

Bridgewater Waste Collection Changes in 2020

January 2020: Electronics: Countertop Microwaves, E-Book Readers, GPS Devices, Video Game Systems & Controllers, External Hard Drives, Optical Drives and Modems added to the electronics recycling program. **Items will be banned from landfill as of March 1, 2020.** Drop them off at the Community Recycling Centre or any registered electronics recycling depot.

January 2020: Oil and Glycol Recycling: New stewardship program will recycle used oil, filters, glycol (antifreeze) and diesel exhaust fluid containers of 50 litres or less (including containers for automotive parts cleaners and aerosol lubricants). **These items will be banned from landfill as of March 1, 2020.** Drop them off at the Community Recycling Centre. Call with questions or garages sign up for on-site collection 1-833-222-8662 . Antifreeze and oil jugs will still be accepted in the blue bag (with cap on), if residents do not wish to drop them off.

April 1, 2020: Up to two Bulky landfill items will be collected every two weeks on your Green Week collection day. Items such as couches, mattresses, box springs, upholstered chairs, rugs, vacuum cleaners, plastic lawn furniture, toilets, sinks and windows will be collected. Each item may weigh up to 100 kgs (222 lbs) and measure up to 1.8m (6ft) long. Do not put items curbside sooner than 8:00 pm, the day before collection.

July 1 - September 30: Green carts will be collected every week. Collection will take place on Green Week and Blue Week collection days, during this time. Carts will be collected during Green Week pick ups only during the rest of the year.

Fall 2020: Wood and Metal Collection will take place once a year. Items will be picked up during a one-week period, on your regular collection day. Wood and metal will not be collected in spring. Each household can put out a combined volume of 2 cubic metres of wood and metal items, which can be measured 2 metres (6.5 feet) x 1 metre (3.2 feet) x 1 metre (3.2 feet). The combined weight may be up to 100 kgs (222 lbs). **Wood and metal items will not be collected with bulky landfill waste.** Wood and metal are reusable and recyclable. Spring and Fall Clean Up will be replaced with bi-weekly bulky landfill collection and fall wood and metal collection.

Fall 2020: Curbside Electronics Collection will take place once every year, in the fall. Electronics will be collected during a one-week period. Each household can put out three electronics for pick up on their regular collection day during that time. Do not smash electronics when you put them curbside. Electronics must be dropped off at a depot during the rest of the year.

Leaf and Yard Waste: heavy kraft paper bags will be used instead of plastic bags for leaf and yard waste. Switching from plastic to paper leaf bags will reduce plastic waste and contamination in the organics stream. **Plastic leaf bags will no longer be accepted at the curb by Fall 2020.**

October 30, 2020 Plastic Shopping Bag Ban: plastic shopping bag ban will take effect . Residents are encouraged to stop using plastic shopping bags for paper collection at the curbside. Other bags may be reused for paper collection. