



# Recycling, Organics and Waste Collection Schedule



2022

# Mayor's Message

In 2021, the City of St. Thomas was pleased to take part in the 2nd Provincial Day of Action on Litter. Once again, COVID-19 changed plans for a community clean up. Several individuals and smaller groups took part and cleaned up neighbourhoods and trails. We thank you for your continued efforts to keep our City clean.



It is a pleasure to present the St. Thomas 2022 Waste Management calendar. This guide contains important information about recycling, organics and waste collection guidelines, as well as important reminders. On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank all residents and businesses for supporting our waste diversion efforts. Your participation makes a positive difference in our community and environment.

*Joe Preston*



# Collection Essentials

Follow these handy do's and don'ts to ensure your items are collected every time.

- **DO** set out garbage/recycling or organics by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- **DO** ensure any bungee cords or other restraints are removed from your containers prior to collection.
- **DON'T** put any recyclables in your garbage; place it in your Blue/Gray Box instead. Refer to Page 3 for your Recycling Guide.
- **DO** ensure that your green cart does not contain any garbage, dirt, or sod and the weight does not exceed 91kg (200lbs).
- **DON'T** place any household hazardous waste (HHW) or other banned items out for collection.
- **DO** ensure your recyclable material is separated into Paper and Containers.
- **DON'T** place shredded paper 'loose' in your Blue Box; place in a clear bag with tied handles.
- **DO** ensure that any broken glass is placed in a sealed box labelled 'Broken Glass' and put out with your garbage.
- **DO** ensure that your garbage and recycling containers and contents are not heavier than 20kg (45lbs) each.

Each truck (and its crew) collects from hundreds of households each day. Following these tips will help them collect your items smoothly and efficiently, every time.



## How to Use This Calendar

1. Locate the area in which you live on the map on the next page and determine your collection day and A or B alternate week designation.

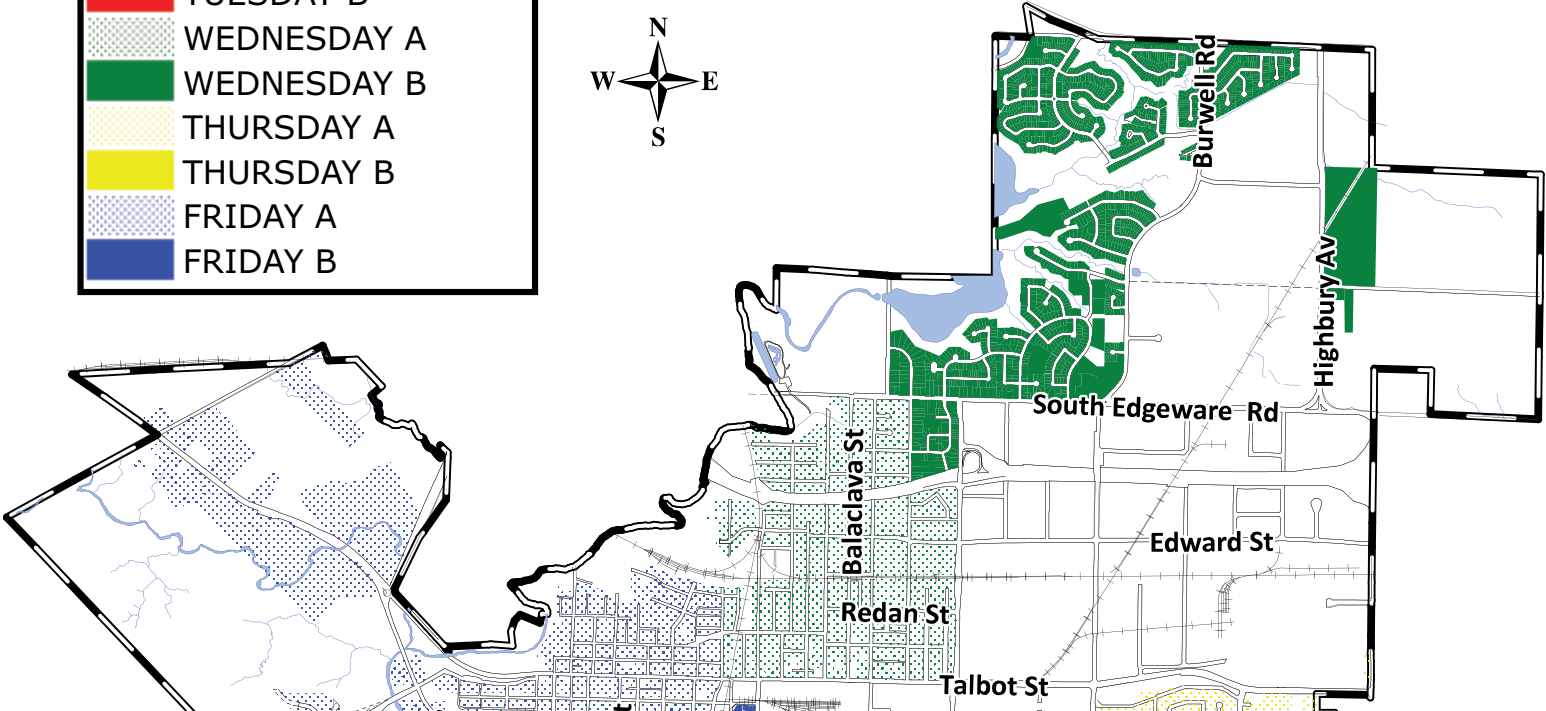
Remember, garbage is collected weekly, with recycling and organics collected bi-weekly on an alternating basis.

