

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

BY-LAW NO. 2022-32

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE USE OF THE WASTE  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF NIAGARA

WHEREAS on April 11, 1996, Regional Council adopted By-laws 8280-96, 8281-96 and 8282-96 to assume from the twelve area municipalities all waste management powers conferred by any Act upon the area municipalities;

WHEREAS Section 11(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that an upper tier municipality may pass By-laws respecting waste management subject to the requirements set out in the Act;

WHEREAS Section 227 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that it is the role of the officers and employees of the municipality to carry out duties required under this or any other Act and other duties as assigned by the municipality;

WHEREAS Section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act is guilty of an offence;

WHEREAS Section 446(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that if a municipality has the authority under this, or any other Act, or under a by-law under this Act, or any other Act, to direct or require a person to do a matter of thing, the municipality may also provide that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense;

WHEREAS Section 446(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the municipality may recover the costs of doing a matter or thing under subsection 446(1) from the person directed or required to do it, by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;

WHEREAS By-law No. 2017-56 was passed by Regional Council on May 15, 2017, and this by-law has been in place to regulate the use of the waste management system for The Regional Municipality of Niagara;

WHEREAS By-law No. 2017-113 was passed by Regional Council on December 7, 2017, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2017-56, and By-law No. 2020-62, was passed by Regional Council on September 17, 2020, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2017-56; and By-law No. 2021-06, was passed by Regional Council on January 21, 2021, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2017-56;

WHEREAS legislative updates have occurred, along with a desire to repeal and replace By-law No. 2017-56 with this By-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara enacts as follows:

#### PART I - DEFINITIONS

1. The following terms are defined for purposes of this By-law:
  - 1.1 "Agencies, Boards and Commissions" means a self-governing organization that delivers services for the Region, including Niagara Regional Housing, Niagara Regional Police Service and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.
  - 1.2 "Amnesty Week" means the two (2) weeks that follow Christmas Day where, in addition to the regular Garbage limit, selected Premises can place additional Garbage to the curb for collection without a Garbage Tag on the regular Garbage collection day(s).
  - 1.3 "Area Municipality" means any one of the municipalities or corporations of the Town of Fort Erie, Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln, City of Niagara Falls, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Town of Pelham, City of Port Colborne, City of St. Catharines, City of Thorold, Township of Wainfleet, City of Welland, or Township of West Lincoln.
  - 1.4 "As Designated" means as designated by the Region from time to time by the Commissioner of Public Works or his/her designate. It is anticipated that the Region's recycling and other programs and related requirements will continue to evolve as new methods and Materials emerge. These changes will be implemented on an "As Designated" basis.

- 1.5 "Blue Box" means a container available from the Region or approved alternative as set out in Section 8 of this By-law or As Designated, used to set out Blue Box Material for collection.
- 1.6 "Blue Box Material" means recyclable Material that is collected under the Blue Box Program. The Material includes:
- (a) empty glass bottles, jars and lids/caps (lids/caps must be removed), including all glass containers which previously contained a food or beverage product;
  - (b) empty metal food and beverage cans, including all hard shell steel or aluminum containers which previously contained a food or beverage product;
  - (c) empty metal paint cans and lids (lids must be removed and a thin layer of dry residue are acceptable);
  - (d) clean aluminum foil meaning food wrap, food packaging and kitchenware such as pie plates made from a thin sheet of aluminum;
  - (e) empty plastic containers and packaging which previously contained a food or consumer product, including Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE #1) bottles and containers; High Density Polyethylene (HDPE #2) tubs and lids, or bottles; Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC #3); Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE #4) plastic tubs and lids; Polypropylene (PP #5) plastic bottles, tubs and lids; Polystyrene (PS #6) containers and rigid foam packaging; and Polycarbonate mixed plastic (PC #7);
  - (f) empty gable-top cartons (e.g. milk and juice cartons) and aseptic packaging (e.g. juice boxes);
  - (g) empty spiral wound containers (e.g. frozen juice or potato chip containers) with metal lids bottoms and paper sides;
  - (h) empty metal aerosol cans (lids and caps must be removed); and
  - (i) other Material As Designated.
- 1.7 "Brush" means woody Material including twigs, tree limbs or branches.

- 1.8 "Bulky Goods" means large household items which are Collectable Material that cannot fit into a normal Garbage Container and may be overweight (excluding construction/demolition Material). Some examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) artificial Christmas trees;
  - (b) box spring, mattress, and bed frame;
  - (c) carpet or rugs in compact rolls/bundles not exceeding 1.5 metres (4.5 ft) in length and 0.76 metres (2.5 ft) in diameter and tied;
  - (d) couches, sofa, chair;
  - (e) floor lamps;
  - (f) furniture (for example, tables, cabinets, dressers);
  - (g) glass shards packaged in cardboard box labelled "glass";
  - (h) large toys;
  - (i) pool cover and solar blankets in compact rolls/bundles not exceeding 1.5 metres (4.5 ft) in length and 0.76 metres (2.5 ft) in diameter and tied;
  - (j) toilets or sinks that are individual and not part of construction and demolition;
  - (k) other collectable Material that cannot fit in a garbage container;
  - (l) water softening units; and
  - (m) other household items, as designated by the Region.
- 1.9 "By-law" means this by-law and any schedule(s) and/or appendices to this By-law as they may be amended from time to time.
- 1.10 "Cart" means a container available from the Region or approved alternative as set out in Section 8, 10 and 11 of this By-law or As Designated, used to set out Blue Box, Grey Box or Green Bin Material for Types B-F Premises as set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.

- 1.11 "Care and Control" means Material shall be deemed to have been within the care and control of a Person at a point in time if the Material included any Material typically associated with or used by that Person and shall include but is not restricted to the following Materials:
- (a) mail and other paper products bearing the name, address or other identifying characteristics typically associated with that Person;
  - (b) Material that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have been purchased by that Person;
  - (c) Material that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have originated from Premises with respect of which a Person is considered an Owner and during the time the Person was considered an Owner; or
  - (d) Materials that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have been transported in a motor vehicle owned or under the Care and Control of the Person.
- 1.12 "Christmas Trees" means naturally grown evergreen trees without tinsel, decorations, ornaments or tree lights.
- 1.13 "Christmas Trees, Artificial" means trees manufactured from manmade Material.
- 1.14 "Collectable" means Material which may be collected at Curbside or a collection point approved by the Region pursuant to this By-law.
- 1.15 "Communal Collection Point" means a collection point approved or as determined by the Region that is authorized for the use of more than one Premises.
- 1.16 "Composter" means a container available from the Region or any enclosure with a lid for the purpose of decomposing Leaf and Yard Material and/or Green Bin Material by aerobic decay or bacterial action.
- 1.17 "Construction, Renovation and Demolition" Material includes but is not limited to windows, drywall, wood, doors, metal, PVC pipe and other building Materials As Designated by the Region.

- 1.18 "Council" means the elected Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara.
- 1.19 "Curbside" means the area directly in front of an Owner's Premises as close as possible to the travelled portion of the road without obstructing or interfering with the travelled portion of the road or any sidewalk. It normally extends 1.2 m (four (4) feet) rearward from the travelled portion of the road.
- 1.20 "Designated Business Area" means an area designated by the Area Municipality to receive alternate collection services compared to residential or other industrial, commercial and institutional services.
- 1.21 "Dwelling Unit" means a place of residence designed or intended for habitation by one (1) or more persons with its own culinary and sanitary facilities which are provided for the exclusive use of the person or persons who reside therein. If an Owner disagrees with the number of units contained within the Premises as assessed, it is up to the Owner to provide proof of the actual number of legally existing individual units within the Premises. In the absence of provision of proof to the satisfaction of the Region, the limit for the Premises in question shall be as determined by the Region.
- 1.22 "Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE)" means electrical and electronic equipment that, (a) is designed for use with an electrical current and a voltage rating not exceeding 1,000 volts for alternating current and 1,500 volts for direct current, (b) weighs no more than 250 kilograms, and (c) is not intended to be used permanently as part of a building or a structure at a pre-defined and dedicated location, as defined in Ontario Regulation 522/20: Electrical and Electronic Equipment under the *Resource Recovery and Circulate Economy Act, 2016*, S.O. 2016, c.12, Sched. 1, or any successor legislation, including but not limited to the following:
- a) computers;
  - b) printers (desktop and floor-standing), including printer cartridges;
  - c) video gaming devices;
  - d) telephones, including cellular phones;

- e) display devices;
  - f) radios and stereos, including after-market vehicle stereos;
  - g) headphones;
  - h) speakers;
  - i) cameras, including security cameras;
  - j) video recorders;
  - k) drones with audio or visual recording equipment;
  - l) peripherals and cables used to support the function of information technology, telecommunications and audio visual equipment, including charging equipment;
  - m) parts of information technology, telecommunications and audio visual equipment sold separately, such as hard drives;
  - n) handheld point-of-sale terminals or devices; and
  - o) musical instruments and audio recording equipment.
- 1.23 "Eligible Property" means a Premises of Types A, B, C, D, E or F as set out in Section 13 and Schedule "A" to this By-law where:
- (a) container limits set out in Schedule "A" can be abided by in the normal course of waste generation activity;
  - (b) the Owner(s) of the Premises are in compliance with this By-law; and
  - (c) the only Material set out for collection is Material generated on that Premises.
- 1.24 "Environmental Protection Act" means the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. E.19, or any successor legislation.
- 1.25 "Friendly Reminder" and "Final Friendly Reminder" means a written notice by the Region, in a form similar to that set out in Schedule B to this By-law or As Designated, which is delivered to an Owner, or left in a visible location,

which can be readily seen at the Premises, or in a mailbox, to address Non-Compliance.

- 1.26 "Garbage" means all non-hazardous, solid, residual waste which, for purposes of collection or drop-off at a Regional Drop-Off Location, does not fall within a recyclable class of Material as set out in Subsection 3.1(a) or elsewhere in this By-law and such other Material As Designated. It does not include Grass Clippings.
- 1.27 "Garbage Container" means a waterproof opaque bag, receptacle, can, bin, or such other container As Designated, for the storing and setting out of Garbage for collection. It does not include cardboard boxes.
- 1.28 "Garbage Exemptions" mean exemptions as set out in Section 13 to the approved Garbage Container limits as shown in Schedule "A".
- 1.29 "Garbage Tag" means a tag that can be purchased from the Region or authorized vendor and affixed and untampered (i.e. torn in half) to the neck of a waterproof bag or on top of the bag situated on the top in the Garbage Container to allow additional limit of Garbage to be set out for collection. Only Type A Premises as defined in Schedule "A" of this By-law can use a Garbage Tag.
- 1.30 "Grass Clippings" means vegetation consisting of typically short plants with long, narrow leaves, growing wild or cultivated on lawns and pastures, which are the cut portions of grass, that are left behind or captured in a grass catcher; but does not include weed-type plants, such as "crab grass", where the whole plant is removed, including its root system.
- 1.31 "Green Bin Container" means a container such as a Green Bin, Carts or the smaller Kitchen Catcher available from the Region, or other rigid reusable closed or open-top container clearly labelled with handles used for storing and setting out Green Bin/Cart Material.
- 1.32 "Green Bin Material" means compostable organic Material collected under the Green Bin program As Designated by the Region, including but not limited to food waste (such as meat, bones, shells, tea bags), pumpkins, tissue paper, paper towels and napkins, paper egg cartons, 100% compostable paper cups and plates, dryer lint, soiled newspaper, cold fireplace ashes, brown paper bags, saw dust, wood shavings, paper takeout



trays, kitty litter and Pet Waste. It does not include Grass Clippings or Liquid Material.

