

PETERBOROUGH



2026 WASTE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR & GUIDE

COLLECTION ZONES

Your organics, garbage, and recycling are collected on the same day. All materials should be at the curb by 7 a.m.

Find Your Waste Collection Zone

Visit peterborough.ca/ReduceWaste or scan the QR code to search for your address or download the Peterborough Waste app.



Garbage Collection



Your garbage is collected on the same day every second week.

Green Bin, Blue Box, Yard Waste Collection



Your organics, recycling, and seasonal yard waste is collected on the same day each week.

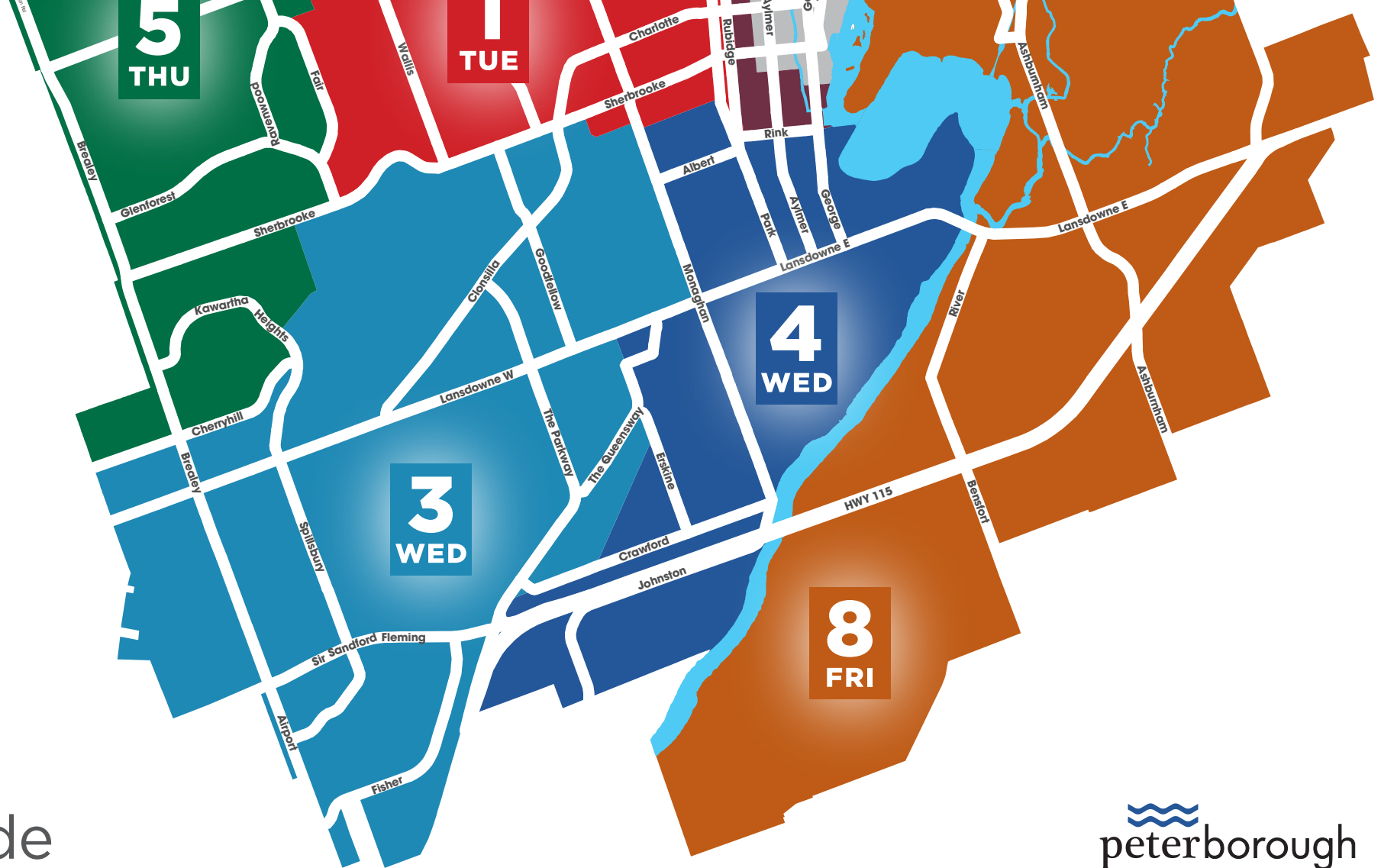
DBIA Collection Zone

Visit peterborough.ca/DBIAwaste for collection information.



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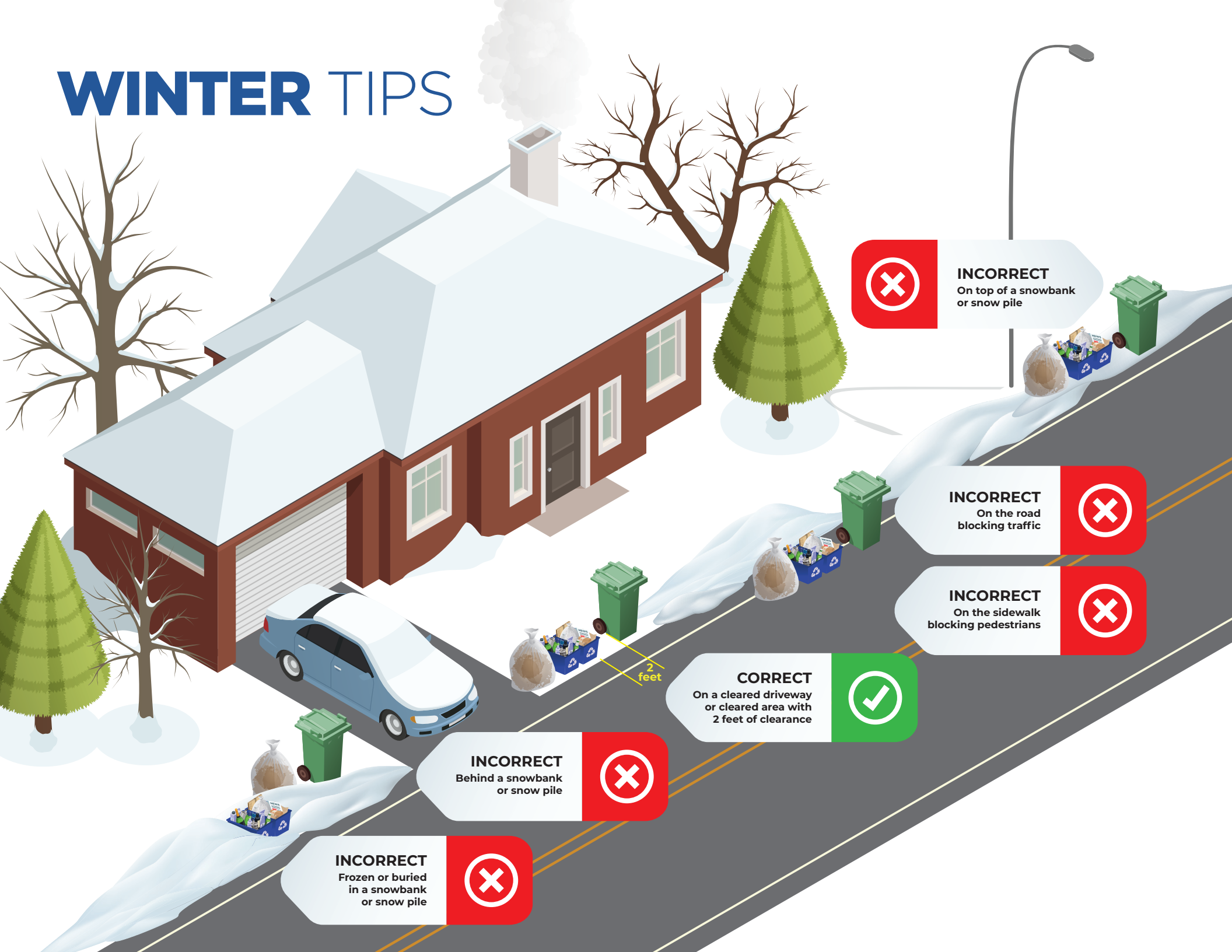


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WINTER TIPS



INCORRECT
On top of a snowbank
or snow pile



INCORRECT
On the road
blocking traffic



INCORRECT
On the sidewalk
blocking pedestrians



CORRECT
On a cleared driveway
or cleared area with
2 feet of clearance



INCORRECT
Behind a snowbank
or snow pile



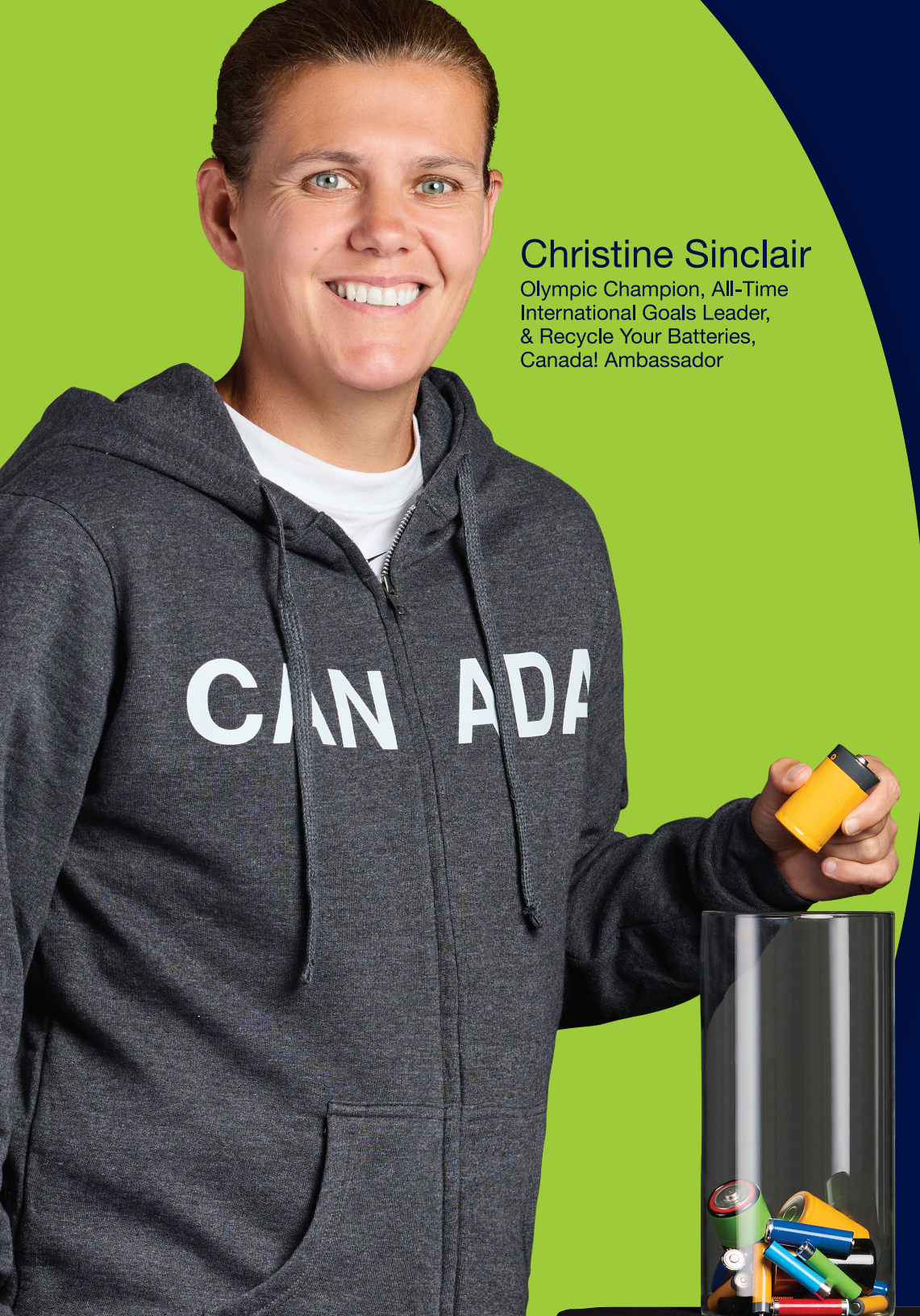
INCORRECT
Frozen or buried
in a snowbank
or snow pile

JANUARY 2026

Your garbage collection day by zone number

Your green bin and blue box collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Christmas Trees Trees are collected throughout January (weather permitting) and must be visible and not buried in snowbanks. 		30   Zone 1 & 2	31   Zone 3 & 4	1 New Year's Day Waste collection moves to January 3 Landfill closed Hazardous Waste Depot closed	2   Zone 7 & 8	3 January 1 waste collection moves here   Zone 5 & 6
4	5 Christmas tree collection begins	6   Zone 1 & 2	7   Zone 3 & 4	8   Zone 5 & 6	9   Zone 7 & 8	10
11	12	13   Zone 1 & 2	14   Zone 3 & 4	15   Zone 5 & 6	16   Zone 7 & 8	17
18	19	20   Zone 1 & 2	21   Zone 3 & 4	22   Zone 5 & 6	23   Zone 7 & 8	24
25	26	27   Zone 1 & 2	28   Zone 3 & 4	29   Zone 5 & 6	30   Zone 7 & 8	31



Christine Sinclair

Olympic Champion, All-Time
International Goals Leader,
& Recycle Your Batteries,
Canada! Ambassador

COLLECT, PROTECT & DROP OFF YOUR USED BATTERIES.