2. The small blue box or green cart on each calendar date will indicate which alternate week services is being provided to the designated area.

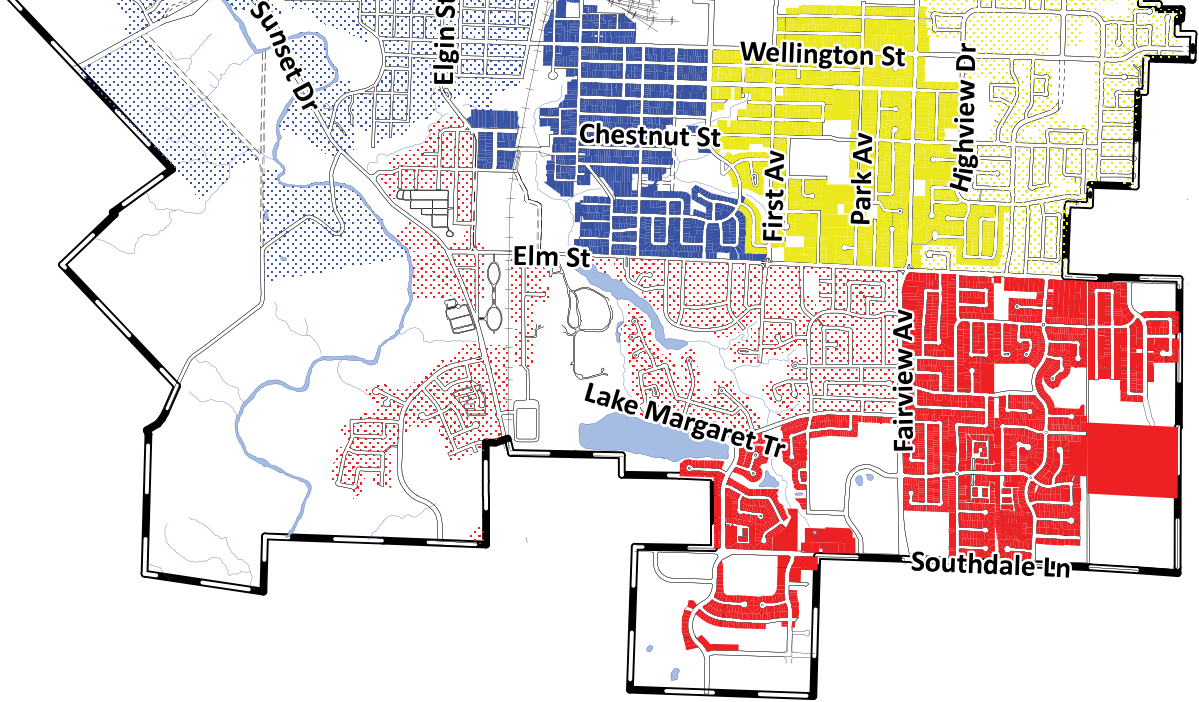
For example: A blue box with an "A" means all areas designated "A" will receive recycling and garbage collection on their collection day that week.

### COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- TUESDAY A
- TUESDAY B
- WEDNESDAY A
- WEDNESDAY B
- THURSDAY A
- THURSDAY B
- FRIDAY A
- FRIDAY B







# PLEASE SORT IT

When recycling is not done right, it costs taxpayers extra.  
Help us cut our costs.

## Paper

Magazines, catalogues, phone books, soft & hard cover books (remove hard covers)



Household paper



Boxes, egg cartons, tubes (flatten)



## Containers

Glass bottles & jars



Plastic clamshell containers (No styrofoam™)



Aerosol cans (empty)



Steel & aluminum cans, metal paint cans (empty), aluminum foil and pie plates



Cartons & drink boxes



## Garbage

Styrofoam™\*



Glassware and ceramics\*



Plastic bags\*\* and wrap (eg. bubble wrap)



\*see October for recycling options



Newspapers, flyers



Cardboard boxes: Flatten & bundle large quantities in stacks no larger than 75 cm x 75 cm x 20 cm (30" x 30" x 8").

Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs



Spiral wound (cardboard) cans

**The latest additions to your Blue Box:**



Ice cream tubs

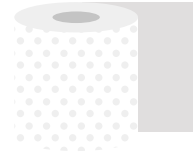
Paper cups (separate lids)



Rigid plastic (remove the paper inserts)



Children's toys\*



Toilet paper, tissue paper and chip bags

**Better options:**

- \*Donate for reuse
- \*\*Return to retailers



# Christmas Tree Collection

If you purchased a real Christmas tree, it's time to recycle it. Your tree will be shredded into wood chips and used as compost and mulch to nourish and insulate plants and trees.

Please take your natural Christmas tree to the curb by 7:00am on the Monday of the designated collection weeks.