- 1.33 "Grey Box" means a container available from the Region or approved alternative as set out in Section 11 of this By-law or As Designated, used to set out Grey Box Material.
- 1.34 "Grey Box Material" means recyclable Material that is collected as part of the Grey Box Program. The Grey Box Material(s) include(s):
- (a) soft-covered books and hard-covered books with the covers removed;
  - (b) boxboard (non-waxed, such as cereal and cracker boxes);
  - (c) cardboard (non-waxed);
  - (d) fine paper and paper envelopes;
  - (e) newspapers and unaddressed ad mail and flyers;
  - (f) plastic bags and stretchy plastic outer-wrap including but not limited to plastic grocery and retail bags, outer-wrap from such things as empty bread bags, empty produce bags, toilet paper and paper towel packaging, empty and clean milk bags and dry cleaner bags. Plastic bags and stretchy plastic outer-wrap must be stuffed into one bag and securely tied;
  - (g) shredded paper placed in a securely-tied, transparent plastic bag;
  - (h) telephone books and magazines, including catalogues and all glossy publications; and
  - (i) other Material As Designated.
- 1.35 "Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Depots" means those locations as noted on the Region's website, which may be updated from time to time, but which includes:
- (a) Niagara Road 12 Landfill;
  - (b) Humberstone Landfill;

(c) Thorold Yard Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Depot, and

(d) Bridge Street Drop-Off Depot.

- 1.36 "Illegal Dumping" means the disposing of Material in Non-Designated Areas, including both Public Property and Regional Property, but does not include Litter.
- 1.37 "Large Rigid Plastic" means hard plastic items that do not fit into a Blue Box for Curbside Collection such as but not limited to buckets, pails, pots, crates, trays, baskets, totes, toys, pools, furniture, chairs and car seats with no other parts, metal or Material attached. Large plastic items does not include plastic coolers, piping, siding or any plastic that also contain or have attached any wood, metal, insulation, rubber and non-plastic components.
- 1.38 "Leaf and Yard Material" means leaves, weeds, trimmings, flowers, small twigs less than 1.5 cm in diameter and other Material As Designated, but does not include Grass Clippings, Brush, soil, dirt, roots, rocks, logs, stumps or sod.
- 1.39 "Leaf and Yard Container" means reusable, rigid containers, paper bags or certified plastic compostable plastic bags As Designated by the Region. It does not include cardboard boxes or non-compostable plastic bags.
- 1.40 "Litter" means debris, refuse, or Material(s) disposed of in non-designated areas, discarded outside the regular Collection Point, or lying scattered about the area.
- 1.41 "Liquid Material" means Material which is not solid and which exhibits evidence of free water, or other liquids, whether or not contained.
- 1.42 "MPAC" means the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.
- 1.43 "Material" is the broadest categorization of all that a Person or Owner wishes to dispose or recycle either through public collection or at a Regional Drop-Off Location. Subcategories of Material for collection are Collectable Material, including Recyclables and Non Recyclables, to be prepared according to the class instructions in this By-law, and excluded Non-Collectable Material. Any Material may also be Non-Compliant because of its content or preparation. Subcategories of Material for drop-off at Regional

Drop-Off Locations are Acceptable Material, to be prepared according to the category instructions in this By-law, and excluded Unacceptable Material.

- 1.44 "Multi-Purpose Property" means a single property as defined by MPAC and/or contained in applicable Site Plan Conditions, housing multiple Premises types.
- 1.45 "Niagara region" and "Niagara" means the geographic area within The Regional Municipality of Niagara.
- 1.46 "Non-Collectable Material" means Material forbidden, prohibited and not acceptable for Curbside collection pursuant to this By-law including:
- (a) hazardous waste which is corrosive, flammable, toxic, explosive or biomedical, or as defined in Ontario Regulation 347: General – Waste Management, R.R.O. 1990, under the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, or any successor legislation;
  - (b) prohibited Material, as defined under the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992*, S.C. 1992, c.34, or any successor legislation;
  - (c) pathological waste, as defined and regulated in Ontario Regulation 347: General – Waste Management, R.R.O. 1990, under the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, or any successor legislation;
  - (d) solid and liquid waste Material or substances which contain or could contain pathogen bacteria or micro-organisms that may be hazardous or dangerous;
  - (e) motor vehicles or automotive parts;
  - (f) live animals or fowl or carcasses or part of an animal or other creature, save for normal and bona fide Green Bin Material, which has been drained of all liquids;
  - (g) septic or holding tank pumpings or raw sewage;

- (h) Material of any kind or nature that may be explosive or combustible or may cause fire including hot coals, ashes, oil-soaked or gasoline soaked rags, papers, cloths or similar Material;
  - (i) gaseous, semi-liquid or liquid waste including liquid industrial waste as defined in Ontario Regulation 347: General – Waste Management, R.R.O. 1990, under the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, or any successor legislation;
  - (j) sealed metal drums or barrels;
  - (k) other Material as prohibited in any relevant Environmental Compliance Approval issued by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under the relevant legislation;
  - (l) sharps;
  - (m) construction, renovation or demolition Material, including windows;
  - (n) grass clippings;
  - (o) Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE), as defined in Ontario Regulation 522/20: Electrical and Electronic Equipment, under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*, S.O. 2016, c.12, or any successor legislation;
  - (p) batteries (all types), as defined in Ontario Regulation 30/20: Batteries, under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*, S.O. 2016, c.12, Sched. 1, or any successor legislation;
  - (q) White Goods; and
  - (r) other Material As Designated.
- 1.47 "Non-Compliant" and "Non-Compliance" means Material not prepared for collection or Regional Drop-Off Location deposit in accordance with the requirements set out in this By-law.
- 1.48 "Non-Designated Area" means an area which has not been designated for a particular purpose.

1.49 "Nuisance" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) disorderly conduct;
- (b) public drunkenness or public intoxication;
- (c) the unlawful sale, furnishing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances;
- (d) the deposit of refuse on the site;
- (e) damage to, or destruction of, public or private property on the site;
- (f) traffic that obstructs the free flow of persons and motor vehicles, or could interfere with the ability to provide emergency services;
- (g) unreasonable noise, including loud music or shouting;
- (h) unlawful open burning or fireworks;
- (i) public disturbances, including public brawls or fights;
- (j) outdoor public urination or defecation; and/or
- (k) use of or entry upon a roof not intended for such occupancy.

1.50 "Owner" includes but is not limited to:

- (a) a Person who is the registered owner and or the beneficial owner of Premises which is subject to this By-law;
- (b) the Person for the time being managing or receiving the rent from Premises, which is subject to this By-law, whether on the Person's own account or as agent or trustee of any other Person or who would receive the rent if the Eligible Property was let; and
- (c) a Person who is a lessee or occupant or tenant of the Premises who in their capacity as lessee or occupant manages or is in charge or control Premises, which is subject to this By-law.

There may be more than one Owner within the forgoing definition with respect to a particular Premises.

- 1.51 "Person" includes a partnership, an unincorporated association, a corporation, a cooperative society or a cooperative organization, the successors of a partnership, of an association, of a corporation, of a society or of an organization and the heirs, executors, liquidators of the succession, administrators or other legal representatives of a Person.
- 1.52 "Pet Waste" means animal excrement/droppings generated by small household pets including cats, dogs, small rodents or other similar indoor pets kept for companionship and enjoyment, kept in kennels and/or breeders, and including kitty litter, wood shavings and other natural pet bedding, newspaper cage liners, feathers, and fur, whether separate or intermingled with such excrement/droppings, but does not include animal excrement generated by horses, cows, chickens or other similar farm, wild, working, undomesticated or commercial livestock animals.
- 1.53 "Premises" means land and buildings combined in the geographic area of Niagara region or a part of such land and buildings combined in the case of land and buildings which contain multiple self-contained units with respect to which a Person is considered an Owner. Premises shall be categorized by type in accordance with the definitions contained in Schedule "A".
- 1.54 "Private Property" means any land or building that is registered to a Person on title in the Land Registry Office or Land Titles Division, as the case may be, that is not owned by an Area Municipality in the Region, a Conservation Authority, a Local Board, the Region, or the Crown in Right of Ontario, the Crown in Right of Canada or any emanations thereof, unless it is leased to a person or corporation not listed above.
- 1.55 "Public Property" means any land or building that is owned by an Area Municipality, an Agency, Board and Commission, the Region, or the Crown in Right of Ontario, the Crown in Right of Canada or any emanations thereof.
- 1.56 "Public Space Litter/Recycling Bin" means a container that is placed in a public area for use by general public for the purpose of holding litter that has been thrown away by public space users. The bins are not intended for Materials that have been privately generated by a business or residence or Non-Collectable Material.

- 1.57 "Region" or "the Region" means The Regional Municipality of Niagara or an authorized representative of The Regional Municipality of Niagara, including a Regional Drop-Off Location site attendant, a contractor or its employee, or a by-law enforcement officer, as appropriate in the context.
- 1.58 "Regional Drop-Off Location" means a temporary or permanent location set up by the Region for drop-off of Material including but not limited to waste, recyclables, compost, or household hazardous waste.
- 1.59 "Regional Property" means all property, including lands and buildings, owned, leased, rented, controlled and/or managed by the Region, within the geographic area that is Niagara.
- 1.60 "Registered Charities" are charitable organizations, public foundations, or private foundations that are created and reside in Canada and have been issued a charitable registration number by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). They must use their resources for charitable activities and have charitable purposes in one or more of the following: the relief of poverty, the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, or other purposes that benefit the community. To receive exemption under Section 13.8 of this By-law, the Registered Charities must be the direct generators of Blue Box Material, Grey Box Material, Green Bin Material or Garbage.
- 1.61 "Scavenge" means the unauthorized removal of Materials that have either been placed out for collection, or in the location where the container (containerized waste/carts) is stored and filled before being moved to the collection location.
- 1.62 "Set Out Service" means the provision of onsite service, as approved by the Region, for Owners living in Type A Premises as listed in Schedule "A" to this By-law and who are unable to physically carry their Garbage, Blue/Grey Box Materials and Green Bin Material to the curb for Curbside collection. Set Out Service only includes Garbage, Blue/Grey Box and Green Bin Material. Set Out Service does not include Leaf and Yard Material, Bulky Goods, Brush, or any other excluded items, As Designated by the Region.
- 1.63 "Sharps" means blades, needles, syringes, including safety engineered needles, laboratory glass, or other Materials capable of causing punctures or cuts.