Used batteries contain toxic materials that can cause ecological harm if they end up in landfill, so they should never be thrown out. The Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! program makes it easy to recycle instead.

Just collect them in a non-metal container, protect the terminals with electrical tape, and drop them off at one of our 12,000 convenient drop-off locations.

You can find them at major retailers and municipal depots.

Learn more at
RecycleYourBatteries.ca



RECYCLE YOUR
BATTERIES
CANADA!



**million
kilograms**
recycled since 1997
and growing!

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FEBRUARY 2026



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Your green bin and blue box collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3  Zone 1 & 2	4  Zone 3 & 4	5  Zone 5 & 6	6  Zone 7 & 8	7
8	9	10  Zone 1 & 2	11  Zone 3 & 4	12  Zone 5 & 6	13  Zone 7 & 8	14
15	16 Family Day Landfill closed	17  Zone 1 & 2	18 National Battery Recycling Day  18  Zone 3 & 4	19  Zone 5 & 6	20  Zone 7 & 8	21
22	23	24  Zone 1 & 2	25  Zone 3 & 4	26  Zone 5 & 6	27  Zone 7 & 8	28

Your Help is Appreciated

Waste collection can be more difficult during winter months. Placing green bins, garbage, or blue boxes on top of icy snow piles or behind snowbanks makes waste collection unsafe for workers. Please place materials at the end of your driveway, or shovel a small ledge in the snowbank to set it on.



CURB TO COMPOST

The Yard Waste Journey

After collection, leaf and yard waste heads to the Peterborough Organics Facility on Bensfort Road where it's blended with organic materials from green bins. This mix balances carbon from leaves and nitrogen from food waste, creating the perfect environment for composting.

The mixture is then placed in concrete bunkers with GORE® covers, which help maintain the right temperature and moisture for aerobic digestion, effectively killing off harmful bacteria and pathogens.

After about six weeks, the volume decreases by roughly 25%, and the material is transferred to open windrows for an additional four to six weeks of curing.

Once cured, the compost is screened to remove contaminants like plastic and glass, so it's crucial to avoid putting non-organic items such as containers, wrappers, packaging, or bags in your yard waste or green bin.

Finally, the nutrient-rich compost is tested for quality and is ready to begin its cycle again.



Did you know?

Compost is available for purchase at the landfill
- *remember to bring your own container and shovel!*
Learn more at peterborough.ca/landfill



MARCH 2026



Your garbage collection day by zone number



Your green bin and blue box collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3  Zone 1 & 2	4  Zone 3 & 4	5  Zone 5 & 6	6  Zone 7 & 8	7
8 Daylight Saving begins Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms  Leading the charge for recycling™	9	10  Zone 1 & 2	11  Zone 3 & 4	12  Zone 5 & 6	13  Zone 7 & 8	14
15	16	17  Zone 1 & 2	18  Zone 3 & 4	19  Zone 5 & 6	20  Zone 7 & 8	21
22	23	24  Zone 1 & 2	25  Zone 3 & 4	26  Zone 5 & 6	27  Zone 7 & 8	28 Earth Hour 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.
29	30	31  Zone 1 & 2	Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Starting the first week of April, place leaf and yard waste at the curb every week on your collection day. Yard waste must be in paper bags, bushels, or hard-sided bins labelled with a yellow yard waste sticker available at no charge from City Hall. Leaf and yard waste collection continues through the end of November. 			

EARTH MONTH

April marks Earth Month, a time to honour our planet and take meaningful steps to safeguard it.

Earth Month started in the late 1960s in response to the escalating climate crisis beginning with the first Earth Day celebration on April 22, 1970.

Over five decades later, we continue to act to make a positive impact on our environment. Here are some ways our community can help protect our Earth during Earth Month, and every day of the year.

Educate and inspire others

Share your knowledge about environmental issues and sustainable practices with friends, family, and your community. By fostering awareness and encouraging others to take action we can collectively make a more significant impact on the health of our planet.

Choose sustainable transportation

Walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation to lower greenhouse gas emissions. These small changes in your daily commute can lead to a substantial reduction in your carbon footprint.

