2022-2023 Waste Reduction Calendar

Fall Yard Waste Curbside Collection (see page 3)

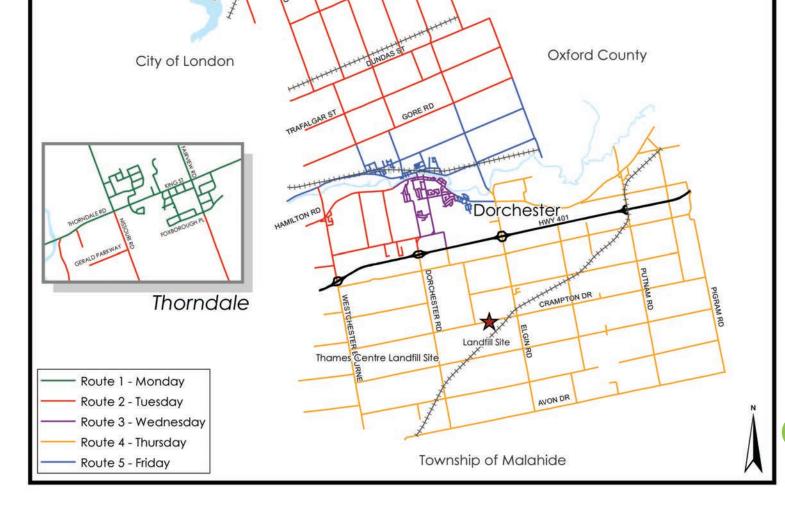


Remember!

Bi-weekly garbage collection schedule resumes in November and continues until the end of March. Recycling will still be collected weekly.







2-STEAM Recycling Guide

BLUE BOX 1

Food, Beverage & Liquid Containers



Glass Bottles, Jars, Juice & Milk Cartons:

- Clear or coloured food and 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.)



DO NOT recycle light bulbs of any type, no mirror or window glass, no drinking glasses, no ceramics (plates, mugs, Pyrex®, etc.), no broken glass.

Aluminum & Tin Cans:

- All food and beverage cans and 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.



DO NOT recycle 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.

BLUE BOX 2

Paper & Fibre Products



Newspapers:



Newspapers and all flyers
 Stack them in your blue box or tie in manageable bundles



DO NOT recycle plastic bags off any kind, no elastic bands.

Mixed Paper:



- Items that are 100% paper, such as magazines, telephone books, junk mail, cards, bags, egg cartons, office paper, etc.
- Books are accepted remove and discard hard covers
- Window envelopes are ok
- NOTE: 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.



DO NOT recycle wrapping paper, no photographs, no used tissues or paper towels.

Plastics:

- Food and beverage bottles and tubs with the #1 to #7 symbol
- Laundry jugs and bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol
- Cleaner, soap and shampoo bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol
- Rigid plastic (any plastic packaging)
- Plastic plant pots and trays



DO NOT recycle motor oil, antifreeze, or chemical containers, plastic bags, toys, Styrofoam®, PVC or ABS pipe.

Blue Box Bloopers

The following DO NOT belong in your Blue Box:



Boxboard:

- **Boxboard** items such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper towel centre cores
- Paper egg cartons



DO NOT recycle plastic windows from pasta and tissue boxes, no 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



DO NOT recycle cardboard contaminated with food, oil or chemicals.

Propane tanks

(tanks can explode in our trucks and plants, making it hazardous to the workers)



Plastic bags

(NO plastic bags in boxes at all. Do not use clear/transparent plastic bags for extra 2-STREAM recyclables)



Styrofoam™

(foam containers like coffee cups, egg cartons and protective foam packaging)



Paper towels and tissues

(cardboard tube and tissue box are recyclable)



Children's toys

(this type of plastic is not recyclable, place in garbage)



Ceramic cups and plates

(these are not recyclable, place in garbage)



Curbside Collection



OR



REUSABLE CONTAINERS



NO PLASTIC BAGS **FOR YARD WASTE**



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



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.



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



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.



General inquiries: 519-268-7334

www.thamescentre.on.ca

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October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November. Recycling will still be collected weekly.		Choose to refuse: Plastic bags, straws, cups and stir sticks. Choose to reuse: Bring to donation centres, share with friends & relatives, or use online classifieds and neighbourhood groups. Swap. Re-purpose. Repair. Give away. Sell. Repeat!!				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Regular collection	11	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 will be collected at curbside from November 7th to November 11th 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:

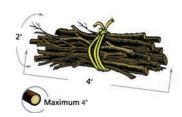
Place weeds, plant trimmings and leaves in paper yard bags or a rigid open-top container. Bundle branches as shown below.

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.















2-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.

- 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® can, frozen juice containters, etc.)

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









Need a new Blue Box?

Blue Boxes are available for purchase 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!**





For more information, refer to the Recycling Guide on page 2.

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December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Garbage and Re	cycling will be collec	ted as normal on De				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						LANDFILL OPEN
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31
						LANDFILL OPEN



Recycling Collection Weekly on your scheduled day (Recycling Guide page 2)



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.

Thames Centre Landfill:

The Thames Centre landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Drive.

Hours:

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CLOSED statutory holidays.