- 1.64 "Site Plan Conditions" means comments and conditions provided by the Region during the site plan, subdivision plan or condominium application process pursuant to the Region's Policy C-A-002 "Requirements for Waste Collection".
- 1.65 "Unacceptable Material" means Material which is not accepted at a Regional Drop-Off Location. Unacceptable Material includes:
- (a) any dangerous and hazardous Material such as poisons, hot live ashes, caustics, acids, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive Material, industrial process sludge, biomedical waste, or substances which may cause personal or environmental problems with the exception of the Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in Section 26;
  - (b) ammunition;
  - (c) reactive chemical waste;
  - (d) liquid waste with the exception of certain Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in Section 26;
  - (e) pathological waste with the exception of sharps, which are collectable at Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Depots only;
  - (f) sludge from septic tanks or seepage;
  - (g) highly flammable, volatile, explosive, reactive or radioactive Materials with the exception of certain Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in Section 26;
  - (h) leachate toxic waste;
  - (i) PCB waste;
  - (j) carcasses of dogs, cats, fowl and other such creatures, or parts thereof;
  - (k) live animals or birds;
  - (l) human excrement;



- (m) steel and plastic barrels, unless the lid is removed and the barrel is empty and dry;
  - (n) automotive parts, not including automobile tires or small automotive parts;
  - (o) waste with excess liquid accumulated in the load or Material that fails a slump test;
  - (p) asbestos not prepared as set out in Section 28;
  - (q) organic Material which has decomposed under anaerobic conditions; and
  - (r) other Material As Designated.
- 1.66 "Waste Disposal Site" means (a) any land upon, into, in or through which, or building or structure in which, waste is deposited, disposed of, handled, stored, transferred, treated or processed, and (b) any operation carried out or machinery or equipment used in connection with the depositing, disposal, handling, storage, transfer, treatment or processing referred to in clause (a), as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. E.19, or any successor legislation.
- 1.67 "White Goods" means major household appliances or items such as stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, water tanks, barbeques, swing sets, bicycles, air-conditioning units, heat-pumps, microwaves, refrigeration units or freezer units and other Material As Designated.

## PART II - COLLECTION SERVICES

### 2. General Collection Provision

- 2.1 The Region provides collection of all Collectable Material from Eligible Properties in the Region according to the terms of this By-law and subject to other terms As Designated.
- 2.2 The Region also provides enhanced services as requested, approved and funded by local municipalities.

- 2.3 No Owner shall be eligible for collection unless the Owner complies with this By-law and other terms As Designated.
- 2.4 The Region may retain a contractor or contractors to fulfill the Region's responsibilities under this By-law.
- 2.5 If, due to breakdown of equipment, strike, inclement weather, or any other cause, waste collection is not provided to an Eligible Property, the Region shall not be liable to any Person for any damages, costs, loss or expenses of any kind due to the failure of such waste collection to take place.

3. Classes of Collectable Material

3.1 The Classes of Collectable Material are:

(a) Recyclable Material:

- i. Blue Box Material;
- ii. Brush;
- iii. Christmas Trees;
- iv. Green Bin Material;
- v. Grey Box Material;
- vi. Leaf and Yard Material; and
- vii. Other recyclable Material As Designated.

(b) Non-Recyclable Material:

- i. Bulky Goods;
- ii. Garbage; and
- iii. Other non-recyclable Material As Designated.

3.2 All other Material is Non-Collectable Material and is not to be placed out for collection.

4. Separate According to Class and Class Provisions

4.1 If collection service is available to an Eligible Property for any of the above Classes, then the Material which an Owner sets out for collection must be separated according to Class.

4.2 Every Owner shall prepare Collectable Material according to the provisions in Sections 5 through 13 of this By-law relevant to each Class of Material.

5. Brush

5.1 Brush shall be set out for collection in accordance with the schedule of collection days As Designated and:

(a) shall be packaged in bundles where each individual piece of Material shall not exceed 7 cm (2.8 inches) in diameter and where each bundle shall not exceed:

i. a size of 1.5 m (5 feet) in length by 0.5 m (1.6 feet) in diameter; and

ii. a weight of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and

(b) if collected on the same day as other Material, shall be clearly separated from any other class of Material set out for collection.

5.2 Brush is only collectable from a Type A Premises as defined in Schedule "A" to this By-law. Further information on the collection of Brush is available from sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

6. Bulky Goods

6.1 Bulky Goods are only collectable from a Type A Premises as defined in Schedule "A" to this By-law. Further information on the collection of Bulky Goods is available from the sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

6.2 Bulky Goods set out for Curbside collection:

(a) shall be in a contained state neatly placed at the Curbside;

(b) shall not be stacked;

- (c) shall not have Material stacked or loose set on top of Bulky Goods;
  - (d) shall be dismantled if possible;
  - (e) shall not include Construction, Renovation and Demolition Material;
  - (f) must be of a weight and dimension to be able to fit into the collection vehicle in a safe and efficient manner, As Designated by the Region; and
  - (g) limit of four (4) items per collection per Eligible Property.
- 6.3 The Owner must arrange in advance with the Region's collection contractor for the scheduled collection of Bulky Goods As Designated. Information on how to schedule collection is available from the sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.
- 6.4 Contaminated items (e.g. mattresses with bed bugs), as determined by the Region, must be wrapped in plastic to be eligible for pick up.
- 6.5 Artificial Christmas Trees shall be set out for scheduled collection as Bulky Goods.
- 6.6 Collectable Material which can fit within a regular Garbage Container should not be disposed of as Bulky Goods, but as Garbage.
- 6.7 Glass shards resulting from broken mirrors, dishes, picture frames or other household glass, not including windows, are collectable as Bulky Goods if:
- (a) placed in a separate, sturdy, walled container to be collected with its glass shard contents, and secured so as to remain closed and to protect the safety of collection personnel;
  - (b) labelled appropriately (i.e. "Broken Glass"); and
  - (c) large glass pieces (greater than 1.5ft by 1.5ft) must be removed from any bulky item, packaged or wrapped separately in a cardboard, bubble wrap or another approved packaging Material, and appropriately labelled (i.e. "Glass") to protect the safety of collection personnel.

7. Christmas Trees

7.1 Christmas Trees shall be set out for Curbside collection without wrapping, bagging, tinsel, lights or any other decorations, in accordance with the schedule of collection days and times As Designated. Further information on the collection of Christmas Trees is available from the sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

7.2 Christmas Trees are only collectable from Type A Premises, as defined in Schedule "A" to this By-law.

7.3 No Owner shall set out a Christmas Tree unless it, or segments cut from it, are less than 3 metres (10 feet) in length and free of all accessories, decorations and plastic wrap. No Artificial Christmas Trees, wrapped or bagged trees, will be collected for this purpose. Refer to Section 6, Bulky Goods, for the collection of Artificial Christmas Trees.

8. Blue Box Material

8.1 Blue Box Material shall be set out for collection according to the following requirements:

(a) Blue Box Material must be packaged as follows:

- i. in designated recyclable containers (Blue Box) available from the Region; or
- ii. in a Cart only for Type B-F Premises as set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law for; or
- iii. in clearly marked, reusable, solid-walled, rigid containers with handles or indentations on two (2) sides to facilitate the lifting and emptying of the said receptacle; or
- iv. in transparent plastic bags; or
- v. in a sturdy non-waxed cardboard box (box will be recycled); and

(b) Blue Box containers shall meet the following requirements:

- i. height not exceeding a size of up to 91 cm (3 feet) measured internally from the bottom of the receptacle to the top lip of the opening; and no width exceeding a size of up to 61cm (2 feet) measured internally from side to side, not corner to corner, or as determined by the Region; and
- ii. not exceeding a weight (of container and Material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and
- iii. Carts for Type B-F Premises are exempt from 8.1 (b) (i) and (b) (ii); and
- iv. be of sufficient quality to withstand normal collection activities and use; and
- v. for Blue Box containers with lids, the lid must be readily separable from the container. Any devices used to tie down or secure any lids must be removed by the Owner prior to collection; and

(c) contents shall not exceed the limits of the top of the Blue Box container; and

(d) must be clearly separated from any other class of Material set out for collection on the same Premises.

8.2 Blue Box Material that is loose or not packaged as outlined above may not be collected.

8.3 Further information on the collection of Blue Box Materials is available from the sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

## 9. Leaf and Yard Material

9.1 Leaf and Yard Material shall be set out for Curbside collection:

(a) packaged in rigid, reusable containers or compostable paper bags or certified compostable plastic bags As Designated:

- i. height not exceeding a size of up to 91 cm (3 feet) measured internally from the bottom of the receptacle to the top lip of the

opening; and no width exceeding a size of up to 61cm (2 feet) measured internally from side to side, not corner to corner, or as determined by the Region; and not exceeding a total weight (of container and Leaf and Yard Material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds.); and

- ii. for Leaf and Yard Containers with lids, the lid must be readily separable from the container. Any devices used to tie down or secure any lids must be removed by the Owner prior to collection; and
- iii. be of sufficient quality to withstand normal collection activities and use; and
- iv. be clearly identifiable as Leaf and Yard Material from the collection vehicle with the use of labels, or an open-top container; and

(b) in such a way as to clearly separate it from any other class of Collectable Material set out for collection on the same Premises.

9.2 Non-compostable plastic bags (without a 'Biodegradable Products Institute' (BPI) logo or '100% Compostable' logo) or cardboard boxes are not permitted.

9.3 Leaf and Yard Material is only Collectable from Type A Premises as defined in Schedule "A" to this By-law.

9.4 Further information on the collection of Leaf and Yard Material is available from the sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

## 10. Green Bin Material

10.1 Green Bin Material shall be set out for Curbside collection packaged:

- (a) in a Green Bin Container available from the Region or other suitable containers in accordance with section 10.1 (c) packaged in:
  - i. Compostable plastic bags with BPI logo or 100% Compostable logo;

- ii. Paper bags;
    - iii. Wrapped in newspaper; and/or
    - iv. Placed directly into the Green Bin container in a loose fashion.
  - (b) in a Cart only for Type B-F Premises as set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law for; or
  - (c) in other containers labelled "Organics":
    - i. height not exceeding a size of up to 91 cm (3 feet) measured internally from the bottom of the receptacle to the top lip of the opening; and no width exceeding a size of up to 61 cm (2 feet) measured internally from side to side, not corner to corner, or as determined by the Region; and
    - ii. not exceeding a total weight (of container and Green Bin Material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and
    - iii. which are equipped with handles; and
    - iv. be of sufficient quality to withstand normal collection activities and use; and
    - v. Carts are exempt from section 10.1 (c) i-iii; and
  - (d) in such a way as to clearly separate it from any other class of Collectable Material set out for collection on the same Premises.
- 10.2 Small amounts of Leaf and Yard Material including weeds, garden Material, trimmings, and twigs smaller than 1.5 cm (0.5 inches) in diameter and no longer than 30.5 cm (12 inches), excluding Grass Clippings, are permitted as Green Bin Material.
- 10.3 Pet Waste and kitty litter shall be either bagged using small certified compostable plastic bags As Designated, paper bags or completely wrapped in newspaper before being placed in the Green Bin/Cart or other labelled container as above.



