

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

BY-LAW NO.

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

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

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; and

WHEREAS Section 11(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, ("the Act") provides that an upper tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting waste management subject to the requirements set out in the Act; and

WHEREAS By-law No. 145-1999 was passed by Regional Council and was amended by By-laws No. 39-2001, 88-2001, 28-2002 and 79-2003, and these by-laws have been in place to regulate the use of the waste management system for the Regional Municipality of Niagara; and

WHEREAS Regional Council wishes to revise and update the By-law providing for the use of the Region's Solid Waste Management System;

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 “Area Municipality” means any one of the municipality or corporation 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;
  - 1.2 “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 program will continue to evolve as new methods and Materials emerge. These changes will be implemented on an “As Designated” basis;
  - 1.3 “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;
  - 1.4 “Blue Box Material” means recyclable material that is collected under the Blue Box Program. The material includes:
    - (a) glass bottles and jars, including all glass containers which previously contained a food or beverage product;
    - (b) metal food and beverage cans, including all hard shell steel or aluminum containers which previously contained a food or beverage product;
    - (c) empty metal or plastic paint cans with lids removed;
    - (d) aluminum foil meaning food wrap, food packaging and kitchenware such as pie plates made from a thin sheet of aluminum;
    - (e) plastic containers which previously contained a non-hazardous consumer product, excluding empty, capped motor oil containers, and including Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE #1) bottles, High Density Polyethylene (HDPE #2) tubs and lids, or bottles, Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE #4) plastic tubs and lids, Polypropylene (PP #5) plastic tubs and lids or Polystyrene (PS #6) rigid foam packaging;
    - (f) gable-top containers (milk or juice) and aseptic packaging (juice box etc);
    - (g) spiral wound containers (frozen juice or containerized chips) with metal lids on bottom and paper sides; and
    - (h) other Material As Designated;
  - 1.5 “Brush” means woody material including twigs, tree limbs or branches;

- 1.6 “Bulky Goods” means large household items (but not White Goods) and other material As Designated, including but not limited to:
- (a) Artificial Christmas trees;
  - (b) barbecues;
  - (c) box springs and mattresses;
  - (d) couches;
  - (e) floor lamps;
  - (f) furniture;
  - (g) microwave ovens;
  - (h) pool covers and solar blankets;
  - (i) carpets or rugs in compact rolls/bundles not exceeding 1.5 m (4.5 feet) in length and 0.76 m (2.5 feet) in diameter; and
  - (j) other household items that cannot fit in a Garbage Container;
- 1.7 “Christmas trees” means naturally grown evergreen trees without tinsel, decorations, ornaments or tree lights;
- 1.8 “Christmas trees, Artificial” means trees manufactured from man made material;
- 1.9 “Collectible” means material which may be collected at Curbside pursuant to this By-law;
- 1.10 “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;
- 1.11 “Council” means the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara;
- 1.12 “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;
- 1.13 “Eligible Property” means a Premises of Types A, B or C as set out in 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; and
  - (b) the Owners of the Premises are not in Non-compliance with this By-law; and
  - (c) the only Material set out for Curbside collection is material generated on that Premises;

- 1.14 “Friendly Reminder” means a written notice by the Region, in a form similar to that set out in Schedule C 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, to address Non-compliance;
- 1.15 “Garbage” means all non-hazardous, solid, residual waste which, for purposes of Curbside 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;
- 1.16 “Garbage Container” means a waterproof bag, bundle, receptacle, can, or such other container As Designated, for the storing and setting out of garbage. It does not include cardboard boxes;
- 1.17 “Green Bin Container” means a container such as the Green Bin or the smaller kitchen catcher available from the Region, or approved alternative, used for the storing and/or setting out of Green Bin Material;
- 1.18 “Green Bin Material” means compostible 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), tissue paper, paper towels and napkins, paper egg cartons, paper coffee cups, dryer lint, soiled newspaper, cooled fireplace ashes, brown paper bags, saw dust, wood shavings, paper take-out trays, kitty litter or pet waste;
- 1.19 “Grey 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 Grey Box Material;
- 1.20 “Grey Box Material” means recyclable material that is collected as part of the Grey Box Program. The material includes:
- (a) books, soft-covered, and hard-covered with the covers removed;
  - (b) boxboard (non-waxed, such as cereal boxes);
  - (c) cardboard (non-waxed);
  - (d) junk mail and fine paper;
  - (e) newspapers and inserts;
  - (f) plastic bags (grocery or other plastic consumer wrapping) or plastic film placed in a securely-tied plastic bag;
  - (g) shredded paper placed in a securely-tied, see-through plastic bag;
  - (h) telephone books and magazines, including catalogues and all glossy publications; and
  - (i) other material As Designated;