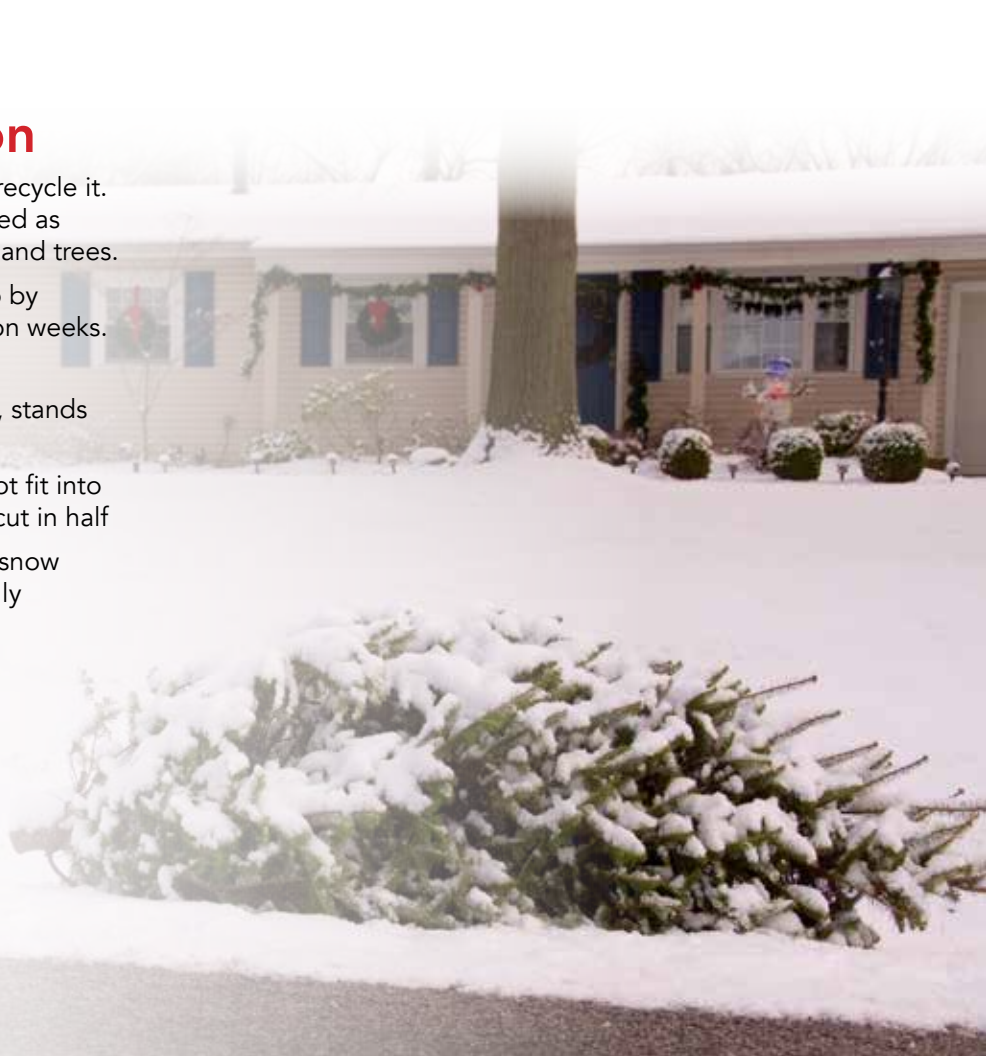
## Please remember:

- Remove all decorations, lights, wire, tree skirts, stands and nails
- Christmas trees larger than 2.13 m. (7 ft.) cannot fit into our collection vehicles and are required to be cut in half
- Christmas trees buried in, on top of or behind snow banks may not get collected - ensure tree is fully accessible for collection
- Do not place trees on the road, as it may pose a hazard to vehicular traffic

## Forgot to put your Christmas Tree out for Collection?

If you missed your Christmas tree collection, you can take your Christmas tree to the Community Recycling Centre during operating hours.

Part time hours: Wednesdays 8am-4:30pm  
Saturday 8am-3pm





# January 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CRC PRICE INCREASE TAKES EFFECT FEB. 1, 2022 SEE MARCH FOR MORE INFORMATION	27	28	29	30	31	New Year's Day 1 CRC closed
		 	 	 	 	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION				
		 	 	 	 	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION				
		 	 	 	 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		 	 	 	 	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		 	 	 	 	
30	31					



Please have all of your material to the curb by 7am on your collection day.



Recycle Week



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## Winter Reminders

- Place waste in a visible location at the end of your driveway, not on a snowbank. If necessary clear a small area.
- To prevent material from freezing, try lining your green cart with newspaper or keep recyclables in a dry location
- Stack recycling boxes to prevent materials from blowing out
- Inclement weather or poor road conditions may result in the cancellation or delay of collections services please visit [www.stthomas.ca](http://www.stthomas.ca) or call 519-631-1680 for information.
- Please be patient. Servicing your home is our priority, but the safety of people and property always comes first.

## Winter Maintenance



The City works hard to keep our roads safe and clear of snow and ice. We appreciate your patience as we work as quickly as possible to clear away snow and ice. To stay up to date during a snow event on our plowing, sanding and salting efforts or to learn more about how the City prioritizes roads and sidewalks for winter maintenance please visit [www.stthomas.ca](http://www.stthomas.ca) and click on the Winter Maintenance icon on the main page.

