garbage bag
- piles that are not properly separated**
- household special waste
- any recyclable material (**cardboard**, etc.)
- automotive parts (truck toppers)
- concrete, bricks, stone, or ceramic tiles
- electronics
- toilets and sinks
- propane tanks
- tires
- shingles
- dry wall

May 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 	3	4 	5	6	7 Charity Depot Dorchester 
8 Mother's Day	9 	10	11 	12 	13	14 Charity Depot Thorndale 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day Regular collection	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



To the
curb by
**7:00
am**

**Maximum
Weight**

**45
lbs**



Juice Boxes are
Containers!



Space provided through a
partnership between
industry and Ontario
municipalities to support
waste diversion programs.

NO
Plastic bags
for recycling

Please use Blue Boxes



June 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





How long does it take?

How long does it take for Recyclable
to be turned into new products?

How long does it take for them to
decompose in landfill or as litter?

Glass Bottle

6 to 10 Days

Landfill/Litter: 1 million Years



Plastic Bottle

One Week

Landfill/Litter: 100 to 500 Years



Aluminum Can

Two Months

Landfill/Litter: 100 to 500 Years



Paper Containers

One Week

Landfill/Litter: 2 months to 5 Years



Newspaper

One Week

Landfill/Litter: 2 months to 50 Years



Communities Recycling Together



Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.

July 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Canada Day Regular collection	2
3	4	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
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The Thames Centre Landfill ●

The Thames Centre Landfill tipping fees are as follows:

Waste	\$130.00/tonne (minimum \$20.00)
Cardboard (clean)	\$130.00/tonne (minimum \$20.00)

Note: If you bring a garbage bag to the landfill with a bag tag on it you will still be charged the \$20 minimum. Leave your bagged and tagged garbage at the curb on your regular pickup day.

Electronics	Free
Tires	Free
Metal	Free
Concrete and stone	Free
Clean fill (topsoil)	Free
Grass clippings	Free
Brush (no stumps)	Free
Batteries (vehicle and single use)	Free

Every effort you make to divert waste from the landfill helps our community!

REUSE where possible, and **RECYCLE** as much as you can. Not sure if an item can be recycled? Refer to the Recycling Guide on the inside front cover of this calendar, visit **thamescentre.on.ca**, or call **519-268-7490**.

No debit or credit cards. Cash only.

The Thames Centre Landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Dr.

Landfill hours: Wednesday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm • Closed statutory holidays



August 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1Civic Holiday Regular collection	2	3	4	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			



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 ensure they are:

- Properly tagged garbage bags (garbage must be bagged)
- At the curbside by 7:00 am
- Within the weight limit of 20 kg (45 lbs)
- Not hidden behind a vehicle, snow bank, or other obstruction
- Free of prohibited content (e.g. hazardous or construction/renovation waste)

Other reasons for missed collections are:

- Non-recyclable item in the Blue Box
- Not a garbage collection week between November and April
- Garbage and recycling placed on the wrong side of the street
- Cardboard not broken down and bundled properly (see page 1)
- Recyclables not separated into two streams (see page 1)

If an item is not collected for reasons other than the above, please contact the Municipality to resolve the issue. Call 519-268-7490 or Miller Waste Systems Inc. at 519-668-0072.

Please do not leave uncollected material at the curb while you are resolving the problem.



September 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day Regular collection	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	



PLEASE SORT IT

When recycling is not done right,
it cost taxpayers extra.
Help us cut our costs.



Use separate Blue Boxes for paper and containers.