- 1.21 “Leaf and Yard Material” means leaves, grass, weeds, trimmings, and other material As Designated, but does not include brush, soil, dirt or sod;
- 1.22 “Leaf and Yard Material Container” means reusable, rigid, open-top containers or paper bags As Designated by the Region;
- 1.23 “MPAC” means the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation;
- 1.24 “Material” is the broadest categorization of all that a person or Owner wishes to dispose of either in Curbside collection or at a Regional Drop-off Location. Subcategories of Material for Curbside collection are Collectible Material, including Recyclables and Non-Recyclables, to be prepared according to the class instructions in this By-law, and excluded Non-Collectible 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;
- 1.25 “Non-Collectible 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, R.R.O. 1990, under the *Environmental Protection Act* or any successor legislation;
  - (b) prohibited material as defined under the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992*, or any successor legislation;
  - (c) pathological waste, as defined and regulated in Ontario Regulation 347, R.R.O. 1990, under the *Environmental Protection Act* 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, R.R.O. 1990, under the *Environmental Protection Act* or any successor legislation;
  - (j) sealed metal drums or barrels;

- (k) other material as prohibited in any relevant Certificate of Approval issued by the Ministry of the Environment under the relevant legislation;
  - (l) Sharps;
  - (m) construction, renovation or demolition material including windows; and
  - (n) other material As Designated;
- 1.26 “Non-Compliant” means material not prepared for Curbside collection or Regional Drop-Off Location deposit in accordance with the requirements set out in this By-law. “Non-Compliance” has the related meaning;
- 1.27 “Owner” means an owner, occupant, lessee, tenant or any other person in charge or in control of an Eligible Property or other Premises;
- 1.28 “Pet Waste” means animal excrement generated by household pets such as, but not limited to, cats and dogs;
- 1.29 “Premises” means land and buildings in the geographic area of Niagara Region together considered as a property and controlled by an Owner. A Premises may be made up of multiple units for the purposes of Schedule A;
- 1.30 “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;
- 1.31 “Regional Drop-Off Location” (“RDOL”) means a temporary or permanent location set up by the Region for drop-off of Material including but not limited to a location where Drop-off/Recycling, Composting, Household Hazardous Waste Collection or Landfilling occurs. It shall also include a closed Waste Disposal Site;
- 1.32 “Scavenge” means to search through, pick over or remove objects or material set out for Curbside collection or deposited at a Regional Drop-off Location;
- 1.33 “Sharps” means medical or veterinary equipment intended for the purpose of cutting or piercing and includes medical needles or syringes;
- 1.34 “Waste Disposal Site” means as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. E.19, or any successor legislation (“Environmental Protection Act”); and

- 1.35 “White Goods” means major household appliances such as stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, water tanks, air-conditioning units, heat-pumps, refrigeration units or freezer units and other material As Designated.

## **PART II – CURBSIDE COLLECTION**

### **2. General Collection Provision**

- 2.1 The Region shall provide for collection of all Collectible Material from Eligible Property in the Region according to the terms of this By-law and subject to other terms As Designated.
- 2.2 No Owner shall be eligible for Curbside collection unless the Owner complies with this By-law and other terms As Designated.

### **3. Classes of Curbside Collectible Material**

#### **3.1 The Classes of Curbside Collectible 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;
- vii. White Goods; and
- viii. other recyclable Material As Designated; and

##### **(b) Non-Recyclable Material:**

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

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

### **4. Separate According to Class and Class Provisions**

- 4.1 If Curbside 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 Curbside Collectible Material according to the provisions in sections 5 through 14 of this By-law relevant to each Class of Material.

5. Brush

5.1 Brush set out for Curbside collection:

(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.

6. Bulky Goods

6.1 Bulky Goods are only collectible from Type A units of Premises as defined in Schedule A to this By-law.

6.2 Bulky Goods set out for Curbside collection:

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

(b) shall not include construction, demolition or renovation material.