Organize a community cleanup

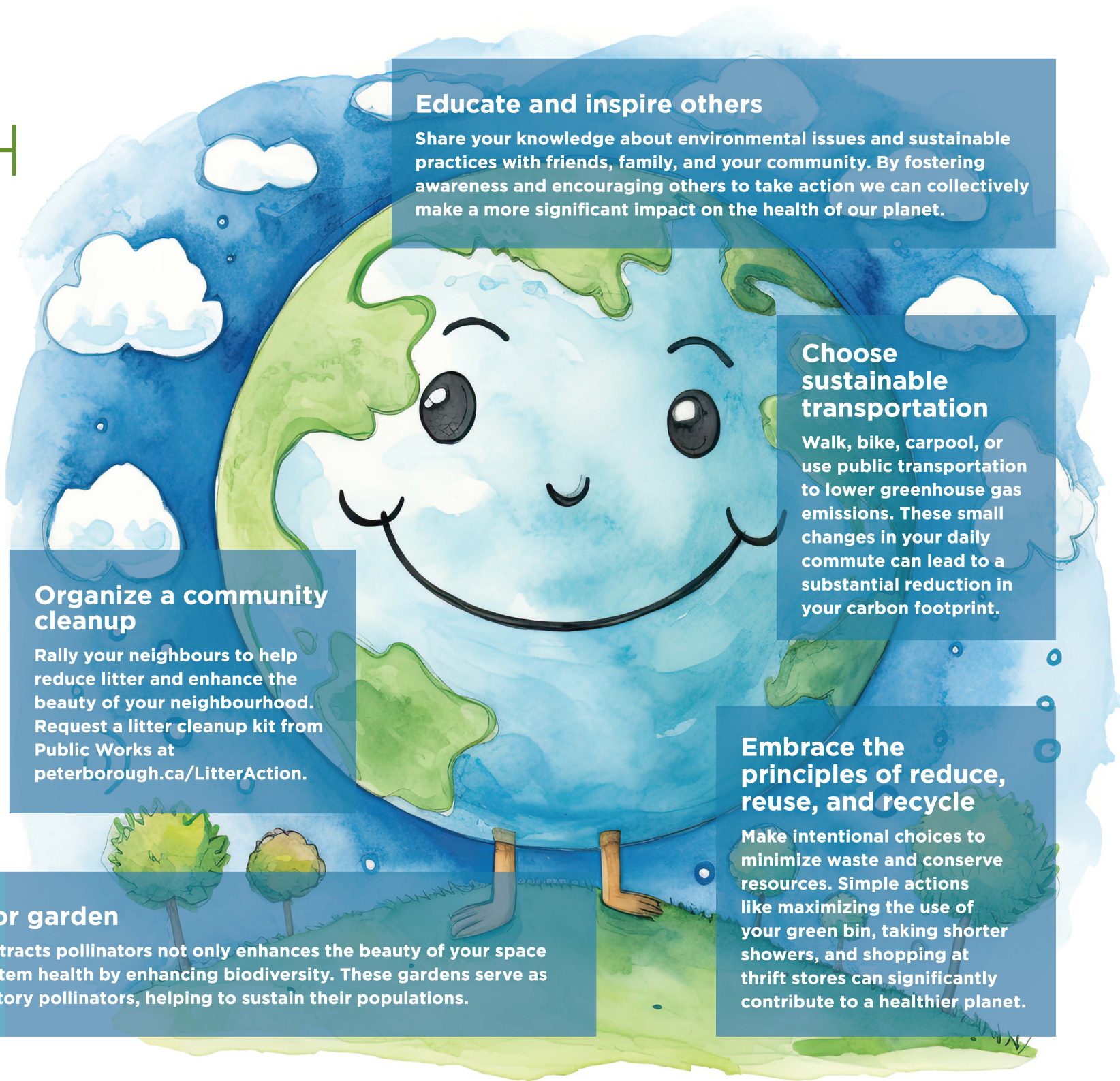
Rally your neighbours to help reduce litter and enhance the beauty of your neighbourhood. Request a litter cleanup kit from Public Works at peterborough.ca/LitterAction.

Embrace the principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle

Make intentional choices to minimize waste and conserve resources. Simple actions like maximizing the use of your green bin, taking shorter showers, and shopping at thrift stores can significantly contribute to a healthier planet.

Create a pollinator garden

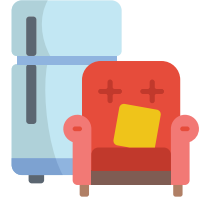
Planting a garden that attracts pollinators not only enhances the beauty of your space but also supports ecosystem health by enhancing biodiversity. These gardens serve as vital rest stops for migratory pollinators, helping to sustain their populations.



APRIL 2026

 Your garbage collection day by zone number

 Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Large Item Collection Items larger than the weekly garbage allowance can be picked up for a fee. Register online and place items at the curb by 7 a.m. the Monday of each collection. Collection is held six times each year. Flip the page to May to learn more.			1  Zone 3 & 4	2  Zone 5 & 6	3 Good Friday Waste collection moves to April 6 Landfill closed Hazardous Waste Depot closed	4
5	6 April 3 waste collection moves here  Zone 7 & 8	7 Yard waste collection begins  Zone 1 & 2	8  Zone 3 & 4	9  Zone 5 & 6	10  Zone 7 & 8	11
12	13	14  Zone 1 & 2	15  Zone 3 & 4	16  Zone 5 & 6	17  Zone 7 & 8	18
19	20	21 Deadline to schedule large item collection #1  Zone 1 & 2	22 Earth Day  Zone 3 & 4	23  Zone 5 & 6	24  Zone 7 & 8	25
26	27 Large item collection #1	28  Zone 1 & 2	29  Zone 3 & 4	30  Zone 5 & 6	How to Schedule a Large Item Pickup Visit peterborough.ca/pickup for fees and to register and pay for a pickup. You can also register and pay in person at City Hall at 500 George Street North.	

LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Too big for the bag?

Do you have an item that is too large or heavy for regular garbage such as furniture, a bed, or large appliance? The City of Peterborough offers large article collection for a fee six times per year from April to September.

Book by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before large item collection.

Online: peterborough.ca/pickup
In person: City Hall, 500 George St. N.
Phone: 705-742-7777

Information and Fees

Visit peterborough.ca/pickup or scan:



Get the Waste Information App

including Waste Wizard, collection calendar, and more at peterborough.ca/wastewizard or scan:



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Get the Waste Collection App Not sure where an item goes? The answer is right at your fingertips on the City of Peterborough Waste app, free from Google Play or the Apple App Store. Sign up for convenient notifications as well.   					1  Zone 7 & 8	2
3	4	5  Zone 1 & 2	6  Zone 3 & 4	7  Zone 5 & 6	8 Reusable exchange weekend  Zone 7 & 8	9 Reusable exchange weekend
10 Reusable exchange weekend	11	12 Provincial Day of Action On Litter  Zone 1 & 2	13  Zone 3 & 4	14  Zone 5 & 6	15  Zone 7 & 8	16 Ecology Park native plant & tree nursery opens
17	18 Victoria Day Landfill closed	19 Deadline to schedule large item collection #2  Zone 1 & 2	20  Zone 3 & 4	21  Zone 5 & 6	22  Zone 7 & 8	23
24	25 Large item collection #2	26  Zone 1 & 2	27  Zone 3 & 4	28  Zone 5 & 6	29  Zone 7 & 8	30
31						

REUSABLE EXCHANGE WEEKENDS

Upcycle Your Treasures

Upcycling used items can breathe new life into things that might have gone to the garbage. By reusing and repurposing, just one household can divert hundreds of kilograms of waste from the landfill annually.

From May to September put unwanted items at the curb in the evening on the second Friday each month.

Take a walk through your neighbourhood to discover new treasures.

Bring unclaimed treasures brought back inside Sunday evening and save for the next exchange weekend.

Take unclaimed electronics to the Electronics Depot (no charge).

Take unwanted paint/stain to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot (no charge).

Take furniture and other durable goods to the Reuse Centre at the landfill.