# February 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
NEW CRC PRICING IN EFFECT						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Family Day	21	22	23	24	25
27	28					



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CITY OF ST. THOMAS **Community Recycling Centre**

**330 South Edgeware Road**

**Hours of Operation:**

**FULL TIME HOURS**

March 15 - November 19

Tuesday - Friday 10am-6pm

Saturday 8am-3pm

**Hazardous Waste NOW OPEN**

Wednesday 10-3 and Saturday 8-3 year round

**PART TIME HOURS**

November 20 - March 14

Wednesday 8am-4:30pm

Saturday 8am-3pm

**Fees effective February 1, 2022.**

**All loads charged by weight, unless otherwise specified.**

**Minimum charge is \$25 plus HST. Cash is not accepted at the site. Visa, Mastercard and Debit only.**

Material Type	User Fee
Tires	Free of Charge
Cardboard	Free of Charge
Curbside Recyclable material	Free of Charge
Waste Electronics	Free of Charge
Household hazardous Waste	Free of Charge
Scrap Metal (including non-refrigerant bearing appliances)	Free of Charge
Leaf and yard waste	\$10/load
Styrofoam	Free of charge
Mixed Solid Waste (including mattresses, furniture, carpeting, flooring, household waste)	\$135/tonne
Shingles	\$95/tonne
Mixed Construction and Demolition Material (wood, drywall etc)	\$95/tonne
Concrete, brick and block	\$55/tonne
Untagged refrigerant bearing appliances	\$50/unit
Clean Wood	\$95/tonne
Textiles (clothes and linens)	Free of Charge



# March 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
Daylight Saving Time starts 13	Overnight Parking Restriction Ends. 14	CRC full time hours begin 15	16	17	18	19
						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						
27	28	29	30	31		
						



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# Household Hazardous Waste

Hazardous materials are harmful to humans, animals and the environment if not handled properly.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is accepted every Saturday and Wednesday (excluding statutory holidays) at the CRC, where materials can be disposed of safely and free of charge.

Please ensure containers are clearly labelled, secured, and leakproof. Never combine products and keep HHW materials separate from other materials in your load, as explosive or poisonous chemical reactions may occur. HHW depot is for residential use only.



## Acceptable materials include:

- Paints and stains
- Oil, transmission, and antifreeze fluids
- Batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Oil filters and containers
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline (containers cannot be returned to resident)
- Solvents
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Pharmaceuticals
- Household cleaners
- Mercury thermostats
- Pesticides (fungicides, herbicides, insecticides)
- Fertilizers
- Propane tanks and cylinders
- Needles and syringes (in approved containers)



# April 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Easter Sunday 17	Easter Monday 18 Friday's rescheduled collection	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Please have all of your material to the curb by 7am on your collection day.



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Now available in St. Thomas;  
Honk Daily Parking  
permits at municipal lots.  
Daily Parking for \$4.00.

Please download the  
Honk App in the  
App Store or Google Play  
on your smart phone device.



**PAY FOR PARKING  
WITH THE HONK APP**

**HONKMOBILE.COM**

More information  
can be found at

[stthomas.ca/parkingpermits](http://stthomas.ca/parkingpermits)



# May 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3 	4 	5 	6 	7	
8	9 Ontario Litter Pick Up Day	10 	11 	12 	13 	14	
15	16	17 	18 	19 	20 	21	
22 Victoria Day	23	24 	25 	26 	27 	28	
							
29	30	31 	<div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"> <p>May 10, 2022, Ontario's Day of Action against litter. Residents are encouraged to get out and help pick up as much litter as possible.</p> </div>				



Please have all of your material to the curb by 7am on your collection day.



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# Feed your Green Cart not your Garbage

40% of residential garbage is still comprised of food waste, tissues, paper towel, paper cups, plates and other organic waste that should go into the green cart.

When these items breakdown in the landfill they produce methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times stronger than CO<sub>2</sub> and contribute to the production of leachate, which can negatively impact groundwater resources. Remember to feed your green bin, not your garbage.

## What goes in your Green Cart?

### Food and food scraps

If you can eat it, it goes in the Green Cart! Also toss in fish and meat bones, shells, fat, grease, baking supplies, dairy products, egg shells, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, corn cobs and husks, and nuts and shells.