6.3 The Owner must arrange in advance with the Region for the scheduled collection of Bulky Goods As Designated. Information on how to schedule collection is available from the sources noted in section 50 of this By-law.

6.4 Artificial Christmas trees shall be set out for scheduled Curbside collection as Bulky Goods.

6.5 Items which can fit within a regular Garbage Container should not be disposed of as Bulky Goods, but as Garbage.

6.6 Bulky Goods Curbside collection is available on occasion to dispose of normal household items in the normal course of waste generation activity and is not to be used to dispose of entire dwelling unit contents.



7. Christmas Trees

7.1 Christmas trees shall be set out for Curbside collection without wrapping, bagging, tinsel, decorations or lights, in accordance with the schedule of collection days and times As Designated.

8. Blue and Grey Box Material

8.1 Blue and Grey Box Material shall be set out for Curbside collection as follows:

(a) packaged:

- i. in designated recyclable containers (Blue Box or Grey Box) available from the Region; or
- ii. in clearly marked, reusable, solid-walled, rigid containers with handles; or
- iii. in see-through plastic bags; or
- iv. bundled 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 for cardboard or paper or newspaper and not exceeding a weight of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); or
- v. in the case of plastic bags and/or plastic film, by placing all loose plastic bags or plastic film in one securely tied plastic bag; and

(b) in a container:

- i. not exceeding a size of up to 91 cm (3 feet) in height by 61 cm (2 feet) in width by 61 cm (2 feet) in depth; and
- ii. not exceeding a weight (of container and material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and

(c) such that the contents shall not exceed the limits of the top of the Blue or Grey Box; and

(d) in such a way that it is clearly separated from any other class of material set out for Curbside collection on the same Premises.

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

9. Leaf and Yard Material

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

- (a) packaged in rigid, reusable, open containers or compostible paper bags or compostible plastic bags As Designated:
  - i. not exceeding 100 cm (39 inches) in height by 76 cm (30 inches) in diameter; and
  - ii. not exceeding a total weight (of container and Leaf and Yard Material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds.); and
- (b) in such a way as to clearly separate it from any other class of Collectible Material set out for collection on the same Premises.

9.2 Non-compostible plastic bags are not permitted.

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:
  - i. using compostible plastic bags As Designated;
  - ii. in paper bags;
  - iii. wrapped in newspaper; or
  - iv. loosely; or
- (b) in other containers labelled "Organics" that do not exceed:
  - i. 91 cm (3 feet) in height by 61 cm (2 feet) in diameter; and
  - ii. a total weight (of container and Green Bin Material together) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and
- (c) in such a way as to clearly separate it from any other class of Collectible 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) are permitted as Green Bin Material.

10.3 Pet waste and kitty litter should be either bagged using small certified compostible plastic bags As Designated, paper bags or wrapped in newspaper before being placed in the Green Bin or other labelled container as above.

11. White Goods

- 11.1 White Goods are only collectible from Type A Premises as defined in Schedule A of this By-law.
- 11.2 White goods with moving doors, in particular, refrigerators, stoves and freezers, shall be set out for collection with their doors removed or secured in such a fashion that they cannot be opened, to address safety concerns about children or animals becoming trapped inside.
- 11.3 Any device bearing Freon/CFC (chlorofluorocarbon) including an air-conditioning, dehumidifier, water cooler, refrigeration or freezer unit shall be set out for collection only with the relevant CFC removal sticker. The Owner of the Premises shall pay to the Region or its authorized vendor the applicable fee as set by the Region, together with applicable provincial and federal taxes.
- 11.4 The Owner must arrange in advance with the Region for the scheduled collection of White Goods As Designated. Information on how to schedule collection is available from the sources noted in section 50 of this By-law.