Scan or visit:
peterborough.ca/reusable-exchange

Check peterborough.ca/hazardous for accepted electronic waste. Some items may pose risks; consult Health Canada guidelines.

Clothing

Thrifting from second-hand stores provides significant savings while contributing to eco-friendly practices and giving pre-loved garments a new life.

Upcycling old or found items is a great way to save money and reduce waste. Encouraging a circular economy positively impacts individuals and the planet.

Furniture

Discovering treasures during reusable exchange weekends promotes sustainability and community sharing.

Paint

Finding the perfect free paint that was safely disposed at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot helps reuse materials that might otherwise harm the environment.

Supplies

Collect free items from the landfill Reuse Centre helping reduce landfill waste and encouraging creative reuse.



JUNE 2026

 Your garbage collection day by zone number

 Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 	3 	4 	5 	6
7	8	9 	10 	11 	12 Reusable exchange weekend 	13 Reusable exchange weekend
14 Reusable exchange weekend	15	16 Deadline to schedule large item collection #3 	17 	18 	19 	20
21	22 Large item collection #3	23 	24 	25 	26 	27
28	29 July 1 waste collection moves here 	30 	Don't Unload on the Road Always Tarp Your Load Avoid a \$75 fine for uncovered loads. All loads brought to the landfill in open-top vehicles, including pickup trucks, must be tarped. 			



KITCHEN FATS, OILS & GREASES

Disposable in your green bin

Fats, oils, and greases (FOGs) bind into a hard “fatberg” when they cool creating blockages and sewer back-ups into your home or the environment.

How to dispose of fats, oils & greases

Store FOGs until solid.

Scoop or wipe with paper towel and throw into your green bin.

Use paper towel to wipe greasy pots, pans, and utensils before washing. Don't use cloth towels; grease from your laundry still enters the sewer system, contributing to fatbergs.

Fats (solid at room temperature)

Butter or margarine, peanut butter, shortening or lard, dairy such as cheese and sour cream.

Oils (liquid at room temperature)

Cooking oils, salad dressings, and mayonnaise.

Greases (liquid, solidifies when cool)

Gravies, sauces, bacon and meat fats.



Visit peterborough.ca/greenbin

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 Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Did you know? Disposing of household hazardous waste and other toxins safely at the Peterborough Hazardous Waste Depot (400 Pido Road) helps prevent injury and harm to our Collection Workers and the environment. 			1 Canada Day  Waste collection moved to June 29 Landfill closed Hazardous Waste Depot closed	2 	3 	4
5	6	7 	8 	9 	10 Reusable exchange weekend 	11 Reusable exchange weekend
12 Reusable exchange weekend	13	14 	15 	16 	17 	18
19	20	21 Deadline to schedule large item collection #4 	22 	23 	24 	25
26	27 Large item collection #4	28 	29 	30 	31 	



Pet Waste

can go in the bin!

Pet Waste is Safe for the Green Bin

You can safely dispose of pet feces, cat litter, wood or paper bedding, feathers, fur, wool, and hair in the green bin. Only compost that meets strict quality standards is permitted to leave the Peterborough Organics Facility. The GORE® composting system reaches high temperatures that eliminate harmful bacteria, viruses, and parasites in pet waste. Ensure bags are BPI-certified compostable.



AUGUST 2026

 Your garbage collection day by zone number

 Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
'Leaf' a Good Impression Don't rake leaves into the street. Keep sewers and streets safe. Mulch dry leaves with your lawnmower by passing over leaves several times to reduce particle size. Place unlimited quantities of bagged yard waste to the curb for weekly collection (paper bags only; plastic bags are not accepted). 						1
2	3 Civic Holiday Landfill closed	4  Zone 1 & 2	5  Zone 3 & 4	6  Zone 5 & 6	7  Zone 7 & 8	8
9	10	11  Zone 1 & 2	12  Zone 3 & 4	13  Zone 5 & 6	14 Reusable exchange weekend  Zone 7 & 8	15 Reusable exchange weekend
16 Reusable exchange weekend	17	18 Deadline to schedule large item collection #5  Zone 1 & 2	19  Zone 3 & 4	20  Zone 5 & 6	21  Zone 7 & 8	22
23 30	24 Large item collection #5 31	25  Zone 1 & 2	26  Zone 3 & 4	27  Zone 5 & 6	28  Zone 7 & 8	29

ORGANICS LIFECYCLE



ORGANIC WASTE
Food waste, paper,
and pet waste/litter
goes in your green bin.

STEP 01



**GREEN BIN
COLLECTION**

Organic waste is collected
and sent to the organics
facility.

STEP 02



USE
Compost is used in
community gardens,
businesses, and
homes to grow food
and start the cycle
again.

**MICROBIAL
DIGESTION**

Brown waste
(carbon: yard
waste) and green
waste (nitrogen:
food waste, grass
clippings) breaks
down into
compost over
10 to 12 weeks.

STEP 03



STEP 04

TESTING
Compost is screened for
contaminants. Do not put
plastic, glass or batteries
in your bin. Finished
compost is tested to meet
strict quality standards
and nutrient content.



COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Only BPI-certified compostable
bags bearing these logos can
be placed in your green bin:



SEPTEMBER 2026



Your garbage collection day by zone number



Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Did you know? Loose pet waste and approved compostable pet waste bags can go in your green bin. 		1 	2 	3 	4 	
6	7 Labour Day Landfill closed	8 	9 	10 	11 Reusable exchange weekend 	12 Reusable exchange weekend
13 Reusable exchange weekend	14	15 	16 	17 	18 	19
20	21	22 Deadline to schedule final large item collection 	23 	24 	25 	26
27	28 Final large item collection	29 	30 	Watch the time! Ensure waste is at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day to avoid being missed. Collect empty containers or any materials not collected by 8 p.m. 		

ORGANIC WASTE

Tips for keeping your green bin clean and pest free.

TIP
01

Line your bin with cardboard, newspaper, yard waste bags, paper towels, or certified compostable bags bearing these logos:



TIP
02

Regularly clean your kitchen container and green bin using dish detergent or a mix of vinegar and baking soda. Sprinkle baking soda in your bin to minimize odours.



TIP
03

Add layers of newspaper or compostable bags between contents to avoid liquid from pooling.



TIP
04

Always place your green bin out for curbside collection weekly, even if it's not full. Keep the lock in the vertical 'locked' position for easy emptying by collection vehicles.