10.4 Green Bin Material that has a tendency to turn into liquid, as determined by the Region, shall be packaged and not be loose so the liquid does not leak or spill during collection. Liquid Material or Material that exhibits evidence of free water, or other liquids, whether or not contained is not permitted in the Green Bin/Cart. The collection service is designed for solid Material.

10.5 Further information on the collection of Green Bin Material is available from sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

11. Grey Box Material

11.1 Grey Box Material shall be set out for collection according to the following requirements:

(a) Grey Box Material must be packaged as follows:

- i. in designated recycling containers (Grey Box) available from the Region; or
- ii. in clearly marked, reusable, solid-walled, rigid containers with handles or indentations on two (2) sides to facilitate the lifting and emptying of the said receptacle; or
- iii. in a Cart only for Type B-F Premises as set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law; or
- iv. in transparent plastic bags; or
- v. in a sturdy non-wax cardboard box (box will be recycled); or
- vi. in case of cardboard, must bundle together in bundles not exceeding a size of 91 cm (3 feet) in width by 91 cm (3 feet) in length by 91 cm (3 feet) in depth and not exceeding a weight of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); or
- vii. in the case of flattened cardboard placed inside another cardboard box, which cardboard box must not exceed a size of 91 cm (3 feet) in width by 91 cm (3 feet) in length by 91 cm (3 feet) in depth and not exceeding a weight of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); Loose cardboard must be flattened and tied using twine, packing tape or an approved alternative, in bundles no

larger than 91 cm (3 feet) x 91 cm (3 feet) x 91 cm (3 feet), and not exceeding a weight of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); or

viii. in the case of plastic bags and stretchy plastic outer-wrap, by placing all loose plastic bags or plastic film in one securely tied Plastic Bag (not loose in the Grey Box); and

(b) Grey Box containers must meet the following requirements:

i. height not exceeding a size of up to 91 cm (3 feet) measured internally from the bottom of the receptacle to the top lip of the opening; and no width exceeding a size of up to 61cm (2 feet) measured internally from side to side, not corner to corner, or as determined by the Region; and

ii. not exceed a weight (of container and Material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and

iii. Carts for Type B-F Premises are exempt from section 11.1 (b) i-ii;

iv. be of sufficient quality to withstand normal collection activities and use; and

v. for Grey Box containers with lids, the lid must be readily separable from the container. Any devices used to tie down or secure any lids must be removed by the resident prior to collection; and

(c) contents placed within a Grey Box container shall not exceed 91 cm (3 feet) x 91 cm (3 feet) x 91 cm (3 feet); and

(d) clearly separated from any other class of Collectable Material on the same Premises.

11.2 Grey Box Material that is loose or not packaged as outlined above may not be collected.

11.3 Further information on the collection of Grey Box Material is available from sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.

12. Garbage

12.1 Material not included in the other Classes of Collectable Material of this Bylaw shall be set out for collection as Garbage, and

- (a) packaged in a Garbage Container:
  - i. height not exceeding a size of up to 91 cm (3 feet) measured internally from the bottom of the receptacle to the top lip of the opening; and no width exceeding a size of up to 61cm (2 feet) measured internally from side to side, not corner to corner, or as determined by the Region; and
  - ii. not exceeding a weight (of container and waste) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and
  - iii. receptacle, can, bin or other container As Designated must be equipped with handles on two (2) sides; and
  - iv. be of sufficient quality to withstand normal collection activities and use; and
- (b) such that the contents shall not exceed the limits of the top of the Garbage Container; and
- (c) in such a way as to clearly separate it from any other classes of Collectable Material on the same Premises; and
- (d) if required by this By-law, with the relevant Garbage Tag affixed, refer to Section 13.1 (a); and
- (e) containing no other Classes of Collectable Material including but not limited to Leaf and Yard Material, Green Bin Material, Blue Box Material and Grey Box Material and Non-Collectable Material.

12.2 For Garbage Containers with lids, the lid must be readily separable from the container. Any devices used to tie down or secure any lids must be removed by the Owner prior to collection.

12.3 Garbage that is Non-Compliant, or which contains other classes of Collectable Material and/or Non-Collectable Material, may not be collected.

12.4 The Region reserves the right to implement additional safeguards for “sensitive” Materials, which shall include, but not be limited to, items such as medical waste, health-related waste, and personal protective equipment.

13. Collection Limits and Procedure for Garbage Exemptions

13.1 The maximum number of Garbage Containers set out every-other-week for Type A, B, E, F Premises and every week for Type C and D Premises shall be as set out in Schedule “A” to this By-law as follows:

- (a) An Owner of a Type A self-contained unit may set out additional Garbage Containers provided that each extra Garbage Container has the appropriate Garbage Tag affixed, which Garbage Tag has been purchased from the Region or its authorized vendor; and
- (b) the Garbage Tag shall be affixed:
  - i. untampered to a Garbage Container (i.e. torn in half) to the neck of a waterproof bag or on top of the Materials placed in a Garbage Container to allow additional limit of Garbage to be set out for collection. Only Type A Premises as defined in Schedule “A” of this By-law are eligible to use a Garbage Tag. Any tampered Garbage Tags will not be accepted and Material will not be collected; and
  - ii. in a clearly visible location readily seen upon removal of the container's lid for a non-disposable Garbage Container such as a Garbage can, bin or receptacle. The Garbage Tag shall not be placed directly on the can, bin, handle or receptacle.
  - iii. Information on Garbage Tags is available from the sources noted in Section 53 of this By-law.
- (c) an Owner of Premises may be allowed a Garbage Exemption if they do not also have private Garbage collection services, and subject to application and approval by the Region for the following reasons:

- i. A medical condition that results in the generation of additional Garbage for Type A Premises and group homes, homes for adults with disabilities and homes for assisted living;
  - ii. Type A Premises with one child under the age of four in diapers can apply for collection of one (1) transparent plastic bag of diapers combined with no other collectable Material, to be collected on the week alternate to their regularly scheduled Garbage collection day. These properties are restricted to two Garbage Containers and no additional bag of diapers on their regularly scheduled Garbage collection day.
  - iii. Type A Premises with two children under the age of four in diapers can apply for weekly collection of one (1) transparent plastic bag of diapers combined with no other Collectable Material;
  - iv. Type A Premises with three or more children under the age of four in diapers can apply for weekly collection of two (2) transparent plastic bag of diapers combined with no other Collectable Material;
  - v. Type A Premises operating as an in-home child care provider can apply for weekly collection of two (2) additional transparent plastic bag of diapers combined with no other Collectable Material.
- (d) an Owner of a Type A Premises may set out two (2) additional Garbage Containers during Amnesty Week;
  - (e) an Owner of Type B Premises may set out for collection a maximum of two (2) containers per unit up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) containers every-other week per Premises;
  - (f) an Owner of Type B Premises may set out a maximum of two (2) additional Garbage Container per unit up to a maximum of twenty four (24) additional Garbage Containers per Premises during Amnesty Week;

- (g) an Owner of Type C-D Premises may set out for collection a maximum of four (4) Garbage Containers weekly;
  - (h) an Owner of Type D Premises may set out four (4) additional Garbage Containers during Amnesty Week;
  - (i) an Owner of Type E and F Premises may set out for collection a maximum of eight (8) Garbage Containers every-other-week;
  - (j) an Owner of Type F Premises may set out eight (8) additional Garbage Containers during Amnesty Week.
- 13.2 The number of Blue Box, Grey Box or Carts which may be collected from different types of Premises shall be as set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law, that is:
- (a) for Type A Premises, an Owner may set out for collection unlimited Blue and Grey Boxes;
  - (b) for Type B Premises, an Owner may set out for collection unlimited Carts with a guideline of one (1) Cart for every twenty (20) units for Blue Box Material and one (1) Cart for every eleven (11) units for Grey Box Material;
  - (c) for Type C, D and F Premises, an Owner may set out for collection unlimited Blue and Grey Boxes or Carts, but will be subject to review by the Region to ensure that efficient and cost effective services are maintained;
  - (d) for Type E Premises, an Owner may set out for collection up to a combined total of eight (8) Blue and Grey Carts or the equivalent number of units as determined solely by the Region. Type E Premises that consistently exceed the eight (8) Cart equivalent limit with Boxes, bundles or bags, as solely determined by the Region, will be encouraged to use Carts. If the Owner of a Premises fails to switch to Cart collection, despite the Region's attempts to encourage the switch, the Region may, at their discretion, and upon written notice to the Owner, cease collection from the Premises until such time as the property switches to adequate Cart collection, to the satisfaction of the Region.

- 13.3 The number of Green Bin Containers or Carts which may be collected from different types of Premises shall be as set out in Schedule “A” to this By-law, that is:
- (a) for Type A Premises, an Owner may set out for collection unlimited Green Bins;
  - (b) for Type B Premises, an Owner may set out for collection Green Bins or Green Carts on a request only basis in the quantity determined by the Region;
  - (c) for Type C, D and F Premises, an Owner may set out for collection unlimited Green Bins or Carts, but will be subject to review by the Region to ensure that efficient and cost effective services are maintained;
  - (d) for Type E Premises, an Owner may set out for collection up to eight (8) Green Carts or the equivalent number of Green Bins as determined solely by the Region. Type E Premises that consistently exceed the eight (8) Cart equivalent limit with Green Bins, as solely determined by the Region, will be encouraged to use Carts. If the Owner of a Premises fails to switch to Cart collection, despite the Region's attempts to encourage the switch, the Region may, at their discretion, and upon written notice to the Owner, cease collection from the Premises until such time as the property switches to adequate Cart collection, to the satisfaction of the Region.
- 13.4 In all cases, the Material collected during collection must be Material generated at the self-contained unit for Type A Premises or on the Premises for Type B-F Premises.
- 13.5 Type A Premises that use private Garbage collection services or are not able to stay within the Garbage limit, as determined by the Region, are subject to review by the Region and may not be eligible for Garbage and/or Bulky collection services as Designated. This applies to both base and enhanced service, where applicable.
- 13.6 To be eligible for Garbage collection services, Type B-F Premises must utilize the Region's recycling and organics collection services. This applies to both base and enhanced service, where applicable.

- 13.7 Any Type C or E Premises, as shown in Schedule “A” with a building greater than three (3) storeys, as determined by the Region, excluding municipal or Region owned buildings are not eligible for any collection services.
- 13.8 Any Type B-F Premises, as shown in Schedule “A”, that retain private service for Blue or Grey Box Material collection will not be eligible for Regional collection services. An exemption to this clause applies for regional and municipal facilities, Regional Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as well as Registered Charities and schools, subject to application and approval by the Region.
- 13.9 Collection limits for types of Premises are determined by the Region in accordance with Schedule “A” using the property classifications designated by MPAC and/or contained in applicable Site Plan Conditions. In the event of discrepancy, the Region's designation of the Premises type will prevail. If an Owner disagrees with the number of units contained within the Premises as assessed, it is up to the Owner to provide proof of the actual number of legally existing individual units within the Premises. In the absence of provision of proof to the satisfaction of Niagara Region, the limit for the Premises in question shall be as determined by the Region. In the event of a Multi-Purpose Property, each individual Premises is subject to their respective eligibility requirements and collection limits.
- 13.10 On a request basis, residential farms, as determined by the Region using the property classification identified by MPAC, can receive either Type A or Type E collection limits. If a residential farm does not request a farm exemption, the premises will be serviced, as per their property classification identified by MPAC, as set out in Schedule “A” to this By-law.