### Soiled paper

Your Green Cart accepts soiled paper towels, tissues and napkins, greasy pizza boxes, flour and sugar bags, muffin paper, paper cups and plates, and paper coffee bean bags and filters.

Personal care items toss used tissues, nail clippings and hair.  
(No diapers or sanitary napkins)

### Pet products

Pet waste, kitty litter, animal bedding, bird seed, pet food, pet fur, feathers.

### Houseplants and flowers

### Leaf and Yard Waste

Leaves, grass clippings, weeds  
(No dirt, sod or top soil)

Please remember Green Carts can not weigh over 91kg (200lbs). Overfilling your cart may result in refused collection.

## Unacceptable Green Cart Items

Your green cart will be rejected if it contains any of the following:

- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Dirt/top soil
- Sod
- Lumber
- Bricks/stones
- Plastic bags
- Dead animals
- Garbage



# June 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Summer begins					
26	27	28	29	30		
						



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# Garbage

Please note the information on this page is specific to **GARBAGE** collection and is in no way related to the Green Cart Program

- Garbage is collected weekly
- Each household is allowed 2 containers of garbage/week. (container size is outlined below. 1 large can counts as 2 containers)
- Each container and its contents can not weigh over 20Kg or 45 pounds regardless of size or how many bags fit inside.
- Residents may purchase garbage bag tags to put out more waste at \$1.75/tag



2 Containers  
Max: 77 L  
and 20kg



2 bags  
Max: 83cm x 76cm  
and 20kg



1 Container  
Max: 120 L  
and 20kg



Garbage Containers over 120 L or that are intended for mechanical lift are not permitted and will not be collected.

## Garbage Bag Tag Vendors

**Briwood Farm Market**  
1030 Talbot Street

**Churchill Variety**  
26 Churchill Crescent

**City Hall**  
545 Talbot Street

**Daisy Mart**  
100 Wilson Avenue

**Dixie Dairy Bar**  
51 St. Catharines Street

**Fenlon's Family Market**  
14 Confederation Drive

**Moe's Variety**  
800 Talbot Street

**Plaza Convenience**  
321 Elm Street

**Talbot Mini Mart**  
1009 Talbot Street

**The Corner Store**  
138 Alma Street

**Water Works Variety**  
7 South Edgeware Road

**Wellington Convenience**  
69 Elgin Street

**Wellington Variety**  
352 Wellington Street



# July 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Canada Day No collection CRC closed	
3	Friday's rescheduled collection day	4	5	6	7	8
						9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
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# REUSE DROP OFF

## COMING SOON TO THE CRC



Residents will be able to drop off items free of charge for the Habitat for Humanity Restore.

### ALL ITEMS MUST BE:

- In good condition
- Not damaged, broken or excessively stained or dirty
- Have no mildew, mold or water damage

### ITEMS ACCEPTED INCLUDE:

- Lighting
- Home décor
- Unupholstered furniture
- Bathroom fixtures
- Reno materials
- Hardware
- Tools
- Small appliances
- Doors, windows
- Flooring



# August 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Civic Holiday 1	2	3	4	5	6
						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29	30	31			
						



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# Community Recycling Centre Tips

When visiting the City's waste management facility please keep in mind...

- Waste facilities are busiest on Saturdays and early in the week
- Separate materials in your load; divertible materials may be free or qualify for a reduced fee (see March)
- Materials not properly sorted into the designated diversion areas cause your entire load to be charged at the mixed-waste rate of \$120/tonne
- There is a minimum fee for chargeable items; avoid coming to the facility with small loads
- Enter on the scale once it is completely clear, stop at the operator's window, and roll down your window to talk to the operator
- Declare what type of waste materials you have. If you have any questions, ask the attendant
- Drive to the designated unloading area(s) for your material type(s)
- Due to health and safety policies, children under the age of 12 must stay in the vehicle
- Prior to leaving the site, vehicles must return to the scale. The computerized weigh scale system calculates waste disposal charges
- Payment is due prior to leaving the site
- The entire site is smoke free