See page 13 for more information about the Thames Centre Landfill.





Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

Between December 27th and January 6th, you may drop off your Christmas tree in the **Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility** from 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 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Dian acable plat	as and utancila in lastic	town and gift was to	aga and baga
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Recycling Collection Weekly on your scheduled day (Recycling Guide page 2)



Household Special Waste

Thames Centre residents can take their Household Special Waste (HHSW) to the City of London's W12A Landfill and EnviroDepot 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.

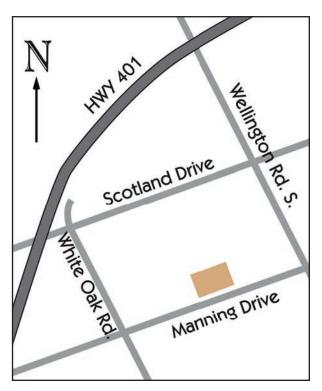
W12A Landfill & EnviroDepot:

W12A is located at 3502 Manning Drive, London

Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CLOSED Sunday, Monday, and statutory holidays.





February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
The average household only recycles 70% of what they can. Make a difference – recycle 100%.			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	
19	20 Family Day	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	Correct Winter Placement of Recycling and Garbage To ensure collection and the safety of collection employees, please place garbage and recycling on a level ground within 1 metre of the curb. Do not set behind or on top of snowbanks.				







Oversized Waste Collection

Coming in May 2023 – 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 a.m. on your collection day. There will be no return visits. **See page 10 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, but because of 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 2022, 56 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, drywall, 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 a.m. on your collection day.





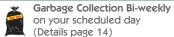


March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly and replace the batteries once a year or when the low battery warning chirps. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms wear out over time. Replace alarms according to manufacturer's recommendations.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving starts	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	To the curb by 7:00 am







Charity Depot - Metal, Tires, Electronics & 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 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**







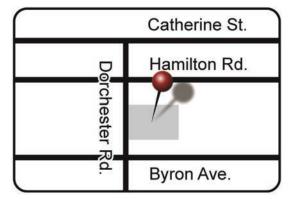






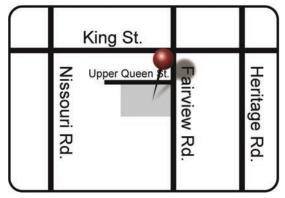
April 29, 2023

Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility 2066 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester



May 6, 2023

Thorndale Community Centre 265 Upper Queen St., Thorndale



April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Weekly garbage pickup resumes in April. April 22 is Earth Day. Think of ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle around your home throughout the year and help keep our planet healthy.						
2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday	8
					Regular collection	
9 Easter Sunday	10 Easter Monday Regular collection	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	Charity Depot Dorchester







2023 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.



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 1
Friday	Wednesday, May 3
Monday	Monday, May 8
Tuesday	Wednesday, May 10
Thursday	Thursday, May 11

Remember the Charity Depots
April 26 • Dorchester
May 6 • 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
- Tires
- Toilets & sinks
- Shingles
- Propane tanks
- Drywall

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
To the curb by 7:00 am	1	2	3	4	5	Charity Depot Thorndale
7	8	9		11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day Regular collection	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Watch for the Ch	narity Depot event th	is month!











Keep these products out of landfills:





✓ Paint ✓ Solvents



Pesticides

Find a recycling location near you at productcare.org/ontario





June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	se Restrictions are not f conditions change.	active by default, look	1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	To the curb by 7:00 am







How Long Does It Take?

From start . . .





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



July 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
not active by c	r Use Restrictions are default, look for ts if conditions change.	0	What we eat has an impact on climate. Food grown or made in Ontario has reduced impacts from processing, transportation, and refrigeration. Eat local year-round!			1 Canada Day
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					







The Thames Centre Landfill

The Thames Centre Landfill tipping fees are as follows:

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 page 2, visit **thamescentre.on.ca**, or call **519-268-7490**.

The Thames Centre Landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Dr.

Hours: Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CLOSED statutory holidays

days **No credit cards. Cash or debit only.**



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August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are not active by default, look for announcements if conditions change.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Civic Holiday Regular collection	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	7:	the b by

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 a.m.
- 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 2)
- Recyclables not separated into two streams (see page 2)

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 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	reminder: All drivers ar guards have completely Is safe!				1	2
3	4 Labour Day Regular collection	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 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation





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

Bag Tags can be purchase for \$2.50 at:

Dorchester Foodland

2095 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester **Hours:** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

Thorndale Farm Supply

197 King St., Thorndale

Hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Thorndale Library

21790 Thorndale Rd., Thorndale

Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Thames Centre Municipal Office

4305 Hamilton Rd., Dorchester

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







October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Regular collection	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November. Recycling will still be collected weekly. Donating to charitable organiza is a great way to spare items fro the Thames Centre landfill.		spare items from	









Thames Centre Municipal Office 4305 Hamilton Rd. Dorchester, ON NOL 1G3





To the curb by 7:00 am

Garbage and Recycling Inquiries

Telephone:

Thames Centre 519-268-7490 or

Miller Waste Systems Inc. 519-668-0072

E-mail:

inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca

Your Environment Your Community Your Home . . .

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