### PART III - COLLECTION RESTRICTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 14. Collection Restrictions and Responsibilities

- 14.1 No Person or Owner shall set out or permit to be set out:
- (a) Non-Collectable Material; or
  - (b) Non-Compliant Material.



- 14.2 The Owner of Premises shall set out for collection the Classes of Collectable Material at the locations as shown in Section 15, in the manner of, and in accordance with the schedules of collection days As Designated. See Section 53 of this By-law for further sources of schedule and Material preparation information.
- 14.3 If the Owner of a Premises fails to comply with the responsibilities and requirements as set out in this By-law, the Region may, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works or his/her designate, and upon written notice, either by ordinary mail (where receipt is deemed to be three (3) days after mailing), registered mail or hand delivered, to the Owner, cease collection from the Premises until such time as the Non-compliance is corrected to the satisfaction of the Region.
- 14.4 If the Owner of a Premises or a tenant engages in any inappropriate behaviour, riotous, violent, threatening or illegal conduct, or uses profane or abusive language, as determined by the Region, towards Region staff or contractors' staff, the Region may, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works or his/her designate, and upon written notice to the Owner, cease collection from the Premises until such time as the inappropriate behaviour, conduct and/or language is corrected to the satisfaction of the Region.
- 14.5 The Owner of any Premises receiving collection shall be responsible to ensure that all Persons on the Premises who use or expect to use the Region's collection service receive and follow the instructional information relating to the service provided by the Region.
- 14.6 The Owner of any Premises receiving collection shall be responsible to ensure that animals such as dogs are secured or tied to ensure safety of collection workers and uninterrupted collection.
- 14.7 The Owner of a Premises shall not interfere with collection vehicles or personnel.
- 14.8 The Owner of a Premises shall not deposit any Material into a collection vehicle.
- 14.9 In the event a change is made to the schedules of collection day As Designated, the Region shall make reasonable efforts to advise all affected

persons by publication or service of notice upon the Owner of the affected Premises as provided for in this section. Publication for purposes of this section means notice placed on the Region's website at least fourteen (14) days prior to any As Designated changes to collection schedule or area being implemented. Service of notice by the Region for purposes of this section means notices given to the Owner of affected Premises either mailed by ordinary mail (where receipt is deemed to be three (3) days after mailing), registered mail, or hand delivered to the address of the Owner according to the last revised assessment roll of the subject property or by posting the notice at the subject property, and such service shall be deemed good and sufficient notice effective upon delivery. Information posters and media releases may be used, in addition to the above publication or service methods. In the event of an emergency situation, as determined by the Region, involving a matter of public health and safety or a legal or regulatory requirement which requires As Designated changes to be implemented faster than on fourteen (14) days' notice, the Region may in its discretion provide less than fourteen (14) days' prior notice but will endeavour to provide as much notice as reasonably practicable.

## 15. Collection Location

- 15.1 Except as set out in Section 15.2 the Owner of Premises shall set out Material for collection by placing it at Curbside in front of the Premises in a location to clearly distinguish separation from a neighbouring Premises and as close as possible to the travelled portion of the road without obstructing or interfering with the travelled portion of the road or any sidewalk.
- 15.2 The Owner of Premises shall set out Material at a collection point or Communal Collection point approved or as determined by the Region. Dwelling Units that place their Material at a Communal Collection point must ensure all collection containers are labelled with the Dwelling Unit address to clearly distinguish separation from neighbouring Dwelling Units.
- 15.3 No Owner shall place Material out for collection at any Premises except at their own Premises.
- 15.4 No Owner shall permit Material at any time in the Care and Control of that Owner to be located otherwise than on their Premises or in a Collection location permitted by Section 15 of this By-law.

- 15.5 No Owner shall place Material out for collection on top or behind snow banks. This will ensure the Material can safely be collected and prevent containers from falling behind the snow bank or onto the roadway before or after collection. During winter weather, when snow or snow banks may alter the normal set out location, the Owner shall place the Material:
- (a) at the end of the driveway next to the snow bank; or
  - (b) in a spot cleared out in the side of the snow bank near the travelled portion of the road.
- 15.6 Material shall not be collected from inside an enclosure, shed or other structures As Designated, unless otherwise approved by the Region. Enclosures must be placed as close as possible to the travelled portion of the road without obstructing or interfering with the travelled portion of the road or any sidewalk, 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.
16. Collection Times and Collection Days
- 16.1 Collectable Material shall be set out not earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the designated collection day and not later than 7:00 a.m. on the designated collection day.
- 16.2 The Owner shall remove all containers, together with any Material that was not collected for any reason, from the Curbside as soon as possible after collection, but not later than 7:00 p.m. on the designated collection day.
- 16.3 Material left Curbside before and after collection times will be the responsibility of the Owner of the Premises.
- 16.4 For Designated Business Areas with a designated collection time before noon (12:00 p.m.), Collectable Material shall not be set out earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the designated collection time.
- 16.5 For Designated Business Areas with a designated collection time after noon (12:00 p.m.), Collectable Material shall not be set out earlier than one (1) hour prior to the designated collection time.

16.6 From time to time, the Region may define specific collection times other than those referenced above for As Designated areas. The Owner of a Premises in an As Designated area shall set out Collectable Material for collection at the prescribed times and schedule As Designated which will be published or communicated by the Region for the As Designated areas. Publication for purposes of this Section means notice placed on the Region's website at least fourteen (14) days prior to any As Designated changes to collection schedule or area being implemented. Communication by the Region for purposes of this Section means notices given to Owner of affected Premises either mailed by ordinary mail (where receipt is deemed to be three (3) days after mailing), registered mail or hand delivered to the address of the Owner according to the last revised assessment roll of the subject property or the notice may be posted at the subject property, and such service shall be deemed good and sufficient service, effective upon delivery. Information posters and media releases may be used, in addition to the above publication or communication methods. In the event of an emergency situation, as determined by the Region, involving a matter of public health and safety or a legal or regulatory requirement which requires As Designated changes to be implemented faster than on fourteen (14) days' notice, the Region may in its discretion provide less than fourteen (14) days' prior notice but will endeavour to provide as much notice as reasonably practicable.

## 17. Acceptable Containers

17.1 The Owner of Premises shall set out for collection only containers which are:

- (a) maintained in a safe and efficient condition for collection and have handles or indentations to facilitate the lifting and emptying of the said receptacle; and
- (b) intact, as required, to prevent spillage or breakage during collection; and
- (c) contained, as required, to prevent the attraction of animals (including insects) and the release of odours; and
- (d) free of excess water, ice and snow or other substances which may interfere with collection. Any Material which has become frozen or

stuck to the collection container and cannot be easily discharged will not be collected; or

(e) approved alternative, as determined by the Region.

18. Uncontained Material

18.1 The Owner of a Premises shall not permit any Material set out for collection to become uncontained or otherwise escape in for any reason, including weather or animals.

18.2 The Owner of a Premises shall be responsible for the immediate clean up or re-securing of uncontained Material.

18.3 Where Material that has been set out for collection has blown away or otherwise escaped in any manner, the Owner of a Premises from which the Material originated shall clean up the Material.

19. Ownership

19.1 All properly prepared and separated Collectable Material set out within the designated times becomes the property of the Region upon pick-up or other receipt by authorized employees or contractors of the Region.

19.2 Material set out which is Non-Collectable or Non-Compliant remains the property and responsibility of the Owner.

19.3 At the Region's discretion, the Region may authorize the collection by the Region or Contractors, of Non-Compliant or Non-Collectable Material for the purpose of investigation or health, safety and welfare of the general public.

20. Requirements for Waste Collection

20.1 The Region may enter a Private Property for collection purposes provided that:

(a) the Region has determined from time to time that the roadways to be used by collection vehicles on behalf of the Region:

- i. have been approved for on-site collection during the site plan approval process; and
- ii. have widths, turning radii, means of access, and means of egress meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Region's Policy on Requirements for Waste Collection, as amended from time to time; and
- iii. have overhead clearance meeting or exceeding the standards prescribed in the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O 1990, Ch. H.8, or any successor legislation; and
- iv. are clear of snow and ice; and
- v. provide unobstructed access to the Material to be collected; and

(b) the Owner of the Private Property and/or development has entered into a written agreement with the Region in the form As Designated and in accordance with policies set by the Region.

20.2 Wherever practical, in accordance with the approved site plan and Region's Requirements for Waste Collection Policy as determined by the Region, Material from each unit shall be sufficiently separated to allow identification of the unit generating the Material for purposes of the enforcement of this By-law.

#### PART IV- REGIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

##### 21. Drop-off of Acceptable Material

21.1 The Region may establish Regional Drop-Off Locations for the drop-off of Acceptable Material as set out in Sections 24 to 27 of this By-law.

##### 22. Unacceptable Materials

22.1 No Person shall drop off, or permit to be dropped off, unacceptable Material at a Regional Drop-Off Location.

22.2 Unacceptable Material includes the following:

- (a) Any dangerous and hazardous Material such as poisons, hot live ashes, caustics, acids, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive Material, industrial process sludge, biomedical waste, or substances which may cause personal or environmental problems with the exception of the Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in Section 26;
- (b) Ammunition;
- (c) Reactive chemical waste;
- (d) Liquid waste with the exception of certain Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in Section 26;
- (e) Pathological waste with the exception of Sharps, which are collectable at Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Depots only;
- (f) Sludge from septic tanks or seepage;
- (g) Highly flammable, volatile, explosive, reactive or radioactive Materials with the exception of certain Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in Section 26;
- (h) Leachate toxic waste;
- (i) PCB waste;
- (j) Carcasses of dogs, cats, fowl and other such creatures, or parts thereof;
- (k) Live animals or birds;
- (l) Human excrement;
- (m) Steel and plastic barrels, unless the lid is removed and the barrel is empty and dry;
- (n) Automotive parts, not including automobile tires or small automotive parts;
- (o) Waste with excess liquid accumulated in the load or Material that fails a slump test;

- (p) Asbestos not prepared as set out in Section 28;
- (q) Organic Material which has decomposed under anaerobic conditions; and
- (r) Other Material As Designated.

23. Acceptable Material

23.1 Not all Regional Drop-Off Locations will receive all types of Acceptable Material and receipt will depend on whether any of the following activities occur at any given Regional Drop-Off Location:

- (a) Drop-off/Recycling;
- (b) Composting;
- (c) Household Hazardous Waste Collection;
- (d) Landfilling.