12. Garbage

- 12.1 Material not included in the other Classes of Collectible Material of this By-law shall be set out for collection as Garbage:
  - (a) packaged in a Garbage Container:
    - i. not exceeding a size of 91 cm (3 feet) in height by 61 cm (2 feet) in diameter; and
    - ii. not exceeding a weight (of container and waste) of 22.7 kg (50 pounds); and
    - iii. equipped with handles; 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 Collectible Material set out for collection on the same Premises; and
  - (d) if required by this By-law, with the relevant garbage tag affixed; and
  - (e) containing no other Classes of Curbside Collectible Material including but not limited to Leaf and Yard Material, Green Bin Material, Blue Box Material and Grey Box 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 prior to collection.
  - 12.3 Garbage that is Non-Compliant, or which contains other classes of Curbside Collectible Material and/or Non-Collectible Material, will not be collected.
13. Glass Shards as Garbage
- 13.1 Glass shards resulting from broken mirrors, dishes, picture frames or other household glass, not including windows, are Curbside collectible as Garbage 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; and
    - (b) labelled appropriately (i.e. "Broken Glass").
  - 13.2 A container of glass shards counts toward the Garbage Container limit of a Premises.
14. Curbside Collection Limits and Procedure for Extras
- 14.1 The maximum number of Garbage Containers which may be collected from different types of Premises shall be as set out in Schedule A to this By-law, except:
    - (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. for a disposable Garbage Container, in a location clearly visible to the collection contractor on the outside of the container; or
      - ii. for a non-disposable Garbage Container, in a clearly visible location readily seen upon removal of the container's lid.

- 14.2 The maximum number of recycling containers 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 a Type A unit, an Owner may set out for collection unlimited recycling containers;
  - (b) for a Type B or Type C Premises, the recycling container limit shall be as determined on a per Premises basis by the Region in order to provide efficient collection service.
- 14.3 In all cases, the Material collected in Curbside collection must be Material generated at the self-contained unit for a Type A property or on the Premises for a Type B or C property.
- 14.4 Collection limits for types of Premises are determined using the property classification identified by MPAC. Types of Premises are identified correlative to the property classifications used by MPAC. In the event of discrepancy, the Region's designation of the Premises type will prevail.

### **PART III – CURBSIDE COLLECTION RESTRICTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **15. Collection Restrictions and Responsibilities**

- 15.1 No person or Owner shall set out nor permit to be set out:
- (a) Non-Collectible Material; or
  - (b) Non-Compliant Material.
- 15.2 The Owner of a Premises shall set out for Curbside collection the Classes of Curbside Collectible Material at the locations, in the manner, and in accordance with the schedules of collection days As Designated. See section 50 of this By-law for further sources of schedule and Material preparation information.
- 15.3 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 to the Owner, cease Curbside collection from the Premises until such time as the Non-compliance is corrected to the satisfaction of the Region.
- 15.4 The Owner of any Premises receiving Curbside collection shall be responsible to ensure that all persons on the Premises who use or expect

to use the Region's Curbside collection service receive and follow the instructional information relating to the service provided by the Region.

16. Curbside Collection Location

16.1 The Owner of a Premises shall set out material for collection by placing it at Curbside in front of the 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.

16.2 No Owner shall set out Material for collection at any Premises except at their own Premises.

17. Curbside Collection Times

17.1 Material shall be set out not earlier than 8:00 p.m. on the day before the designated collection day and not later than 7:00 a.m. on the designated collection day.

17.2 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.

17.3 Material left Curbside before and after collection will be the responsibility of the Owner of the Premises.

18. Acceptable Curbside Containers

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

- (a) maintained in a safe and efficient condition for collection and have handles;
- (b) intact, as required, to prevent spillage or breakage during collection;
- (c) sealed, 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 removed will not be collected.

19. Uncontained Material

19.1 The Owner of a Premises shall not permit material set out for collection to become uncontained for any reason, including weather or animals.

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

20. Ownership

20.1 All properly prepared and separated Collectible Material set out for Curbside collection within the designated times becomes the property of the Region.

20.2 Material set out which is Non-Collectible or Non-Compliant remains the property and responsibility of the owner.

21. Private Property Collection

21.1 The Region may enter private property for collection purposes provided that:

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

- i. have widths, turning radii, means of access, and means of egress meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Region's Policy on Collection of Waste by Way of Entry on Private Property, as amended from time to time;
- ii. 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;
- iii. are clear of snow and ice; and
- iv. provide unobstructed access to the material to be collected; and

(b) the Owner of the private property has entered into a written agreement with the Region in the form As Designated and in accordance with policies set by the Region.

21.2 Wherever practical and as determined by the Region, Material from each private property 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**

### **22. Drop-off of Acceptable Material**

22.1 The Region may establish Regional Drop-off Locations for the drop-off of Acceptable Material as set out in sections 25 to 28 of this By-law.

