

Frequently Asked Questions



SECOND and FINAL NOTICE

WHAT IS AUTOMATED COLLECTION?

Automated collection is a system where a specially-designed truck picks up the wheelie bin, empties it, and then returns it to its original position.

WHY SWITCH TO A WHEELIE BIN?

On February 29, 2016, the Ministry of the Environment closed the Ellice Landfill because it had reached its life-time capacity. Since that time, the Township of Perth East has been operating the ONLY remaining landfill located in the former ward of South Easthope which is considered for renaming the Perth East Landfill. The life expectancy is estimated at 17 years, however Council has an initiative to extend this to 34 years! Perth East is the last member municipality in Perth County to implement this system. Switching to the wheelie bin is enabling the community to improve its waste diversion performance and save landfill space for the long term. While providing a cleaner community with less litter, the wheelie bin system also improves efficiency and protects workers from injury and the potential of handling dangerous materials.

Other actions in our plan to increase the life expectancy of the landfill include:

- a) The Township has purchased a compactor to maximize the landfill space.
- b) A residential drop off area is planned to be constructed at the Landfill to divert even more materials.
- c) Compost yard waste – several attractive composters are available at reasonable rates from the TWP office and can be viewed at www.pertheast.ca
- d) Donate items to others before you throw them out.

Remember that burning of household garbage is strictly prohibited and fines are in effect.

DO I NEED TO BUY THE BINS?

No, every residence will be provided with a bin. The wheelie bins will remain the property of the Bluewater Recycling Association and will be replaced at the end of their life cycle. However, there is an annual fee for waste collection services based on the size of waste bin you request.

CAN I USE MY EXISTING GARBAGE BIN OR CAN?

No, because only new wheelie bins are compatible with the automated collection trucks. However, while your new containers will be delivered this May, you need to continue to use your current containers until the new program officially starts with the specialized vehicles and wheelie bins the week of June 5th.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BINS?

Residents are responsible for keeping their bins clean and secure, and returning their bins to their property after collection. If damage or vandalism of the bins results from negligence, residents may be responsible for the replacement cost. Lost, stolen or damaged bins should be immediately reported to the Association for replacement. Please call **1-800-265-9799** to report your issue.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WHEELIE BINS WHEN I MOVE?

Wheelie bins should remain at your current property, and should not be moved. Each bin has a code which is associated to the residential address to which it was delivered. If you move, the bins should be emptied, cleaned and left at the original residence. Ensure they are in a secure location, such as a garage or shed.

New Automated Collection Service



**CLEANER
SAFER
EASIER**

COMING JUNE 5TH

ACTION REQUIRED

Each residential property will be delivered a small waste bin and a large recycling bin unless we hear from you. **You must contact the Bluewater Recycling Association at 519.228.6678 or 1.800.265.9799 ext.243 or info@bra.org by April 12th to receive a different size and/or additional bins. The program is mandatory for all properties with a residence.**

Participation is optional for institutional, commercial, industrial, or multiresidential sites. As such, no bins will be delivered to you unless you have contacted the Bluewater Recycling Association.

Waste & Recycling Container Option Chart

YOUR WASTE, YOUR CHOICE

We offer three different sizes for waste, each with a different fee. You have two options for the recycling containers and they have no fees attached. You can view them on display at the municipal office. You need to select the size that will fulfill your regular needs with some room for occasional variations. By default, you will receive a small waste bin and a large recycling bin.



SMALL BIN
Capacity: 35 Gallons (120 litres)
Bag Equivalent: Up to 2 Bags
Dimensions: 39" x 20" x 23"
Maximum Weight: 120 lbs
Waste Fee: \$100 per year

RECYCLING BINS HAVE NO FEE



MEDIUM BIN
Capacity: 65 Gallons (240 litres)
Bag Equivalent: Up to 4 Bags
Dimensions: 41" x 27" x 28"
Maximum Weight: 220 lbs
Waste Fee: \$185 per year



LARGE BIN
Capacity: 95 Gallons (360 litres)
Bag Equivalent: Up to 6 Bags
Dimensions: 45" x 29" x 34"
Maximum Weight: 320 lbs
Waste Fee: \$270 per year



Container design and dimensions are approximate and subject to change without notice.

What will Change? What do I have to do?

NEW AUTOMATED COLLECTION SERVICE

The council for the Township of Perth East, has accepted a proposal from the Bluewater Recycling Association that will upgrade the current waste and recycling program to a new automated collection service scheduled to begin the week of June 5.

Rolling wheelie bins relieve residents of moving heavy cans and bags, keep animals out, and are supplied by the Association. While providing a cleaner community with less litter, the wheelie bin system also improves efficiency and protects workers from injury and the potential of handling dangerous materials. You will no longer need to buy garbage bags or replacement blue boxes.

Each home will be provided with a small wheelie bin for waste and a large one for recyclables. It will enable this enhanced, cleaner, and more efficient service to begin. All residential customers are required to use the new bin system to participate in the municipal collection program. Individuals generating few recyclables may request the medium bin for recycling.

You can request one of the two larger bins for waste, if needed. The medium bin holds up to four bags of waste. It is suitable for those generating up to three normal waste bags per collection with the occasional extra bag providing some flexibility. Our large bin is our largest container issued for large waste generators. It is the perfect size for businesses and small apartment buildings who produce up to 6 bags of garbage per collection, or for those who wish to put out their materials less frequently.

The waste and recycling collection frequency will change to biweekly and the collection day may change. Service will be upgraded to both sides of the street in urban areas, where possible.

Users will pay an annual fee for collection services billed through the tax bill based on the size of container used for waste.

No more bag tags will be needed on collection day. Any extra tags can be refunded at the municipal office from June 5 until December 31, 2017. There is still no fee for recycling.