Bag Tags can be purchased for \$2.50 at:

- **Dorchester Foodland** (2095 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester) open 6 am to 10 pm daily
- **Thorndale Farm Supply** (197 King St., Thorndale) open Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday 8 am to 12 pm
- **Thorndale Library** (21790 Thorndale Rd., Thorndale) open Tuesday to Thursday 2 pm to 8:30 pm, Friday 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
- **Thames Centre Municipal Office** (4305 Hamilton Rd., Dorchester) open Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm



October 2022

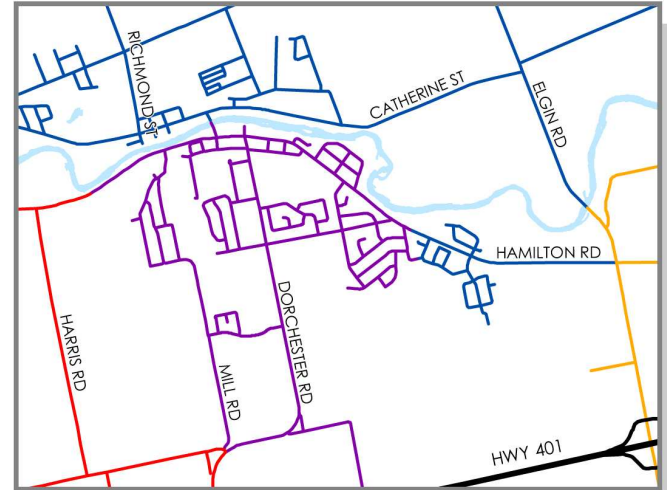
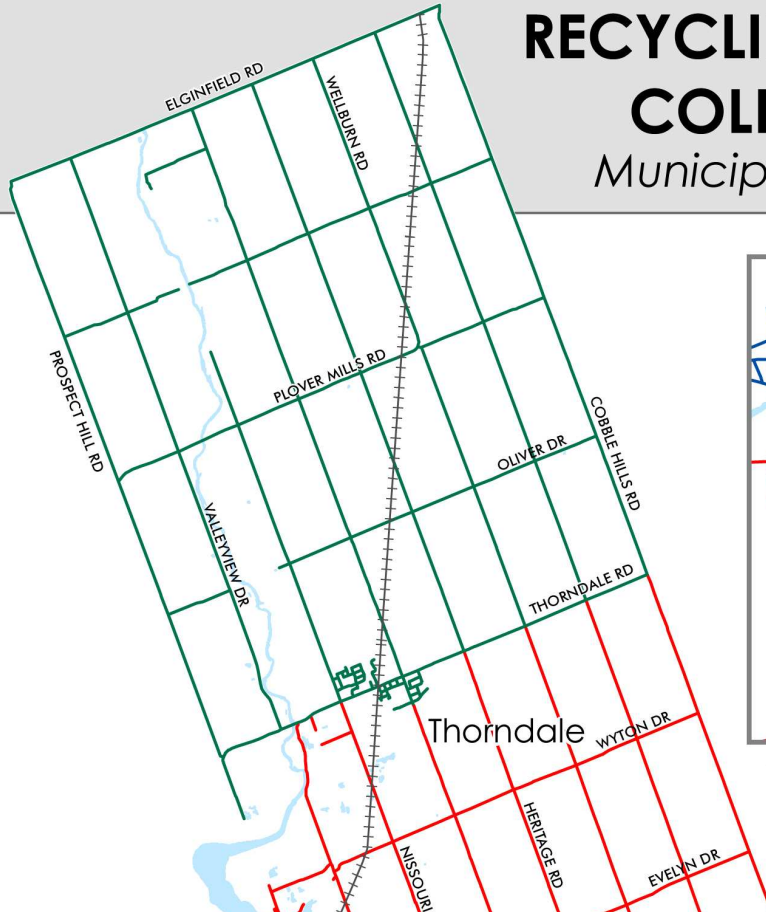


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RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION ROUTES