24. Acceptable Drop-off/Recycling Material

24.1 Acceptable Material for Drop-off includes the following:

- (a) Automobile tires separated from the rims and free of foreign Material and excessive moisture;
- (b) Asphalt and concrete;
- (c) Batteries, either single use alkaline or rechargeable (excludes electric-vehicle batteries or traction batteries);
- (d) Blue Box Material;
- (e) Bulky Goods;
- (f) Clothing for re-use;
- (g) Collectable Material;



- (h) Construction, Renovation and Demolition Material, including drywall, wood, metal, PVC pipe and other building Materials;
- (i) Electrical and Electronic Equipment with personal information removed;
- (j) Garbage;
- (k) Grey Box Material;
- (l) Household items for re-use including small appliances and toys and other such goods;
- (m) Large Rigid Plastic;
- (n) Mattresses up to a maximum of four (4) per load, with the exception of loads delivered by the Region's Collection Contractor;
- (o) Shingles;
- (p) White Goods, and
- (q) Other Material As Designated.

24.2 There may be locations where less than this full list may be Acceptable. Consult the sources listed in Section 53 for further information.

## 25. Acceptable Composting Material

25.1 Acceptable Material for composting includes the following:

- (a) Brush;
- (b) Christmas Trees;
- (c) Green Bin Material;
- (d) Leaf and Yard Material;
- (e) Grass Clippings; and
- (f) Other Material As Designated.

25.2 There may be locations where less than this full list may be Acceptable. Consult the sources listed in Section 53 for further information.

26. Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Material

26.1 Acceptable Material for Household Hazardous Waste is:

- (a) aerosol cans with contents remaining;
- (b) antifreeze;
- (c) batteries (all types);
- (d) barbeque propane tanks;
- (e) corrosive cleaners including inorganic acids, bases and oxidizers;
- (f) fertilizers and other inorganic oxidizers;
- (g) fire extinguishers;
- (h) flammable liquids such as solvents and thinners;
- (i) fluorescent light tubes;
- (j) gasoline and fuels;
- (k) medications;
- (l) mercury switches and thermometers;
- (m) motor oil;
- (n) oil filters;
- (o) pesticides and herbicides;
- (p) paint;
- (q) paint sludge;
- (r) pharmaceuticals;

- (s) pool chemicals;
- (t) small gas cylinders such as propane, oxygen, carbon dioxide, helium, expanding foam;
- (u) Sharps in puncture-proof containers; and
- (v) other Material As Designated.

26.2 All Household Hazardous Waste Material must be in acceptable containers, which conform to the following requirements:

- (a) Must be in the original or clearly labelled container, indicating contents;
- (b) All containers must be capped and sealed;
- (c) Liquid wastes must not be larger than 20 litres each. Barrels and/or drums of liquid waste will not be accepted;
- (d) Gasoline will not be decanted at depots. The container and the contents will be taken for safe disposal;
- (e) No industrial, commercial or institutional hazardous waste will be accepted; and
- (f) Other acceptable containers As Designated.

27. Acceptable Landfilling Material

27.1 Acceptable Material for Landfilling is:

- (a) asbestos if prepared as set out in Section 28;
- (b) Bulky Goods, with the exception of those items which can be re-used or recycled;
- (c) Construction, Renovation and Demolition Material with wood, drywall, metal and other recyclable Material separated;
- (d) Garbage;

- (e) soil or dirt in acceptable quality and quantity, as determined by the Region; and
- (f) other Material As Designated.

28. Acceptable Asbestos Preparation and Acceptance Procedures

- 28.1 No Person shall unload or dispose of asbestos at a Regional Drop-Off Location unless such unloading or disposal is in accordance with the conditions set out in this Section.
- 28.2 Any Person dropping off asbestos shall contact the Region at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to delivery of the asbestos to allow for preparation of the Regional Drop-Off Location designated area.
- 28.3 All asbestos must be contained in a rigid, impermeable, sealed container of sufficient strength to accommodate the weight and nature of the asbestos, or the asbestos Material must be double bagged in two (2) six millimetre polyethylene bags. The container must be free from punctures, tears or leaks and shall be clearly labelled to indicate the nature of the contents. The external surface of the container and the vehicle used for the transport of the asbestos must be free of asbestos.
- 28.4 During unloading, the packaged asbestos shall be handled individually and care taken to place the packages in the designated area to avoid spillage. This unloading shall be the responsibility of the Person dropping off the asbestos.
- 28.5 The unloading shall only be done in the presence of the Region to ensure that no loose asbestos or broken containers are unloaded and that no airborne particulate is generated.
- 28.6 In the event that loose asbestos or broken containers are found, the Person dropping off the asbestos shall repackage the Material with additional containers or bags provided in his/her vehicle.
- 28.7 The asbestos containers shall be placed directly in the designated area which has been prepared by the Region.

29. Material Requiring Special Handling

29.1 Any Person dropping off Material requiring special handling (such as dusty Material) shall contact the Region at least 24 hours prior to delivery to a Regional Drop-Off Location to receive handling instructions from the Region and to allow for preparation of the Regional Drop-Off Location designated area.

29.2 The unloading of the Material requiring special handling shall be the responsibility of the Person dropping it off.

29.3 The Material requiring special handling shall be placed directly in the designated area by the Person dropping it off.

29.4 Material requiring special handling is only accepted Mondays to Fridays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

30. Fees

30.1 The Region shall set fees to be paid by Persons for the drop-off of Material at Regional Drop-Off Locations.

30.2 The fees are set out in the Region's Fees and Charges By-law as amended from time to time.

31. Access

31.1 Access to a Regional Drop-Off Location shall be limited to the days and times As Designated by the Region. Days and hours of operation are posted at each permanent location.

31.2 Access to a Regional Drop-Off Location shall be limited to Persons who are:

(a) commercial haulers who have provided a copy of their Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Waste Management System Certificate and, when requested by the Region, proof satisfactory to the Region that the Material they bring for drop-off has been generated from within the Region; or

(b) non-commercial haulers who, upon request, have provided proof of their residency in the Region satisfactory to the Region.

- 31.3 The Region may further limit access to certain Regional Drop-Off Locations As Designated.
- 31.4 The Region may specify time schedules and pre-deposit conditions for Persons seeking access to a Regional Drop-Off Location.
- 31.5 The Region may refuse access to a Person at the Region's discretion if:
- (a) the Person has violated this By-law;
  - (b) the Person is likely to violate this By-law;
  - (c) the Person owes money to the Region pursuant to this By-law;
  - (d) the Person is transporting Material which is unacceptable for deposit at the Regional Drop-Off Location;
  - (e) the Person's vehicle load is not fully covered and/or secured;
  - (f) the Person's vehicle appears to be unsafe; or
  - (g) the Person uses abusive or offensive language or behaviour toward workers or other Persons at the Regional Drop-Off Location.

## PART V - REGIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATION RESTRICTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 32. Drop-off Restrictions

- 32.1 The following restrictions apply at Regional Drop-Off Locations:
- (a) all drivers shall ensure the vehicle load is fully covered and/or secured and the vehicle is not over loaded;
  - (b) all drivers shall bring vehicles to a complete stop and await the direction of the Region's site attendant before entering or leaving the weigh scale;
  - (c) all drivers shall identify the Material type and source to the Region's site attendant;

- (d) all vehicles shall weigh inbound and outbound unless instructed otherwise by the Region's site attendant;
- (e) no Material originating from outside the Region shall be dropped off;
- (f) all Material deposited shall become the property of the Region and may be salvaged, recycled, reclaimed, disposed of and otherwise dealt with as the Region may deem fit;
- (g) no Person, while at a Regional Drop-Off Location, shall operate a vehicle or do any other thing without exercising due care and attention or in a manner that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to any Person or damage to any property;
- (h) no Person, while at a Regional Drop-Off Location, shall:
  - i. indulge in any riotous, violent, threatening or illegal conduct, or use profane or abusive language as determined by the Region; or
  - ii. create a Nuisance or in any way interfere with the use of a Regional Drop-Off Location by any other Person;
  - iii. Any person deemed by staff to be engaging in these behaviours may be refused service and/or requested to leave the premises.
- (i) no Person shall deposit or allow or cause to be deposited Materials except in bins or disposal areas for such purposes;
- (j) all Persons shall at all times obey all signs and directions of the Region, its site attendants or staff or contractors' staff;
- (k) all Persons shall enter or exit a Regional Drop-Off Location by the designated access and exit routes;
- (l) no Person shall deposit or permit to be deposited Garbage into recycling bins or composting areas;
- (m) no Person shall deposit Recyclable Material including Leaf and Yard Material, Green Bin Material, Blue Box Material, Grey Box Material

and/or other Material As Designated into the Garbage area located at the Drop-off/Recycling Depot or in the area designated for Landfilling;

- (n) no Person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than three (3) minutes in a sixty (60) minute period.

32.2 Violation(s) of Restrictions at Regional Drop-Off Locations:

- (a) On the first occasion of violation of any of the restrictions in Section 32.1 above, a written warning notifying the Person of his/her violation may be issued by the Region; or
- (b) On the first or any subsequent occasion of violation of any of the restrictions in Section 32.1 above, the Person may be charged with an offence under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, or as amended, of having violated this By-law, and may also be subject to being refused access to Regional Drop-Off Locations.

33. No Trespassing

33.1 No Person shall unlawfully enter a Regional Drop-Off Location at any time.

33.2 No Person shall unlawfully enter the land strip around the perimeter of a Regional Drop-Off Location (buffer lands) or a Regional Drop-Off Location property during the time that the Regional Drop-Off Location is closed.

33.3 No Person shall enter with or operate an off-road vehicle or bike of any type on any part of a Regional Drop-Off Location and/or the land strip around the perimeter of a Regional Drop-Off Location (buffer lands).

34. Drop-off Responsibilities

34.1 Every Person dropping off Material at a Regional Drop-Off Location shall:

- (a) drop off only Material acceptable for deposit As Designated;
- (b) comply with all orders or directions given by the Region's site attendants or contractors' staff;



- (c) obey all speed limit signs and other signs posted at a Regional Drop-Off Location;
- (d) separate each type of Material and deposit in areas designated for such Material by the Region;
- (e) unload Material in a safe manner and use extreme caution while unloading;
- (f) remove covers/tarpaulins and/or release turnbuckles on vehicles only in the unloading area and at the direction of the Site Attendants or contractor's staff;
- (g) remove any remaining loose Material from vehicles before leaving the unloading areas;
- (h) close and secure, in a manner acceptable to the Region, all unloading doors with chains or acceptable alternatives before departure from the unloading areas;
- (i) ensure that any child under the age of 12 remain inside the vehicle at all times;
- (j) ensure that children act responsibly at all times when outside the vehicle;
- (k) ensure that animals remain inside the vehicle at all times;
- (l) acknowledge and accept that any Person entering a Regional Drop-Off Location does so at their own risk. The Person and the Owner of any vehicle brought upon a Regional Drop-Off Location agrees to save the Region, its contractors, agents and employees, harmless from any damages or claims whatsoever to themselves or their property, or to any other Person or property whatsoever, arising from such Person's negligence or failure to comply with their responsibilities as set out in this By-law, As Designated or otherwise;
- (m) not depart from the Regional Drop-Off Location until the relevant fees as set by the Region from time to time are paid in full, whether by cash, debit, or charged to an authorized account;

- (n) conform strictly to all legislative requirements including, in particular, the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. 0.1, and any other relevant successor legislation, any relevant regulations there under, any relevant Environmental Compliance Approval(s), and any relevant Regional By-laws, Policies, and Procedures; and
- (o) not smoke any substance anywhere on or near a Regional Drop-Off Location.