# September 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	Fall begins	21	22	23
24						
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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# FOAM PACKAGING

Accepted for **FREE** at the CRC

CITY OF  
ST. THOMAS **Community**  
**Recycling Centre**



## Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Foam Packaging



- Commonly referred to as Styrofoam™
- Packaging for computers, electronics, appliances, toys etc.
- Rigid in nature
- White
- Remove Tape and Stickers
- Must be Clean and Dry



These items are currently not recycled here and must be placed in the garbage.



**Polyethylene Foam**  
Flexible in nature



**Polypropylene Foam**  
Flexible in nature



**Packaging Peanuts**



**Take-out Containers**



**Cups & Bowls**



**Meat Trays**



**Insulation Panels**



**Pool Noodles**



# October 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						
9	Thanksgiving	10	11	12	13	14
						15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION				
30	31					



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A photograph of a brown paper bag and a black rake on a sidewalk covered with fallen leaves. The bag is on the left, and the rake is on the right. The background shows a brick border and more leaves.

## Leaf & Yard Waste

Extra leaf and yard waste material will be collected on designated weeks on your waste collection day.

Residents are first encouraged to mulch their leaves and spread them over the lawn or dig them into the garden to provide a source of nutrients and protection over the winter. For leftover or excess leaves residents are asked to utilize the green cart program first and then the curbside leaf collection.

### **Acceptable Material includes:**


Grass, leaves, weeds, plants and brush (no longer than 3 feet and no thicker than 2 inches in diameter)

### **Acceptable Set outs include:**

- Material set out in paper yard waste bags weighing no more than 45lbs
- Bundles of brush weighing no more than 45lbs and no longer than 3 feet.

# November 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION					
		 	 	 	 		
Daylight Saving Time ends 6	7	8	9	10	Remembrance Day 11	12	
		LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION					
		 	 	 	 		
13	Overnight Parking Restriction begins at 3:00am. 14	15	16	17	18	19	
		LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION					
		 	 	 	 		
CRC part time hours begin 20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION					
		 	 	 	 		
27	28	29	30				
		 	 				



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# Recycling Naughty and Nice List

Over the holidays, households have more recyclables and waste from extra food containers to gift wrapping. We do appreciate the effort you put into staying green. As you fill your blue bins, take a moment to get to know what you should and shouldn't recycle and how to sort it.

Follow these tips to make recycling more beneficial for everyone involved.

## 1. Put gift wrap and bags in the garbage

These paper items are often coated with plastic or foil and contain lots of coloured dyes, making them non – recyclable.

## 2. Flatten your boxes

Please break down, flatten and bundle your cardboard boxes. Please stick to 75cm x 75cm x 20cm (30" x 30" x 8")

## 3. Sorry these items don't belong in the Recycling Box

- X Wooden Clementine boxes
- X Ribbon and Bows
- X Plastic toys
- X Decorations
- X Artificial trees



**NO CHANGES TO THE  
WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE  
DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

# December 2022

Garbage is collected weekly, recycling and organics bi-weekly. Refer to the map at the front to determine your collection day and alternate A or B schedule.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
				 		 		 		 			
11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
				 		 		 		 			
18		19		20	Winter begins	21		22		23		24	
				 		 		 		 			
Christmas CRC closed	25	Boxing Day	26	27		28		29		30		31	
				 		 		 		 			



Please have all of your material to the curb by 7am on your collection day.



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[StThomas.ca](http://StThomas.ca)

Stay up to date on the Go:  
**Download the Free  
Recycle Coach app**

**Environmental  
Services Department**

545 Talbot Street  
PO Box 520, City Hall  
St. Thomas, ON N5P 3V7

For more information  
regarding waste management,  
please call  
519-631-1680 ext. 4258  
or email  
[customerservice@stthomas.ca](mailto:customerservice@stthomas.ca)

Calendar available online  
and in larger print upon request.