2013 Collection Guide

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

YES

- Partially filled/bad containers
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (all types)
- Bleach and chlorine
- Fertilizers & pesticides

NO

- Ammunition
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Construction and renovation materials

Flammable/Combustible
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- Paint
- Tires
- Chemicals

Inert
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- Heavy Metals

Special Handling Items
- Pool chemicals
- Medications
- Fish tanks
- House hold waste

Branches & Christmas Trees

Acceptable size and weight limits:
- Branches must beinhaed in bundles
- Maximum weight of bundle = 227 kg (500 lbs.)
- Maximum size of bundle = 1.5 m (5 ft.) in length and 0.5 m (1.6 ft.) in diameter
- Individual branches inside of bundles must not exceed 7 cm (2.8 in.) in diameter

Large Household Items & Appliances

Branches will be collected on your regular collection day, during these consecutive weeks in spring and fall:
- May 14-20
- May 21-27
- May 28-June 3
- June 14-20
- June 21-27
- June 28-July 4

Large Household Items
- Mattresses
- Two-spring and boxspring mattresses
- Chairs and benches
- Desks and tables
- Electronics
- Furniture

Appliances and Metal
- Washers and dryers
- Refrigerators, freezers, metal appliances
- Racks, motor equipment
- Ovens
- HVAC system

Refrigeration Units
- Air conditioners
- Freezers
- Orcharders
- Refrigerators

Refrigeration units must have a CFC container sticker affixed to the unit, prior to being collected. CFC removal tickets are available for $2.50 at waste outlets across Niagara Region. For more information visit our website or call the Waste Info Line for a list of outlets.

Environment Day

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Catharines/Thorold
Niagara Region Headquarters
Parking Lot
3501 Schmon Parkway
Thorold

Environment Day gives Niagara residents an opportunity to drop off materials, such as electronics, crayons, metals and tires, at a designated area for recycling and reuse.

Recycling Tune-up

Although your grocery bags and recyclable film/outdoor-wrap (i.e. dry cleaner bags, outdoor-wrap from pop cans, toilet tissue packaging and paper towel packaging) are made of plastic, these materials must be placed in your Grey Box.

Why?

Plastic, bags and recyclable film/outdoor-wrap can be recovered from the Grey Box sorting line much easier than from the Blue Box sorting line where it can be highly contaminated with food residues and be compacted between metal and glass materials. Placing plastic bags, film and outdoor-wrap into the Grey Box means more plastic is recycled!

How Can You Help?

Place your plastic bags and recyclable film/outdoor-wrap together inside one plastic bag, tie the handles together and then place it in the Grey Box where it will be easily sorted from newspapers, boxboard and cardboard.

Remember your “Blue Box Ins and Outs” when preparing your recyclables. Properly sorting your materials will help offset the cost of waste management services and help keep valuable materials out of the landfill.

Test your recycling knowledge by playing the Blue Box Ins and Outs game at www.niagararegion.ca/waste.

Recycling Schedule

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) can be found in many places in your home. Many common household products contain chemicals that if not disposed of properly can pose a threat to humans, animals and our natural environment. Throughout the year, Niagara Region offers residents opportunities to drop off their household hazardous waste on designated HHW event days.

In 2013, Niagara Region has changed its household hazardous waste even schedule. The Region will still offer HHW events in municipalities throughout Niagara during the year; however the event calendar has changed. Please see the HHW schedule on the back page of this calendar for new event dates and details.

The Region encourages residents to continue to properly dispose of their hazardous household materials through HHW events. Residents may also visit www.makedropoff.ca and the Region’s online Enviro Guide at www.niagararegion.ca/waste to find alternative drop-off locations.

For more information, call the Waste Management Info-Line at 905-356-4141 or 1-800-594-5542

www.niagararegion.ca/waste

NEW 2013 HHW SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE!

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Call 905-227-7771 or toll free 1-855-227-7771, at least two working days before your regular garbage day, to arrange collection of large household items and appliances. Collection is restricted to large household items and appliances only, not extra garbage generated from cleaning out your home or as a result of a move.
Do not place “composite” and “coated” packaging, such as gift wrap, chip bags and plastic coated pet food bags, in your Blue Box or Grey Box.

Why? Items that are made from a combination of different materials cannot be recycled, placed in your Blue Box or Grey Box, they contain the recyclable material.

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Top 10 Recycling Tips

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1. Put all your loose plastic bags, outer-wrap and plastic film inside one plastic bag, tie the bag firmly and place in your Grey Box.

2. Empty any remaining liquid from beverage containers, flatten large plastic bottles (one litre or greater) and replace the cap before placing in your Blue box. Please close lids tightly before placing in your Grey Box.

Why? Beverage containers are separated from other containers at the recycling facility by optical sensors and air jets. Liquid left in a container makes it too heavy to be picked up by the air jets and the bottle has to be manually sorted off the line. Loose plastic caps are too small to be captured in the recycling facility and become part of the garbage stream.

3. Place only bottle glass in your Blue Box. Non-bottle glass, such as drinking glasses, wine glasses and mirrors must be placed in your Grey Box.

Why? Glass bottles and jars are pure glass and can be readily recycled into their original glass products. Re-use bottles of glass, such as drinking glasses and mirrors, contain additives, such as lead, that contaminate the recyclable glass. Recycled products containing lead glass should be wrapped in paper or plastic and placed in a cardboard box marked ‘glass’. Broken glass for collection by calling 905-227-7777 or 1-855-227-7777 at least two working days before your regular garbage day.

4. Place beverage containers (juice and milk drinks and drinks in box) in your Blue Box.

Why? These recyclable containers are processed as part of the Blue Box container stream. If they are placed in your Grey Box they contaminate the paper stream which reduces the quality and value of the paper going to end markets. If the percentage of contamination becomes too high, it also decreases the chances that the material will be recycled at all!

5. Rinse all recyclable food containers before placing them in your Blue Box.

Why? The weight of the left-over food can prevent the container from being properly recycled and the resulting recycling facility output loses the container not being recycled at all. By rinsing your recyclables you will also reduce the chance of attracting bugs and rodents.

For additional information on how to sort your recycling visit www.niagararegion.ca/waste and look for the “Where does it go?” search tool.