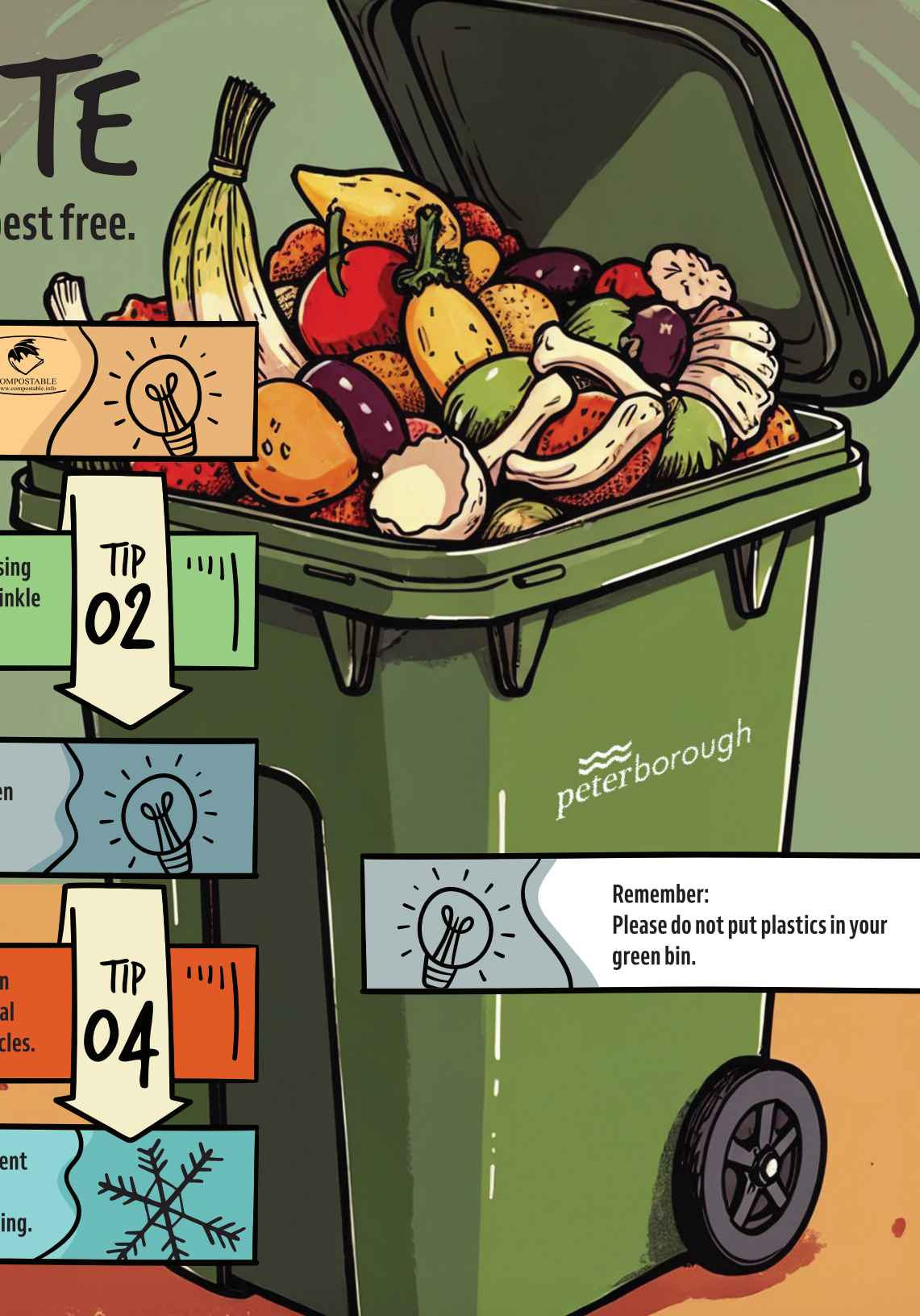


WINTER
TIPS

Store your bin in a sheltered area or sunny spot to prevent ice and snow buildup. Line the bottom of your bin with cardboard, egg cartons, or newspaper to prevent freezing.



Remember:
Please do not put plastics in your green bin.



OCTOBER 2026

 Your garbage collection day by zone number

 Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Circular Economy Month Circular Economy Month is Canada's public awareness campaign dedicated to educating and empowering Canadians to support an economy that delivers on the values of protecting the planet and prioritizing people.				1 Circular Economy Month 	2 	3
4	5	6 	7 	8 	9 	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Landfill closed	13 	14 	15 	16 	17
18	19 Waste Reduction Week	20 	21 	22 	23 	24
25	26	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 Dispose of Jack o' Lanterns with your leaf and yard waste 

Waste Wizard

Unsure where
it goes?



peterborough

coffee cups



Available on the
App Store

GET IT ON
Google Play

Garbage? Recycling? Green bin?

Check the Waste Wizard on the Peterborough
Waste app or at peterborough.ca/WasteWizard

Waste Wizard knows!

NOVEMBER 2026



Your garbage collection day by zone number



Your green bin, blue box, and seasonal yard waste collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving ends Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms  Leading the charge for recycling™	2	3  Zone 1 & 2	4  Zone 3 & 4	5  Zone 5 & 6	6  Zone 7 & 8	7
8	9 November 11 waste collection moves here  Zone 3 & 4	10  Zone 1 & 2	11 Remembrance Day Waste collection moved to November 9	12  Zone 5 & 6	13  Zone 7 & 8	14
15	16	17  Zone 1 & 2	18  Zone 3 & 4	19  Zone 5 & 6	20  Zone 7 & 8	21
22	23 Last week for yard waste collection	24  Zone 1 & 2	25  Zone 3 & 4	26  Zone 5 & 6	27  Zone 7 & 8	28
29	30	Did you know? When temperatures drop below freezing, yard waste can freeze and stick to the sides of bins causing issues with collection. To ensure full pickup of your yard waste, consider using a paper yard waste bag to avoid frozen material from being left in your bin. 				

HOLIDAY TIPS

The holiday season is filled with decorations, parties and presents, and that often means more waste. Reduce, reuse, and recycle your holiday waste. It's the best gift you can give to the planet. Go green this festive season! After your feast any meat, gravy, vegetables, pasta, breads, and desserts that aren't enjoyed as leftovers can go in your green bin. Paper napkins and paper towels can go in your green bin too!