### **23. Unacceptable Material**

23.1 No person shall drop off, or permit to be dropped off, Unacceptable Material at a Regional Drop-off Location.

23.2 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 27;
- (b) ammunition;
- (c) dangerous chemical waste;
- (d) liquid waste with the exception of certain Household Hazardous Waste categories as set out in section 27;
- (e) pathological waste with the exception of Sharps;
- (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 27;
- (h) leachate toxic waste;
- (i) mattresses, with the exception of those Curbside collected or residential self-haul;
- (j) PCB waste;
- (k) carcasses of dogs, cats, fowl and other such creatures, or parts thereof;
- (l) live animals or birds;
- (m) human excrement;
- (n) steel barrels, unless the lid is removed and the barrel is empty and dry;
- (o) automotive parts, not including automobile tires; and
- (p) other Material As Designated.



24. Acceptable Material

24.1 Not all Regional Drop-off Locations will receive all type 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.

25. Acceptable Drop-off/Recycling Material

25.1 Acceptable Material for Drop-off/Recycling is:

- (a) automobile tires (maximum four per trip);
- (b) batteries, either single use alkaline or rechargeable;
- (c) Blue Box Material;
- (d) Bulky Goods;
- (e) clothing for re-use;
- (f) Collectible Material;
- (g) construction, renovation and demolition material, including drywall, wood, metal, PVC pipe and other building materials;
- (h) electronics;
- (i) Garbage;
- (j) Grey Box Material;
- (k) household items for re-use including small appliances and toys and other such goods;
- (l) White Goods; and
- (m) 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 50 for further information.

26. Acceptable Composting Material

26.1 Acceptable Material for Composting is:

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

26.2 There may be locations where less than this full list may be Acceptable. Consult the sources listed in section 50 for further information.

27. Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Collection Material

27.1 Acceptable Material for Household Hazardous Waste Collection is:

- (a) aerosol cans;
- (b) antifreeze;
- (c) batteries (all types);
- (d) bbq propane tanks;
- (e) corrosive cleaners including inorganic bases and inorganic oxidizers;
- (f) fertilizers and other inorganic oxidizers;
- (g) flammable liquids such as solvents and thinners;
- (h) fluorescent light tubes;
- (i) gasoline;
- (j) medications;
- (k) motor oil;
- (l) oil filters;
- (m) pesticides and herbicides;
- (n) paint;
- (o) paint sludge;
- (p) pharmaceuticals;
- (q) pool chemicals;
- (r) small gas cylinders;
- (s) Sharps in puncture-proof containers; and
- (t) other Material As Designated.

28. Acceptable Landfilling Material

28.1 Acceptable Material for Landfilling is:

- (a) asbestos if prepared as set out in section 29;
- (b) asphalt and concrete;
- (c) Bulky Goods, with the exception of those items which can be re-used or recycled;
- (d) construction, renovation and demolition material;
- (e) Garbage;
- (f) soil or dirt; and
- (g) other Material As Designated.

29. Acceptable Asbestos Preparation and Acceptance Procedures

- 29.1 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.
- 29.2 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.
- 29.3 All asbestos must be contained in a rigid, impermeable, sealed container of sufficient strength to accommodate the weight and nature of the asbestos. If the container is a cardboard box, the asbestos must be placed in a polyethylene bag placed within the box. The container must be free from punctures, tears or leaks. The external surface of the container and the vehicle used for the transport of the asbestos must be free of asbestos.
- 29.4 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.
- 29.5 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.
- 29.6 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 on his/her vehicle.
- 29.7 The asbestos containers shall be placed directly in the designated area which has been prepared by the Region.

30. Material Requiring Special Handling

- 30.1 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.
- 30.2 The unloading of the Material requiring special handling shall be the responsibility of the person dropping it off.

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

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

31. Fees

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

31.2 The fees are set out in the Region's Fees and Charges By-Law No. 64-2006, or as may be amended.

32. Access

32.1 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.

32.2 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 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.

32.3 The Region may further limit access to certain Regional Drop-off Locations As Designated.

32.4 The Region may specify time schedules and pre-deposit conditions for persons seeking access to a Regional Drop-off Location.