35. Refusal

- 35.1 The Region reserves the right to refuse to accept for drop-off any Material of a questionable nature or origin.

36. Safe Loads

- 36.1 Persons entering a Regional Drop-Off Location shall ensure that all Material transported is secure, covered, tied, or enclosed to prevent any Material from falling onto any roadway or Public Property.

PART VI - FURTHER RESTRICTIONS

37. Illegal Dumping

37.1 **General Prohibition:**

No Person shall dump, drop, sweep, throw, cast or otherwise deposit; or permit his/her contractor, agent, employee, child under his/her care or control or animal under his/her care or control to dump, drop, sweep, throw, cast or otherwise deposit; or permit a vehicle owned by an Owner to be used by any Person for the purpose of dumping, dropping, sweeping, throwing, casting or otherwise depositing any Material whatsoever on or in any road or Public Property, or at the entrance to or around the perimeter of a Regional Drop-Off Location.

37.2 **Prohibition re: Public Space Litter/Recycling Bin:**

No Person shall dump or otherwise deposit, or permit their contractor, agent, employee, child under their care or control or animal under their care or control to dump or otherwise deposit; or permit a vehicle owned by an Owner to be used by any Person for the purpose of dumping or otherwise

depositing any Material generated on a Premises owned or occupied by that Person, or at any time in the Care and Control of that Person, into or within a one (1) metre radius of a Public Space Litter/Recycling Bin on any road or Public Property.

**37.3 Prohibition re: Care and Control:**

No Person shall permit Material at any time in the Care and Control of that Person to be dumped, dropped, swept, thrown, cast or otherwise deposited by any other Person in contravention of Section 37.1 of this By-law.

37.4 For the purpose of Subsections 15.4, 37.2 and 37.3, Material shall be deemed to have been within the Care and Control of a Person at a point in time if the Material included any Material typically associated with or used by that Person and shall include but is not restricted to the following Materials:

- (a) mail and other paper products bearing the name, address or other identifying characteristics typically associated with that Person;
- (b) Material that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have been purchased by that Person;
- (c) Material that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have originated from Premises with respect of which a Person is considered an Owner and during the time the Person was considered an Owner;
- (d) Materials that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have been transported in a motor vehicle owned or under the Care and Control of the Person.

**38. Scavenging**

38.1 No Person shall, without the written approval of the Region, Scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter any Material set out for collection.

38.2 No Person shall Scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter any Material at a Regional Drop-Off Location unless the Material has been designated for re-use by the Region and the Person has received permission from the Region.

39. Saving Provisions

39.1 A Person shall not be liable under Section 37.3 if they can establish on the basis of a balance of probabilities that such Material, deemed by Section 37.4 to have been within the Care and Control of that Person was in fact never in that Person's care or control.

39.2 A Person or Owner shall not be liable for breach of either Section 15.4 or 37.3 of this By-law if they establish on a balance of probabilities that they took all reasonable precautions to prevent occurrence of the offence.

PART VII - ENFORCEMENT

40. Friendly Reminders

40.1 To encourage compliance with this By-law, the Region may use Friendly Reminders and Final Friendly Reminders to identify or inform Persons or Owners of Non-compliance.

41. Where a Person or Owner is in Non-compliance with this By-law and if the Non-compliance continues, despite the Region's attempts to obtain voluntary compliance, the Region may issue an Order as outlined in Section 48 Notifications.

41.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, no Person or Owner shall be charged with an offence for setting out, or permitting to be set out contrary to this By-law (included specific As Designated areas or collection times or schedules), any Collectable Material for collection where the As Designated provisions have not been published or communicated as set out in Section 16.6 of this By-law.

41.2 In addition to the publication and communication of As Designated changes set out in Section 16.6, the Region will issue a minimum of one (1) written notification to inform the Owner of the As Designated alternate schedule for the As Designated area before any such Owner is charged with an offence as set out above.

42. Enhanced Services

42.1 Offences under this By-law apply to all enhanced services as may be applicable.

## PART VIII – OFFENCES, PENALTIES, AND FINES

### 43. Offences

43.1 Section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act is guilty of an offence.

### 44. Fines – *Provincial Offences Act*

44.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1900, Chapter P.33*, as amended.

### 45. Fines – *Municipal Act, 2001*

45.1 Section 429(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a municipality may establish a system of fines for offences under a by-law of the municipality passed under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

45.2 Every Person who contravenes a provision of this By-law, and every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of this By-law by the corporation, is guilty of an offence under the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and is liable on conviction to a penalty, where the minimum fine shall not exceed \$500 (save and except the fine for “Illegal Dumping” which carries a minimum fine of \$750), and a maximum fine, shall not exceed \$100,000, exclusive of costs under the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

45.3 In the case of a continuing offence(s), every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law, and every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of this By-law by the corporation, is guilty of an offence, and is liable on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$10,000 per day, or part thereof, exclusive of costs, under the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

45.4 In the case of a multiple offence, for each offence included in the multiple offence, a minimum fine shall not exceed \$500 (save and except the fine for “Illegal Dumping” which carries a minimum fine of \$750) and a maximum fine shall not exceed \$10,000.

45.5 Notwithstanding Section 45.3 and Section 45.4, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the total of all fines for the continuous offences or multiple offences, is not limited to \$100,000.

46. Special Fines

46.1 In addition to the fines in Sections 44 and 45, a special fine is also chargeable and may exceed \$100,000, where an offence of this By-law has been committed and there is evidence that the Person who has committed the offence has achieved an economic advantage or gain from contravening this By-law. The intent of this section is to eliminate or reduce such economic advantage or gain or to deter the Person from further Non-compliance with this By-law.

47. Alternative Set Fine Procedure

47.1 In the discretion of the Region, charges may be laid for offences committed in contravention of this By-law using the certificate of offence set fine procedure set out under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. P.33, or any successor legislation.

48. Order Prohibiting Continuation

48.1 When a Person or Owner has been convicted of an offence under this By-law, and in addition to any other remedy and to any penalty imposed by the By-law including a fine and a remedial action fee as set out in Section 49, the court in which the conviction has been entered and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the Person or Owner convicted.

49. Work Orders

49.1 Where the Region is satisfied that a Person or Owner has failed to comply with any provision of this By-law, and a contravention has occurred, the Region may, by written notice, issue an order requiring the Person or Owner who contravened the By-law, or who caused or permitted the contravention, or the Person or Owner or Occupant of the land on which the contravention occurred, to do work to correct the contravention, as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, or as amended.

49.2 The Order shall set out:

- (a) The municipal address and/ or the legal description of the property or land on which the contravention occurred;
- (b) Reasonable particulars of the contravention adequate to identify the contravention;
- (c) The work to be done and the date by which there must be compliance with the Order.

49.3 Every Person or Owner who contravenes an Order is guilty of an offence.

49.4 Any Order issued under this By-law may be given by ordinary mail, registered mail or hand delivered to the address of the Person or Owner according to the last revised assessment roll of the subject property or the notice may be posted at the subject property, and such service shall be deemed good and sufficient service.

49.5 Where an Order has been served on an Owner/Occupant by personal service or posting a copy on the property, it is deemed to be delivered immediately.

49.6 Where an Order is given by: ordinary mail, it is deemed to have been received three (3) days after mailing; and by registered mail, it is deemed to have been received on date of delivery.

49.7 Every Person or Owner shall comply with any Order issued under the authority of this By-law.

## 50. Remedial Actions

50.1 Where a Person or Owner is in default of an Order, the Region may, without notice and in addition to any other action, cause the work to be done at the Person or Owner's expense. Without limitation, the Region, its employees, agents or contractors may access and remove such Material or carry out the work required to make the property comply with this By-law.

50.2 Any Material removed may be immediately disposed of.

- 50.3 The Region may invoice the Person or Owner for all costs associated with the work done pursuant to Section 46 including, but not limited to, court costs, Regional and/or local government administrative and legal fees, contractors' invoices, disposal fees and interest at a rate of fifteen (15%) per cent per annum from the day the Region incurs such costs. The Region may include a minimum disposal charge of one hundred and fifteen (\$115.00) dollars in the event the Material cleaned up is not separately weighed.
- 50.4 Such costs may be charged and enforced separately or in addition to any other enforcement action undertaken pursuant to this By-law, not as an alternative to same.
- 50.5 In the event that a Person or Owner was provided an invoice for costs in accordance with Section 48, and the invoice is not paid by the Person or Owner within sixty (60) days of issuance, the costs may be recovered by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as taxes in accordance with section 446 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as may be amended from time to time.
- 50.6 The amount of the costs constitutes a lien on the land or Premises involved upon the registration in the proper land registry office of a notice of lien.

## 51. Entry for Enforcement

- 51.1 By-law enforcement officers may enter on private properties or new and redeveloped roadways on private or public properties for the purpose of enforcing this By-law, but may not enter a residential dwelling without the occupant's permission, or unless so authorized by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

## PART IX - GENERAL

### 52. Conflicts of Laws

- 52.1 Where a provision of this By-law conflicts with a provision of another By-law in force in the Region, the provisions that establish the higher standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public shall prevail.



53. Schedules

53.1 The Schedules to this By-law form an integral part of this By-law.

54. Further Information on Material Preparation

54.1 More detailed instructions on preparation of Material for collection or drop off at a Regional Drop-Off Location are available on the Region's website at [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca) or in publications updated and distributed by the Region from time to time or by contacting the Waste Info-line Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, at 905-356-4141 or Toll-free at 1-800-594-5542.

55. Delegation of Powers to Commissioner of Public Works

55.1 The Commissioner of Public Works or their designate is delegated the administrative power by Council to implement minor program changes which have no negative financial impact and/or minimal service level implications to the Waste Management system of the Region under this Bylaw, including but not limited to:

- (a) alteration to the classes and lists of Material in this By-law requiring specific treatment or preparation for collection or drop-off at Regional Drop-Off Locations;
- (b) appoint By-law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of the enforcement of this By-law;
- (c) changes to the forms in use for notification to the public, such as Friendly Reminders, and Friendly Final Reminders;
- (d) changes to the requirements for Material preparation for collection or drop-off at a Regional Drop-Off Location;
- (e) changes to the procedure for scheduling collection of specialty items such as Bulky Goods;
- (f) changes to the new and redevelopment agreements as set out in Section 20;
- (g) temporary changes to access, time schedules or opening hours at Regional Drop-Off Locations; and

- (h) establishment of such other matters as are necessary for the proper administration of this By-law.

56. Severability

- 56.1 If any provision of this By-law is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, only that invalid portion of the By-law shall be severed and the remainder of the By-law shall still continue in force.

57. Environmental Compliance Approvals

- 57.1 The provisions of this By-law shall be subject to the terms of the Environmental Compliance Approvals for any Regional Drop-Off Location or any other waste management facilities or systems operated by or on behalf of the Region, and any relevant statutes and regulations.