DECEMBER 2026



Your garbage collection day by zone number



Your green bin and blue box collection day by zone number

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Shop local for the holidays Keep it simple, reduce stress, and reduce waste. Give tickets to events, quality used items, or even your time. It's more fun, and shows you've thought about your gifts.		1 Zone 1 & 2	2 Zone 3 & 4	3 Zone 5 & 6	4 Zone 7 & 8	
6	7	8 Zone 1 & 2	9 Zone 3 & 4	10 Zone 5 & 6	11 Zone 7 & 8	12
13	14	15 Zone 1 & 2	16 Zone 3 & 4	17 Zone 5 & 6	18 Zone 7 & 8	19
20	21	22 Zone 1 & 2	23 Zone 3 & 4	24 Landfill closes 11:45 a.m. Hazardous Waste Depot closes 1 p.m. Zone 5 & 6	25 Christmas Day Waste collection moves to December 28 Landfill closed Hazardous Waste Depot closed	26 Boxing Day Landfill closed Hazardous Waste Depot closed
27	28 December 25 waste collection moves here Zone 7 & 8	29 Zone 1 & 2	30 Zone 3 & 4	31 Landfill closes 11:45 am Hazardous Waste Depot closes 1 p.m. Zone 5 & 6	1 New Years Day Waste collection moves to January 4 Landfill closed Hazardous Waste Depot closed	



Green Bin Collection

- On your collection day place your green bin at the curb no later than 7 a.m. with the lid in the locked position.
- Point the arrows on the green bin towards the street and the handles towards your home.
- Leave at least 2 feet clearance between your green bin and other items set out for collection.
- Do not overfill your green bin – fill loosely and lock lid.
- Do not use bungee cords or other items to keep your green bin closed.

Certified Compostable Bags Only

- Only certified compostable or acceptable paper bags can be used in green bins. Some bags will be labelled as biodegradable, but only bags with the either of these logos are certified compostable:



No Plastic or Glass in Green Bins

Remember that plastic and glass of any kind do not belong in the green bin. These materials contaminate the composting process and can lead to finished material that doesn't meet standards.

Tips to Reduce Moisture

- Put baking soda or shredded paper in the bottom of the container.
- Line with paper bags, newspaper, shredded paper, or paper towels.
- You can also line containers with an acceptable paper or certified compostable liner bag.

Leave the Green Bin When You Move

The green bin belongs to the residential address, please do not take it if you move. It is the property owner's responsibility to look after the green bin as well as ensure that it stays with the property.



Accepted

Food Waste

- Baked goods, desserts
- Candy, chocolate
- Corn cobs and husks
- Dairy products
- Eggs and eggshells
- Flour, cereal
- Food grease and fats
- Fruit cores, pits, peels
- Herbs and spices
- Meat, poultry, fish and bones
- Nuts and nutshells
- Pasta, bread, grains, rice
- Shellfish
- Teabags, coffee grounds and filters
- Vegetable scraps and peels

Household Organics

- Cold wood ashes (wet, in compostable bag)
- Feathers and hair (animal or human)
- Food-soiled pizza boxes
- Halloween pumpkins
- Pet waste (must be in compostable bag)
- House plants (no pots)
- Kitty litter (no plastic bags)
- Microwavable popcorn bags
- Newspaper from bird cages
- Paper muffin cups (not waxed or parchment)
- Paper napkins, paper towels, facial tissues
- Sawdust (from untreated wood only)
- Small animal cage bedding (wood shavings)

Not Accepted

Food Packaging

- Aluminium foil wrap, pie plates, trays
- Chewing gum
- Coffee pods
- Hot and cold drink cups, stir sticks
- Meat/seafood tray absorbent pads
- Milk bags
- Plastic bags, baggies
- Plastic food containers, foam trays
- Plastic lined paper packaging
- Popsicle sticks, toothpicks
- Roasting pans
- Stand up pouches
- Take-out containers, chopsticks
- Waxed and parchment paper

Household Waste

- Artificial plants
- Baby wipes, diapers
- Cigarette butts
- Clothing and rags
- Condoms
- Cotton balls, swabs and makeup pads
- Dead animals
- Dental floss
- Dryer sheets and lint
- Menstruation products
- Pet potty mats and litterbox liners
- Pet waste in plastic bags
- Vacuum bags, disposable mop sheets
- Wax, candles
- Yard waste

RECYCLING BINS



peterborough.ca/recycling

Blue Bin Collection

- There is no limit on the number of blue boxes you may set out each week.
- Recycling must be at the curb by 7 a.m.
- Do not bag container items; place container products loose inside your blue box.
- Rinse off any excess food.
- Use one bin for containers and one bin for paper/fibre.
- Never put loose batteries in your blue box; take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

Missed collection? Need a new blue bin?

The City of Peterborough does not provide recycling services. Collection of blue bin recyclables is provided by the private sector across Ontario.

Contact Emterra Environmental for:

- Missed collection or material left behind
- What's accepted and not accepted
- Replacement containers

Emterra Environmental:

1-888-597-1541 | customercareont@emterra.ca

If your concern is not resolved contact Circular Materials:

1-877-667-2626 | customerservice@circularmaterials.ca

Drop-off Depot

Recyclables can also be taken to the Drop-off Depot at 390 Pido Rd.

Open 24 hours | 7 days

Unsure where it goes?

Ask the Waste Wizard!

Visit peterborough.ca/WasteWizard or scan:



Recycling collection concerns?

Please call Emterra Environmental at 1-888-597-1541 or email customercareont@emterra.ca

The City of Peterborough does not provide recycling services.



Accepted

Cardboard & Boxboard

Pizza boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, rolls from toilet paper and paper towel. Flatten to maximum 60 x 60 cm.

Paper

Flour bags, prescription bags, paper produce bags, notepads, loose paper, file folders, newspapers, brochures, magazines, greeting cards and envelopes, gift boxes, and shredded paper in tied clear plastic bags.

Paper Laminate Packaging

Pet food bags, food service bags, plates, spiral cans, cookie dough packages, ice cream containers, beverage cups with lids removed.

Cartons

Beverage, juice, milk, coffee creamer, soup and sauce cartons with lids on, sugar cartons.

Plastic

Laundry detergent, dish soap, and household cleaner bottles, shampoo and mouthwash bottles, salad dressing and condiment bottles, dish soap, plastic beverage bottles with lids on. Toothpaste tubes, hand cream tubes. Small item packaging including deodorant and hand sanitizer bottles, and plant pots.

Flexible Plastic Packaging

Dry cleaning, bread, newspaper and flyer bags, and paper towel toilet paper, and beverage containers overwrap. Coffee bags, deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, snack wrappers, cereal liner bags, plastic gift bags.

Foam Packaging

Empty with film wrap and absorbent pads removed: meat trays, takeout containers, cups, plates, bowls, foam packaging.

