



Recycling, Organics and Waste Collection Schedule



2024

Mayor's Message

It is a pleasure to present the St. Thomas 2024 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.

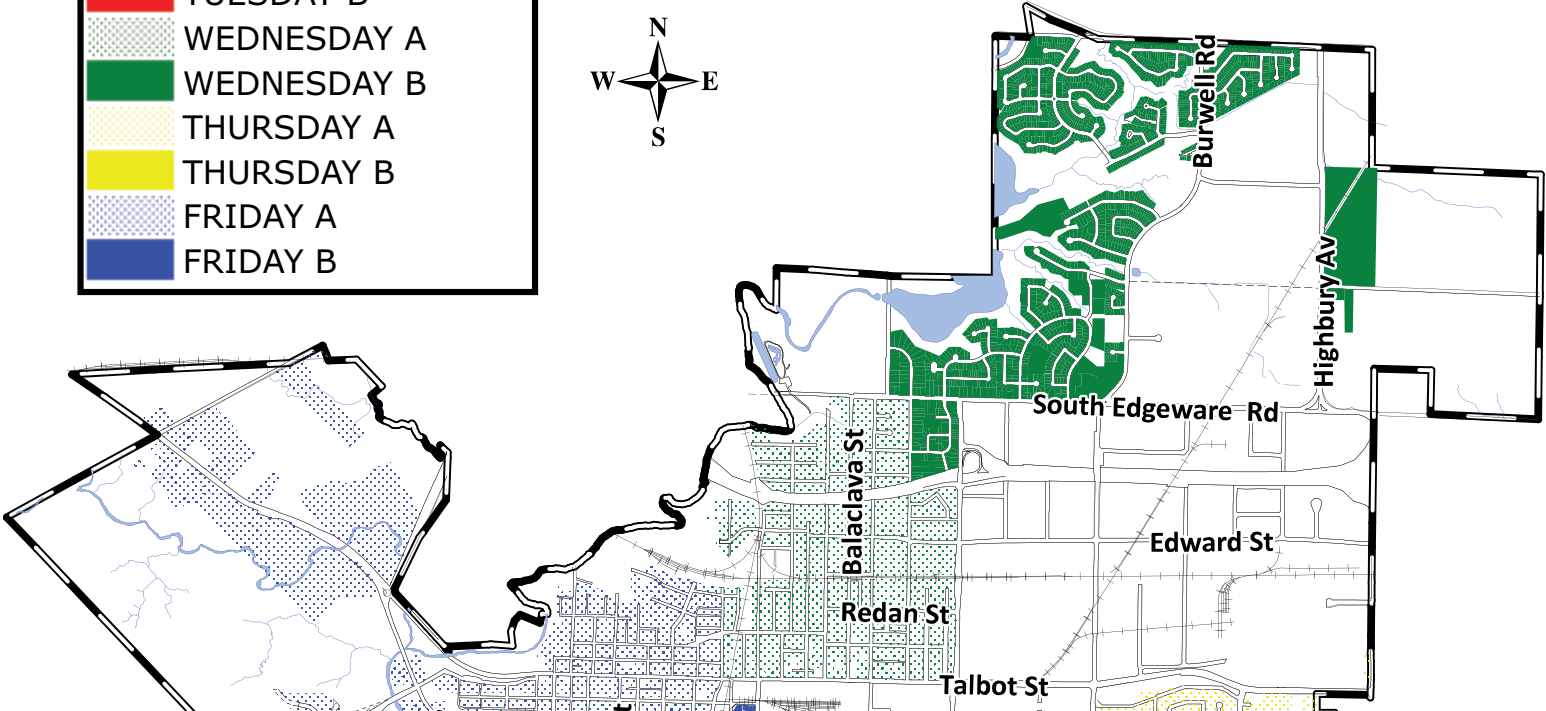
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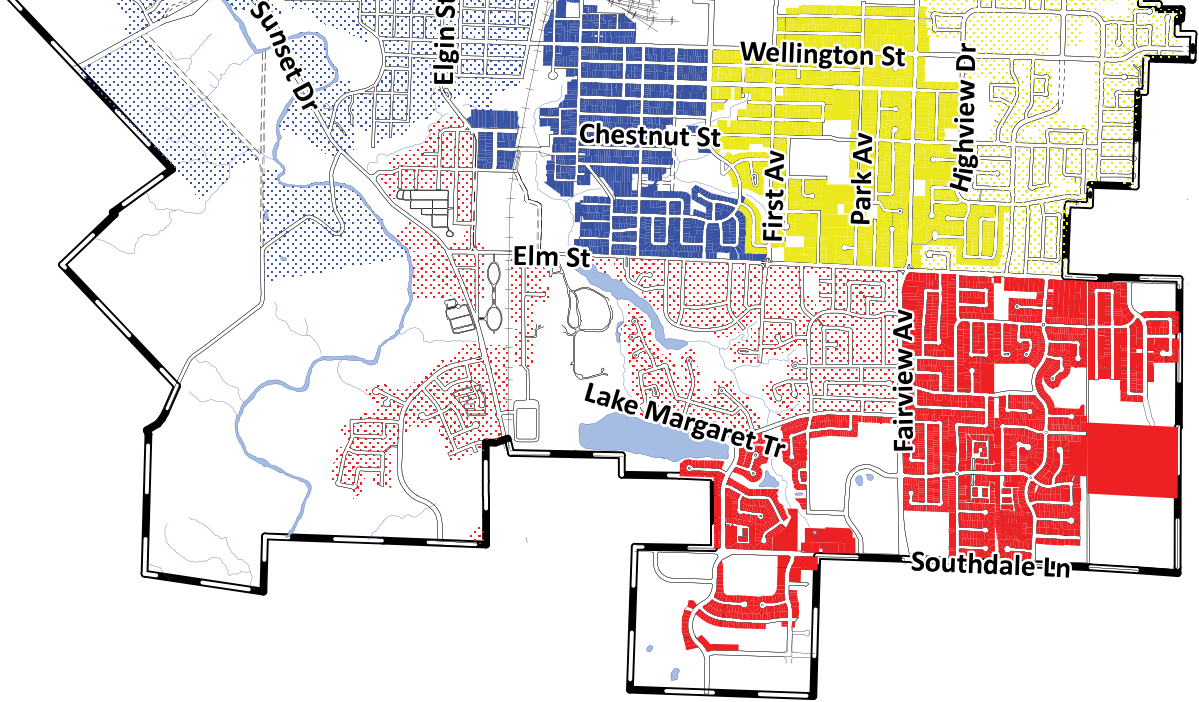
2. The small blue box or green cart on each calendar date will indicate which alternate week services is being provided to the designated area.