32.5 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**

### **33. Drop-off Restrictions**

#### **33.1 The following restrictions apply at Regional Drop-Off Locations:**

- (a) 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;
- (b) all drivers shall identify the Material type and source to the Region's site attendant;
- (c) no Material originating from outside the Region shall be dropped off;
- (d) 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;
- (e) 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;
- (f) 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; or
  - ii. create a nuisance or in any way interfere with the use of a Regional Drop-off Location by any other person;
- (g) no person shall deposit or allow or cause to be deposited Materials except in bins or disposal areas for such purposes;
- (h) all persons shall at all times obey all signs and directions of the Region, its site attendants or staff or contractors' staff;
- (i) all persons shall enter or exit a Regional Drop-off Location by the designated access and exit routes;
- (j) no person shall deposit or permit to be deposited Garbage into recycling bins or composting areas;

- (k) 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.

33.2 (a) On the first occasion of violation of any of the restrictions in section 33.1 above, a written warning notifying the person of his/her violation may be issued by the Region; or

- (b) on the first, second or any subsequent occasion of violation of any of the restrictions in section 33.1 above, the person may be charged with an offence of having violated this By-law and may also be subject to being refused access to Regional Drop-Off Locations.

#### 34. No Trespassing

34.1 No person shall unlawfully enter a Regional Drop-off Location at any time.

34.2 No person shall 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.

34.3 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).

#### 35. Drop-off Responsibilities

35.1 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) 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;
- (f) remove any remaining loose material from vehicles before leaving the unloading areas;
- (g) close and secure, in a manner acceptable to the Region, all unloading doors with chains or acceptable alternatives before departure from the unloading areas;
- (h) ensure that no child, who is under the age of twelve (12) years, and is under the person's care, custody or control, be outside of any vehicle. Any person under 12 years of age and all animals must remain inside the vehicle at all times;
- (i) 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;
- (j) 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;
- (k) 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 thereunder, any relevant Certificates of Approval and any relevant Regional By-laws, Policies, and Procedures; and
- (l) not smoke anywhere on a Regional Drop-Off Location.

36. Refusal

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

37. Safe Loads

37.1 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**

38. Illegal Dumping

38.1 No person shall dump, drop, sweep, throw, cast or otherwise deposit, or permit his/her contractor, agent, employee, minor child under his/her care or control or animal under his/her care or control to dump, drop, sweep, throw, cast or otherwise deposit 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.

38.2 No person shall dump or deposit, or permit his/her contractor, agent, employee, minor child under his/her care or control or animal under his/her care or control to dump or deposit any material generated on a Premises owned or occupied by that person into litter bins on any road or public property.

39. Scavenging

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

39.2 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.

**PART VII – ENFORCEMENT**

40. Friendly Reminders

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

40.2 Notwithstanding any other provision in this By-law, no person shall be charged with an offence for setting out, or permitting to be set out, for Curbside collection, any Garbage that contains no more than 5% by volume of any combination of Leaf and Yard Material, Green Bin Material, Blue Box Material and Grey Box Material.



41. Maximum Fines

41.1 Every person, including a corporation, who contravenes a provision of this By-law, is guilty of an offence and upon conviction thereof is liable to pay a maximum fine of not more than \$100,000 for each and every offence, subject to the exception in section 42 below.

41.2 A director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of a provision of this By-law is also guilty of an offence under this By-law.

42. Special Fines

42.1 In addition to a fine under section 41, 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.

43. Continuing Offences

43.1 In the case of a continuing offence, for each day or part of a day that the offence occurs or continues, the maximum fine shall be \$10,000.

44. Alternative Set Fine Procedure

44.1 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, for the offences enumerated in short form in Schedule B of this By-law.

44.2 Schedule B offences shall not be utilized until the amounts of the fines in Schedule B have been set by the Chief Judge of the Ontario Court (Provincial Division).

45. Order Prohibiting Continuation

45.1 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 46, 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.

46. Remedial Action

- 46.1 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 compliance, and where the person or Owner is made aware of the requirement that a matter or thing related to compliance with this By-law is required to be done by the person or Owner, the Region may forthwith perform the work required to obtain compliance with this By-law.
- 46.2 The Region may invoice the person or Owner for all costs associated with the clean-up work done pursuant to section 46.1 including, but not limited to, court costs, Regional and/or local government administrative and legal fees, contractors' invoices, or interest at a rate of fifteen per cent per annum from the day the Region incurs such costs.
- 46.3 Such costs may be charged and enforced separately or in addition to any By-law enforcement offence charges, not as an alternative to same.
- 46.4 If an invoice is not paid by the person or Owner within 60 days of issuance, recovery of such costs may be by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes.
- 46.5 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.