Metal

Food cans, metal lids, cookie/coffee/tea tins, beverage cans.

Aluminum

Balled up aluminum foil, pie plates, and frozen food trays.

Aerosol Containers

Empty food spray, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant can with lids removed.

Glass

Clear and coloured glass, food containers/jars/bottles, cosmetic containers, spice bottles, oil and vinegar bottles, and non-alcoholic glass beverage containers emptied with lids removed.

Recycling Program

Peterborough's blue box recycling program is now managed by Circular Materials, administrator of the common collection system and a not-for-profit organization committed to building efficient and effective recycling systems in Ontario.

For more information and a comprehensive recyclable material list visit circularmaterials.ca/peterborough or scan:



GARBAGE

Garbage Collection

- Place up to four (4) clear garbage bags (no heavier than 30 lbs or 13.6 kg) at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- No black, tinted, or white bags, or garbage cans.
- You may use up to three (3) small opaque privacy bags within each clear garbage bag.
- Individual items must be less than one metre or three feet in length; oversized items will not be collected.
- Remove uncollected garbage by 8 p.m. unless notice is provided of delayed service.

Clear Bags & Privacy Bags

Clear garbage bags must be used by both residential and commercial addresses. Clear bags protect garbage collectors from injury by helping them see sharp objects such as broken glass or needles, and they support waste diversion by discouraging recyclable or compostable materials and hazardous waste from being put in the garbage.

Not Collected

- Drywall, shingles, tile, bricks, lumber, tires and automotive parts. Take these to the Landfill.
- No hazardous waste. Take these to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot; used syringes/needles can also be returned to a pharmacy for safe disposal.
- TVs, computers, and other electronics should be taken to the Electronics Depot.

DBIA Collection Zone

For more information visit peterborough.ca/DBIAwaste

Unsure where it goes?

Ask the Waste Wizard!

Visit peterborough.ca/WasteWizard or scan:



peterborough.ca/garbage





Unlimited Yard Waste Pick-up

Collection: first week of April to end of November.

- City By-Law prohibits the raking of loose leaves, branches, shrubs, or any other yard waste onto City streets and boulevards.
- Please do not place yard waste in your green bin.

Container Types

- Maximum weight 30 lbs (13.6 kg) each.
- Paper yard waste bags only, no plastic bags.
- Rigid open-top container (maximum volume 80L) with two fixed handles with a YARD WASTE label
- Yard Waste labels are available for free from City Hall, GreenUP, Home Hardware (Simcoe Street or Lansdowne Street locations).
- Lids must be removable and not secured by any means (bungee cords, etc.).
- Yard waste material must empty freely when dumped by the Collector.

Accepted

- Brush, branches, hedge/ tree trimmings tied in bundles up to 1 m (3') in length and 30 cm (12") in diameter weighing <30 lbs (13.6 kg).
- Grass clippings, leaves, plants, trimmings.
- Small amounts of sod within weight limit.

Not Accepted

- Stones, stumps, soil, large quantities of sod with soil.
- Driveway sweepings.
- Brush over the maximum dimensions.





Household Hazardous Waste Depot

The depot accepts most hazardous products and electronics free of charge. This service is for residential household and small businesses only; commercial waste is not accepted. **Never mix substances;** keep materials in their original containers when possible. Securely pack them in your vehicle to prevent spills.

Batteries

Batteries (including automotive) can be dropped off at the Hazardous Waste Depot and the Peterborough Public Library, Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre, Miskin Law Community Centre, Healthy Planet Arena, and City Hall.

Accepted

- Paints, stains, oils, gasoline
- Cleaners, chemicals, pool chemicals, aerosols
- Propane tanks
- Pesticides, insecticides, herbicides
- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFL)
- 4', 8' fluorescent light tubes
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Fire extinguishers
- Syringes, lancets
- Medicines, pharmaceuticals
- Computers, printers, monitors (no broken screens)
- Personal electronic devices, mobile phones
- DVD players, VCRs, fax machines
- Televisions (up to 52")
- Power tools and small appliances (no light bulbs)

Not Accepted

- Smoke detectors
- Pathological or radioactive waste
- Ammunitions, fireworks, explosives, flares

Did you know?

Used paint and other reusable products at the Paint and Reusable Products Exchange are available at no charge. Leave your old paint, or take or exchange what you need for your next project for free.



Sorted Waste Fees

Clear bag garbage is considered sorted but must not contain more than 10% divertible waste. Waste in opaque bags is considered unsorted.

	100 kg or less	Over 100 kg
Clear bagged garbage, shingles, construction and demolition materials, drywall	\$12	\$150 / tonne
Recyclables: cardboard, green waste, source separated organics, blue box materials, scrap metal, clean wood waste	\$10	\$120 / tonne

Unsorted Waste Fees

Unsorted waste is defined as no intention to separate divertible waste streams from regular garbage. Divertible waste streams include, but are not limited to, recycling, organics (green bin household organics and/or leaf and yard waste), wood waste, scrap metal, tires, electronics, mattresses, and appliances.

	100 kg or less	Over 100 kg
Garbage, garbage in opaque bags, mixed loads of recyclables and different types of garbage	\$25	\$260 / tonne

Other Waste Fees

Asbestos: 24 hr pre-approval required. Call 705-742-7777 x2150.	\$300 / tonne
Freon Items: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, dehumidifiers	\$25 each
Mattresses or box springs	\$23 (≤ 10) \$26 (≥ 11)
Tires with rims removed: call 705-742-7777 x2150 for larger loads	Free
Contaminated soil: pre-approval required.	Call for pricing
Cover soil: pre-approval required.	\$65 / tonne

Fees are subject to change. For a list of current fees, please visit peterborough.ca/landfill. Vehicles that leave the landfill without weighing out will be subject to a fine of \$125.



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USEFUL CONTACTS

Missed garbage/yard waste pick-up?

705-745-1386

Need a new green bin?

705-742-7777 x1891

Recycling questions?

Emterra 1-888-597-1541

Circular Materials 1-877-667-2626

City Waste Management

705-742-7777 x1657

Public Works 705-745-1386

Household Hazardous Waste Depot

400 Pido Rd. | 705-876-1600

Wednesday to Saturday | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Electronics Depot

400 Pido Rd. | 705-876-1600

Wednesday to Saturday | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Peterborough County and City Waste Management Facility

1260 Bensfort Rd. | 705-742-7777 x2150

Monday to Friday | 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday | 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.