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



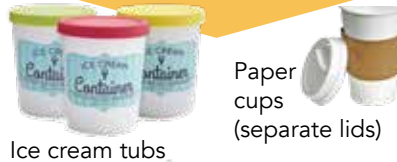
Cardboard boxes: Flatten & bundle large quantities in stacks no larger than 75 cm x 75 cm x 20 cm (30" x 30" x 8").

Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs



Spiral wound (cardboard) cans

The latest additions to your Blue Box:



Paper cups (separate lids)

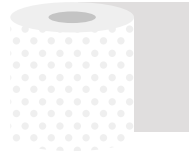
Ice cream tubs



Rigid plastic (remove the paper inserts)



Children's toys*



Toilet paper, tissue paper and chip bags

Better options:

- *Donate for reuse
- **Return to retailers



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CONTAINERS



Christmas Tree Disposal

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 Remember to remove all decorations, lights, wires, tree skirts and stands before recycling.

Trees will NOT be collected curbside. Trees can be disposed of FREE at the Community Recycling Centre during operating hours.

Part Time Hours: Wednesdays 8:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday 8:00am - 3:00pm

Alternatively, trees can be cut and put into the green cart. Please remember the cart lid must be able to close to be eligible for collection.

Do not place trees out at curbside, they will not be collected and will remain the responsibility of the homeowner.



January 2024

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
	New Year's Day CRC closed 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			



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 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 and click on the Winter Maintenance icon on the main page.

February 2024

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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	Family Day	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29		



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

330 South Edgeware Road

Hours of Operation:

FULL TIME HOURS

March 11 - November 18

Tuesday - Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 8am-3pm

Sunday 10am-3pm

Hazardous Waste

Wednesday 10am-3pm and Saturday 8am-3pm year round

PART TIME HOURS

November 19 - March 17, 2025

Wednesday 8am-4:30pm

Saturday 8am-3pm

All loads charged by weight, unless otherwise specified. Minimum charge is \$25 plus HST. Cash is not accepted at the site. Credit and Debit only.