47. Entry for Enforcement

- 47.1 By-law enforcement officers may enter on private property 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 VIII – GENERAL**

48. Conflict of Laws

- 48.1 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.

49. Schedules

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

50. Further Information on Material Preparation

50.1 More detailed instructions on preparation of Material for Curbside collection or drop-off at 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 Management Services Info-line at 905-356-4141 or 1-800-594-5542.

51. Delegation of Powers to Commissioner of Public Works

51.1 The Commissioner of Public Works or his/her 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 Solid Waste Management system of the Region under this By-law, including but not limited to:

- (a) alteration to the classes and lists of Material in this By-law requiring specific treatment or preparation for Curbside collection or drop-off at Regional Drop-off Locations;
- (b) changes to the forms in use for notification to the public, such as Friendly Reminders;
- (c) changes to the requirements for Material preparation for Curbside collection or drop-off at a Regional Drop-off Location;
- (d) changes to the procedure for scheduling Curbside collection of specialty items such as Bulky Goods or White Goods;
- (e) changes to the private property collection agreements as set out in section 21;
- (f) temporary changes to access, time schedules or opening hours at Regional Drop-off Locations; and
- (g) establishment of such other matters as are necessary for the proper administration of this By-law.

52. Severability

52.1 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.

53. Certificates of Approval

53.1 The provisions of this By-law shall be subject to the terms of the Certificates of Approval 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.

54. References

54.1 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.

55. Short Title of By-law

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

56. Force and Effect Date

56.1 Except as otherwise specified in this By-law, this By-law shall come into force and effect on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

57. Repeal of Prior By-laws

57.1 By-law 145-1999, and amendments thereto being By-law Nos. 39-2001, 88-2001, 28-2002 and 79-2003 of the Region previously providing for solid waste management are hereby revoked and repealed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

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(Peter Partington, Regional Chair)

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(Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk)

Passed: September 4, 2008

**Schedule A**

**CURBSIDE COLLECTIBLE VOLUME LIMITS**

| <b>Garbage Container Limits</b> |   |                                      |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
|                                 | <b>Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)</b>   | <b>Container Limit</b>               |
| A.                              | Smaller Residential Use Premises including: <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>• multi-residential structures with up to 5 self-contained units</li> </ul> | 2 containers per self-contained unit |
| B.                              | Larger Residential Use Premises including multi-residential structures with 6 or more self-contained units  | 12 containers per Premises           |
| C.                              | Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes (even if also used for a residential purpose)  | 7 containers per Premises            |

| <b>Recycling Container Limits</b> |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
|                                   | <b>Type of Premises (as Assessed by MPAC)</b>   | <b>Container Limit</b>                              |
| A.                                | Smaller Residential Use Premises including: <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>• multi-residential structures with up to 5 self-contained units</li> </ul> | Unlimited containers per self-contained unit        |
| B.                                | Larger Residential Use Premises including multi-residential structures with 6 or more self-contained units  | As determined on a per Premises basis by the Region |
| C.                                | Premises used for one or more institutional, commercial or industrial purposes (even if also used for a residential purpose)  | As determined on a per Premises basis by the Region |


## Schedule B

**OFFENCES AND FINES  
PROPOSED SHORT FORM WORDING**

| Item | COLUMN 1<br>Short Form Wording  | COLUMN 2<br>Offence Creating<br>Provision | COLUMN 3<br>Set Fines<br>(Includes<br>Court<br>Costs) |
|------|---|---|---|
| 1.   | Set-out of Non-Collectible or Non-Compliant Material                    | s. 15.1 (a) or (b)                        | \$100   |
| 2.   | Setting out hazardous or pathological material for collection           | s. 15.1 (a)                               | \$500   |
| 3.   | Obstructing road or sidewalk with material                              | s. 16.1                                   | \$250   |
| 4.   | Setting out material at premises other than your own                    | s. 16.2                                   | \$100   |
| 5.   | Setting out waste contrary to specified times                           | s. 17.1                                   | \$75  |
| 6.   | Failing to remove containers after collection                           | s. 17.2                                   | \$75  |
| 7.   | Failing to set out an acceptable container                              | s. 18.1                                   | \$75  |
| 8.   | Failing to ensure containment of material set out for collection        | s. 19.1                                   | \$100   |
| 9.   | Dropping off Unacceptable Material at RDOL                              | s. 23.1                                   | \$500   |
| 10.  | Depositing garbage into recycling bins or composting areas at RDOL      | s. 33.1 (j)                               | \$200   |
| 11.  | Depositing recyclable material in garbage bin or landfill areas at RDOL | s. 33.1 (k)                               | \$100   |
| 12.  | Trespassing at RDOL   | s. 34.1, 34.2, 34.3                       | \$500   |
| 13.  | Failing to follow Drop-off Responsibilities at RDOL                     | s. 35.1 (a-l)                             | \$200   |
| 14.  | Transporting unsafe load  | s. 37.1                                   | \$100   |
| 15.  | Illegal Dumping   | s. 38.1                                   | \$500   |
| 16.  | Dumping privately generated material into public litter bin             | s. 38.2                                   | \$150   |
| 17.  | Scavenging Material set out for collection                              | s. 39.1                                   | \$250   |
| 18.  | Scavenging at a Regional Drop-off Location                              | s. 39.2                                   | \$250   |