58. References

- 58.1 Any reference to a statute is to such statute and to the regulations made pursuant to it, as such statute and regulations may at any time be amended or modified and in effect, and to any statute or regulations that may be passed that have the effect of supplementing or superseding such statute or regulations.

59. Short Title of By-law

- 59.1 The short title of this By-law is the "Waste Management By-law".

60. Force and Effect Date

- 60.1 Except as otherwise specified in this By-law, this By-law shall come into force and effect on the date passed by Regional Council.

61. Interpretation

- 61.1 The necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions of this By-law applicable to corporations, partnerships, trusts and persons, and to include the singular or plural meaning where the context so requires, shall in all cases be assumed as though fully expressed.

- 61.2 The words "include" and "including" are not to be read as limiting the meaning of a word or term to the phrases or descriptions that follow.

Bill No. 2022-32

Authorization Reference: PWC 4-2022;

Minute Item 6.1

Amended by By-law No. 2022-60

CL 15-2022;

Minute Item 9.1.1

61.3 The insertion of headings and the division of this By-law into sections and subsections are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation thereof.

62. Repeal of Prior By-law

62.1 By-law No. 2017-56 is hereby repealed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

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James Bradley, Regional Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Passed: May 19, 2022

SCHEDULE "A"

COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Table 1: Garbage Container Limits

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
<p>A. Low Density Residential (LDR) Premises including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• single-family detached with one self-contained unit,</li> <li>• semi-detached residential with 2 residential homes, both self-contained units;</li> <li>• duplex residential structure with 2 self-contained units;</li> <li>• residential buildings with three (3) to six (6) units;</li> <li>• cottage properties with up to six (6) cottages;</li> <li>• Bed and Breakfast establishments with three (3) bedrooms or less;</li> <li>• structures with six (6) or more units that are considered horizontal, row or townhouses or condo housing;</li> <li>• vertical structures where all units have a primary exterior door directly accessing ground level that is visible from the collection point (including stacked townhouse structures)</li> <li>• trailer parks (only those classified as LDR in MPAC),</li> <li>• boarding homes with six (6) or fewer rooms; and</li> <li>• residential farms</li> </ul>	<p>2 per self-contained unit</p>	<p>Every-other-week</p>

SCHEDULE "A"

COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
<p>B. Multi-Residential Premises are residential buildings containing seven (7) or more self-contained units, including but not limited to, apartments, condominiums and rentals, nursing and retirement homes, cottage properties with seven (7) or more cottages, boarding homes with seven (7) or more rooms, Group Homes, and vertical structures (stacked townhouses or similar style) where one or more unit does not have a primary external access door directly accessing ground level and cannot be serviced as a Type A Premises, and mobile homes (not assessed by MPAC as Low Density Residential Units).</p>	<p>2 per self-contained unit up to a maximum 24 per building</p>	<p>Every-other-week</p>
<p>C. Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes inside Designated Business Area and Bed and Breakfasts with four (4) or more bedrooms inside Designated Business Areas.</p>	<p>Maximum 4 per Premises</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>D. Mixed use Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial and residential purposes inside Designated Business Area.</p>	<p>Maximum 4 per Premises</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>E. Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes outside Designated Business Area and Bed and Breakfasts with four (4) or more bedrooms outside Designated Business Areas are Type E Premises.</p>	<p>Maximum 8 per Premises</p>	<p>Every-other-week</p>
<p>F. Mixed use Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial and residential purposes outside Designated Business Area.</p>	<p>Maximum 8 per Premises</p>	<p>Every-other-week</p>

SCHEDULE "A"

COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Table 2: Recycling Container Limits

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
<p>A. Low Density Residential (LDR) Premises including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• single-family detached with one self-contained unit;</li> <li>• semi-detached residential with 2 residential homes, both self-contained units;</li> <li>• duplex residential structure with 2 self-contained units;</li> <li>• residential buildings with three (3) to six (6) units;</li> <li>• cottage properties with up to six (6) cottages;</li> <li>• Bed and Breakfast establishments with three (3) bedrooms or less;</li> <li>• structures with six (6) or more units that are considered horizontal, row or townhouses or condo housing;</li> <li>• vertical structures where all units have a primary exterior door directly accessing ground level that is visible from the collection point (including stacked townhouse structures);</li> <li>• trailer parks (only those classified as LDR in MPAC);</li> <li>• boarding homes with six (6) or fewer rooms; and</li> <li>• residential farms</li> </ul>	<p>Unlimited per self-contained unit</p>	<p>Weekly</p>

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COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
<p>B. Multi-Residential Premises are residential buildings containing seven (7) or more self-contained units, including but not limited to, apartments, condominiums and rentals, nursing and retirement homes, cottage properties with seven (7) or more cottages, boarding homes with seven (7) or more rooms, Group Homes, and vertical structures (stacked townhouses or similar style) where one or more unit does not have a primary external access door directly accessing ground level and cannot be serviced as a Type A Premises, and mobile homes (not assessed by MPAC as Low Density Residential Units).</p>	<p>Unlimited with guideline for 1 Cart for every 20 units for Blue Box Material and 1 Cart for every 11 units for Grey Box Material or to be determined by the Region</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>C. Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes inside Designated Business Area and Bed and Breakfasts with four (4) or more bedrooms inside Designated Business Areas.</p>	<p>Unlimited</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>D. Mixed use Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial and residential purposes inside Designated Business Area.</p>	<p>Unlimited</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>E. Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes outside Designated Business Area and Bed and Breakfasts with four (4) or more bedrooms outside Designated Business Areas are Type E Premise.</p>	<p>Combined limit of the eight (8) Blue and Grey Carts or the equivalent in Blue and Grey Boxes as determined solely by the Region.</p>	<p>Weekly</p>

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COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
F. Mixed use Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial and residential purposes outside Designated Business Area.	Unlimited	Weekly



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COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Table 3: Organic Container Limits

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
<p>A. Low Density Residential (LDR) Premises including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• single-family detached with one self-contained unit;</li> <li>• semi-detached residential with 2 residential homes, both self-contained units;</li> <li>• duplex residential structure with 2 self-contained units;</li> <li>• residential buildings with three (3) to six (6) units;</li> <li>• cottage properties with up to six (6) cottages;</li> <li>• Bed and Breakfast establishments with three (3) bedrooms or less;</li> <li>• structures with six (6) or more units that are considered horizontal, row or townhouses or condo housing;</li> <li>• Vertical structures where all units have a primary exterior door directly accessing ground level that is visible from the collection point (including stacked townhouse structures);</li> <li>• trailer parks (only those classified as LDR in MPAC);</li> <li>• boarding homes with six (6) or fewer rooms; and</li> <li>• residential farms</li> </ul>	<p>Unlimited per self-contained unit</p>	<p>Weekly</p>

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COLLECTABLE VOLUME LIMITS

Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)	Container Limit	Collection Frequency
<p>B. Multi-Residential Premises are residential buildings containing seven (7) or more self-contained units, including but not limited to, apartments, condominiums and rentals, nursing and retirement homes, cottage properties with seven (7) or more cottages, boarding homes with seven (7) or more rooms, Group Homes, and vertical structures (stacked townhouses or similar style) where one or more unit does not have a primary external access door directly accessing ground level and cannot be serviced as a Type A Premises, and mobile homes (not assessed by MPAC as Low Density Residential Units).</p>	<p>Quantity as determined by the Region on a request only basis for Green Bins or Carts</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>C. Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes inside Designated Business Area and Bed and Breakfasts with four (4) or more bedrooms inside Designated Business Areas.</p>	<p>Unlimited</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>D. Mixed use Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial and residential purposes inside Designated Business Area.</p>	<p>Unlimited</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>E. Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes outside Designated Business Area and Bed and Breakfasts with four (4) or more bedrooms outside Designated Business Areas are Type E Premises.</p>	<p>Limit of eight (8) Green Carts or the equivalent number of Green Bins as determined solely by Niagara Region.</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>F. Mixed use Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial and residential purposes outside Designated Business Area.</p>	<p>Unlimited</p>	<p>Weekly</p>

SCHEDULE B

FRIENDLY REMINDER NOTICE



Dear Property Owner/Tenant:

Failure to comply with the following may result in charges under Niagara Region's Waste Management By-Law. To ensure compliance with guidelines noted below, Enforcement Staff will return to the property on: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COMPLIANT SETOUT**

- Garbage placed at the curb on the wrong week
- Materials (garbage, recycling, Green Bin, large household items, etc.) must **NOT** be set out before 5 p.m. on the evening before scheduled collection and must be at the curb by 7 a.m., the day of collection.
- Containers and any material not collected **MUST** be removed from the curbside no later than 7 p.m. on your collection day
- Container or bag is more than 91 cm (3ft.) in height by 61 cm (2 ft.) in diameter and/or has an affixed lid
- Materials must **NOT** be placed at the curbside in an uncontained pile
- Containers or bags weigh more than 22.7 kg (50 lbs)
- Materials must be removed immediately from the curbside

**OVER LIMIT**

- Your property is over the maximum garbage container/bag limit of \_\_\_\_ per collection
- Property does not have a diaper exemption

**BULKY GOODS/LARGE ITEMS**

- Residents of single-family, semi-detached or properties with six units or less are required to:  
Complete the online booking form at [niagararegion.ca/waste](http://niagararegion.ca/waste) or call GFL 1-855-971-4550 at least **2 BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE** of your regular collection day to arrange a **FREE** pick up.
- A maximum of four items can be booked for collection
- Large item pick up is not available for:
  - Apartments with 7 or more units
  - Mixed use properties (commercial and residential)
  - Commercial, industrial or institutional properties

Waste Info-Line  
905-356-4141 or 1-800-594-5542  
Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Niagara Region**  
[niagararegion.ca/waste](http://niagararegion.ca/waste)

## SCHEDULE B

### FRIENDLY REMINDER NOTICE



#### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Household Hazardous Waste. Accepted **FREE** of charge at Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Commercial material not accepted.
- Syringes and sharps
- Automotive parts and tires
- Electronics, appliances and metal household items
- Construction, renovation or demolition materials. Materials can be taken directly to the landfill. Disposal fees will apply.
- Garbage containing recycling, Green Bin or Leaf & Yard Materials

#### BLUE/GREY BOX

- Mixed Blue and Grey Box materials are **NOT** acceptable
- Material not accepted in recycling program
- All plastic bags and recyclable plastic film and outer-wrap must be placed inside one plastic bag (not loose) in the Grey Box
- Cardboard must be bundled together and no larger than 91 cm (3 ft.) x 91 cm (3 ft.) x 91 cm (3 ft.)

#### GREEN BIN/LEAF & YARD/BRANCHES

- Grass not collected curbside
  - Sod, soil, stumps, gravel are not collected curbside
  - Liquid material is not permitted in the Green Bin
  - Material must **NOT** be placed in plastic bags or cardboard boxes for collection
  - Loose materials including leaves and branches are not accepted
  - Branches are only collected on designed collection weeks. The next collection week in your area is
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- Branches **MUST** be tied in bundles no longer than 1.5 m (5 ft.) and no wider than 0.5 m (1.6 ft.). Individual branches cannot exceed 7 cm (2.7 in.) in diameter.

#### NOTES/COMMENTS