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About Waste Management services in Oxford County



Oxford County is responsible for curbside garbage collection for approximately 52,000 households across all eight area municipalities. Garbage collection is provided by the Township of South-West Oxford and City of Woodstock in those communities. In all other municipalities, waste is collected by a third-party contractor.

About the Wasteline newsletter

Beginning in 2026, the Wasteline newsletter will be published two times a year, replacing the annual Wasteline calendar. The new Wasteline newsletter provides important updates and announcements on Waste Management services provided by Oxford County. Please keep it handy for reference.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions on this newsletter. Please fill out our online feedback form by January 31, 2026 for a chance to win 10 bag tags. To take part, scan the QR code on the top right or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/wastelinesurvey2025-2

To send questions or feedback at any time, email info@wasteline.ca

Learn more at oxfordcounty.ca/wasteline

Holiday collection schedule



Municipality	Regular collection day	New collection day
Township of Norwich	Thursday, December 25, 2025	Saturday, December 27, 2025
Township of East Zorra-Tavistock - South of Braemar Sideroad		
Township of Norwich	Thursday, January 1, 2026	Saturday, January 3, 2026
Township of East Zorra-Tavistock - South of Braemar Sideroad		
Blandford-Blenheim, Ingersoll, South-West Oxford, Tillsonburg, Zorra and East-Zorra Tavistock - North of Braemar Sideroad	No changes	No changes
Woodstock	Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Monday, December 22, 2025
 For updates on Woodstock schedules please scan the QR code	Thursday, December 25, 2025	Tuesday, December 23, 2025
	Friday, December 26, 2025	Monday, December 29, 2025
	Thursday, January 1, 2026	Refer to new 6-day schedule for next collection day

Get ready for winter collection

Remember, garbage bags and containers must be placed at the end of your driveway or at the curb during winter months. Do not place these on snowbanks or sidewalks. Instead, clear an area free of ice and snow so it can be safely collected by drivers, away from pedestrians, snowplows and vehicles.

For the new green bins that will be in use starting January 2026, Waste Management recommends storing these indoors until collection day in the winter. If you are storing your bin outside, we suggest placing a cardboard egg carton on the bottom of the bin to keep material from freezing to it.

Curbside garbage collection



New bag tag fee starts in January

Garbage bag tag fees in Oxford County are increasing to \$3.00 effective January 1, 2026. This is the first price increase to bag tags in 10 years and is necessary to cover rising costs of curbside garbage collection.

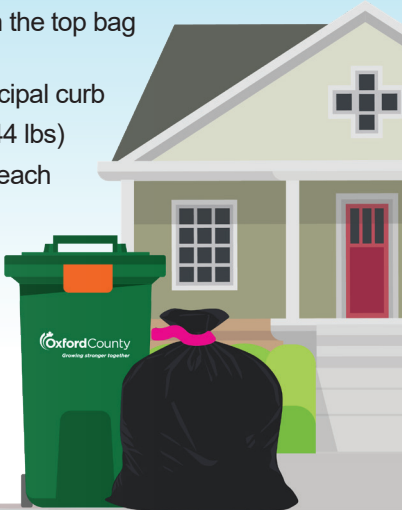
Please note you can continue to use your pink bag tags purchased in 2025 into 2026. They will not expire.



For a list of locations to buy bag tags, visit online at oxfordcounty.ca/bagtags

Set it out right

- Set your bags or containers at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day
- Securely wrap bag tags around the neck of each garbage bag and stick the ends flat together so both ends are visible
- If you are using a container, please place bag tag(s) on the top bag inside the container
- Keep containers no further than 1 metre from the municipal curb
- Keep the weight of each container/bag under 20 kgs (44 lbs)
 - » 1 bag tag for each garbage bag up to 76 x 96 cm or each rigid container up to 128 litres
 - » 2 bag tags are needed for each rigid container with a volume between 129 and 240 litres
- All garbage must be contained in a bag, not loose in a container
- Use only the issued 45-litre green bin for organic waste (no bag tag required)
- Only certified compostable bags and paper bags may be used in green bins



Green bin (organics) program and six-day collection cycles

Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Zorra join the green bin organics program and move to six-day collection cycles starting in May 2027.

The new green bin (organics) program begins in South-West Oxford and Woodstock in January 2026. More information, including an organics sorting guide, can be found at www.oxfordcounty.ca/greenbin

New to Woodstock will be the start of a six-day curbside collection cycle. (South-West Oxford already follows a six-day collection cycle.) Under this type of collection schedule, your collection day moves forward by one day from week to week, skipping weekends and holidays. This type of schedule has been proven to reduce the cost and environmental impact of curbside collection.

Collection routes and schedules for 2026 have been included with this newsletter. For collection inquiries or issues, please contact:

City of Woodstock
519-539-2382
ext. 3102 or 3104

Township of South-West Oxford
519-485-0477

Oxford County – All
1-800-755-0394
ext. 3159



If you are a resident of South-West Oxford or Woodstock and have not received your green bin and program information, please contact Oxford County at 1-800-755-0394, ext. 3159 or info@wasteline.ca

Buy containers



Watch the video



Blue box recycling: Who to call



Starting January 2026, producers and retailers who generate paper and packaging materials in Ontario will be responsible for residential recycling (blue box) collection. Municipalities will no longer be responsible for providing this service.

Please check the Circular Materials website for information about blue box recycling in your community: www.circularmaterials.ca/oxford-county



Business recycling

When the new provincial changes take effect, small businesses, commercial and institutional properties, not-for-profit or public sector organizations that received blue box collection under the municipal program will no longer receive this service. To fill this gap, Oxford County is offering blue box collection to these organizations to promote waste diversion and a circular economy.



Businesses that would like to join Oxford County's recycling program must register online at www.oxfordcounty.ca/business-recycling