Schedule C

FRIENDLY REMINDER NOTICE

**Niagara  Region**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER  
Curbside Collection Services**

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**Dear Property Owner/Tenant: No 7251**

**Failure to comply with the following may result in charges under the Niagara Region's Waste Management By-law No. 145-1999.**

**Enforcement Staff will return to the property on \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure compliance with guidelines noted below.**

**NON-COMPLIANCE SETOUT**

- Materials (garbage, recycling, organics, large household items etc.) can **NOT** be set out prior to 8 PM the evening before scheduled collection, and must be at the curb by 7 AM, the day of collection.
- Waste/recycling receptacles and any materials not collected **MUST** be removed from the curbside no later than 7 PM on your collection day. **Please remove materials and/or receptacles from the curbside no later than \_\_\_\_\_.**

**OVER LIMIT**


- Your property is over the maximum garbage container (bags or cans) limit of \_\_\_\_\_ per week

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Automotive parts or tires, construction, renovation, demolition, sod, soil, stumps or gravel materials are **NOT** collected at the curb. These materials may be taken directly to the landfill. Disposal fees will apply

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is **NOT** collected with regular garbage. HHW is accepted, free of charge, at local mobile HHW events.
- Waste materials can **NOT** be placed out in cardboard boxes for collection.
- Materials can **NOT** be placed at the curbside in an uncontained pile.

**BE ALERT, HELP DIVERT!** 

65% waste from landfill by 2012!

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Waste Management Services Info-line  
905.356.4141 or 1.800.594.5542  
www.regional.niagara.on.ca

**LARGE ITEMS/ APPLIANCES**

- Residents of single-family or semi-detached homes, apartments with 5 units or less are required to call **MODERN & J.W. SHELDRIK**  
**905-262-6000 or 1-800-561-4409**  
**2 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR** to the regular garbage collection day to arrange collection.  
**Free of charge.**

**REFRIGERATION UNITS**

- CFC removal stickers must be purchased and placed on refrigeration units prior to collection

**BLUE/GREY BOX**

- Recycling collection occurs every week, alternating between Blue Box (containers - bottles and cans) and Grey Box (paper, cardboard and plastic bags) **BLUE / GREY BOX** will be collected on your next scheduled recycling collection day. Refer to your collection calendar.
- Mixed blue and grey box materials are not acceptable

**BRANCHES/LEAF AND YARD WASTE**

- Any LOOSE** material including - leaves and branches are **NOT** collected as part of any curbside collection program.
- Branches **MUST** be tied into bundles not larger than 1m (3ft) in length and 0.5m (1.5ft) in width. Individual branches shall not exceed 7cm (3") in diameter.
- Branches must **NOT** be placed in plastic bags
- Branches are collected on designated collection days. The next collection day in your area is: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE**

- Containers (waste, recycling or organic) or bundles weighing more than 22.7kg (50lbs)
- Containers and bags must measure no more than 90 cm (36 in.) in height by 60 cm (24 in.) in diameter
- Waste containing recyclables, food or yard materials.

**Did you know that you can significantly reduce your household waste and protect the local environment simply by using your Blue, Grey and Green bins?**

For more information go to the Region's website  
[www.regional.niagara.on.ca](http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca)  
click on "living" and from the drop down menu select "Garbage and Recycling"

Refer to the collection calendar for more information.

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