*For leaf and yard waste only, loads of 5 bags or less FREE

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 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						
Daylight Saving Time starts 10	CRC full time hours begin 11	12	13	14	15	16
					Overnight Parking Restriction Ends. 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Good Friday CRC closed	
Easter Sunday CRC closed 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 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Easter Monday 1	2	3	4	5	6
						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
21	Earth Day 22	23	24	25	26	27
	LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION					
						
28	29	30				
		LEAF AND YARD				
						
					See November for more information about Leaf and Yard Waste Collection	



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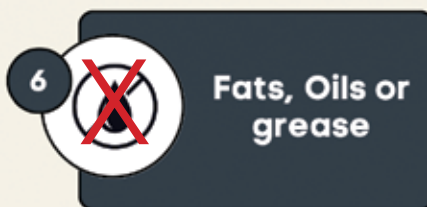
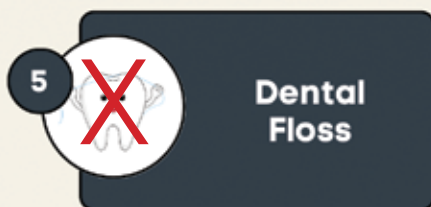
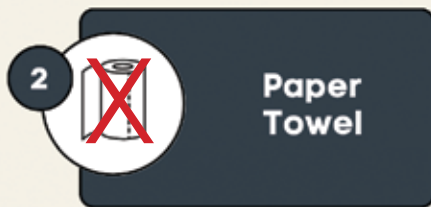
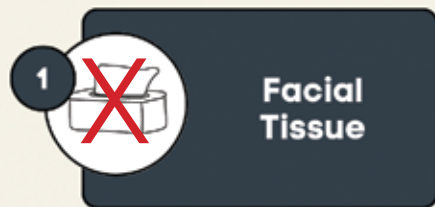
Organics Week

DO NOT FLUSH ANYTHING

BUT PEE, POO, OR PAPER

HERE OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

SEWERS ARE NOT TRASH CANS.









































These items do not break down in sewers and wreak havoc with our private and public side pipes, causing blockages, fatbergs and pump station failures. They have to get removed at the sewage treatment plant and trucked to the landfill!

PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE TRASH CAN.

May 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
<p>May 14, 2024, Ontario's Day of Action against litter. Residents are encouraged to get out and help pick up as much litter as possible.</p>			<p>LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION</p>			
			 	 	 	
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		<p>LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION</p>				
		 	 	 	 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<p>Ontario Litter Pick Up Day</p>	<p>LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION</p>			
		 	 	 	 	
19	Victoria Day	20	21	22	23	24
		<p>LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION</p>				
		 	 	 	 	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		<p>LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION</p>				
		 	 	 	 	



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Organics Week

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 CO₂ 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 2024

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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
				Summer begins 		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						
30						



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Recycle Week



Organics Week

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

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 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	Canada Day CRC closed	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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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.

A smartphone is shown with the Honk app interface. The screen displays the 'HONK' logo at the top, a large dollar sign icon in a circle in the center, and the website 'HONKMOBILE.COM' at the bottom. The phone is set against a dark red background with a white arrow pointing to the right.

**PAY FOR PARKING
WITH THE HONK APP**

HONKMOBILE.COM

More information
can be found at

stthomas.ca/parkingpermits

August 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	Civic Holiday	5	6	7	8	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 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Labour Day 2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						
Fall begins 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 2024

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



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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 2024

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



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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



HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE	
Regular Collection Day	Rescheduled Collection Day
Wednesday December 25 2024	Thursday December 26 2024
Thursday December 26 2024	Friday December 27 2024
Friday December 27 2024	Saturday December 28 2024
Wednesday January 1 2025	Thursday January 2 2025
Thursday January 2 2025	Friday January 3 2025
Friday January 3 2025	Saturday January 4 2025

December 2024

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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 Winter begins
22	23	24 	25 Christmas CRC closed	26 Boxing Day Wednesday's rescheduled collection day 	27 Thursday's rescheduled collection day 	28 Friday's rescheduled collection day 
29	30	31 				



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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

Calendar available online
and in larger print upon request.