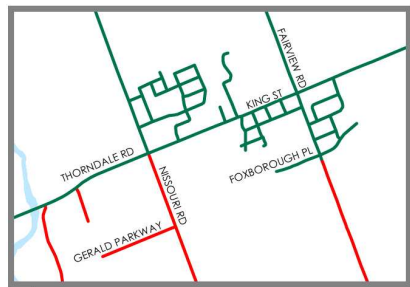
Municipality of Thames Centre



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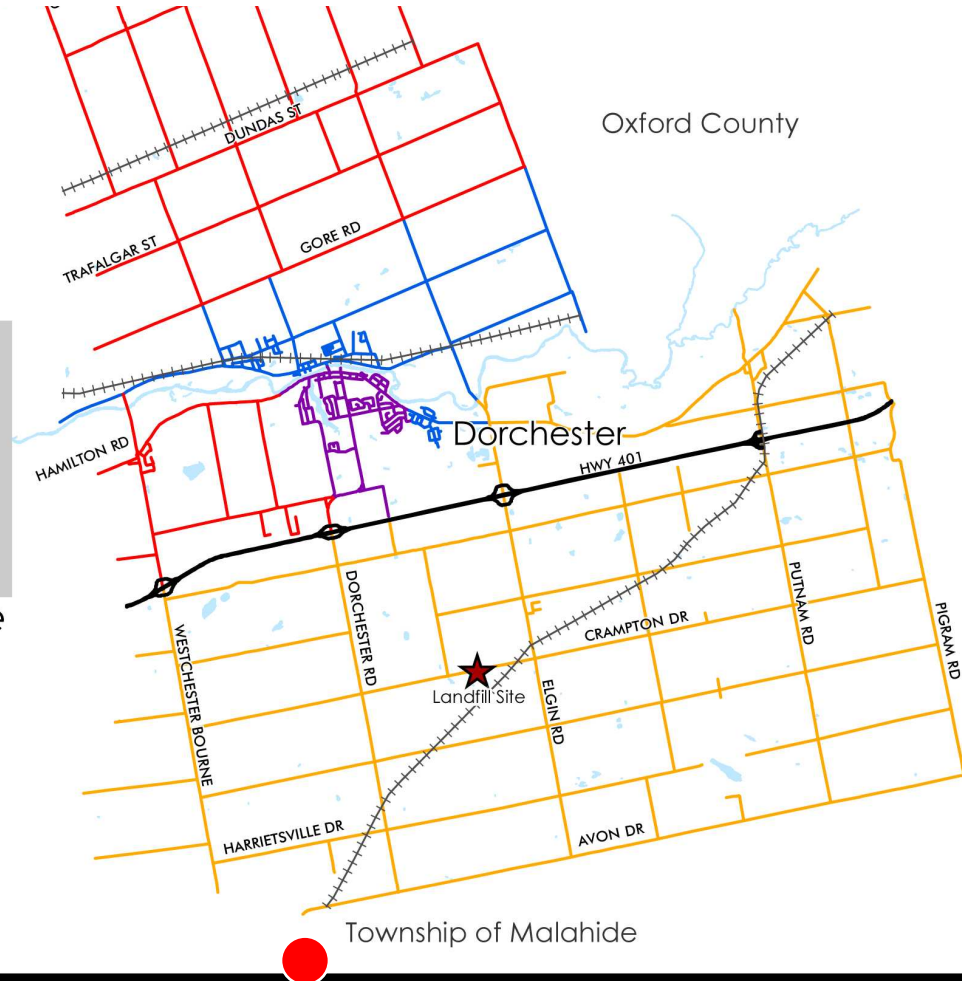
City of London

Oxford County



Thorndale

- Route 1 - Monday
- Route 2 - Tuesday
- Route 3 - Wednesday
- Route 4 - Thursday
- Route 5 - Friday



It doesn't belong in the recycle bin



Propane tanks



Plastic bags



Styrofoam™



Paper towels
and tissues

(cardboard tube and tissue box
are recyclable)



Children's toys



Ceramic cups
and plates



Garbage and Recycling Inquiries

Phone

Thames Centre
519-268-7490

or

Miller Waste Systems Inc.
519-668-0072

email

inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca

**Your Environment
Your Community
Your Home**

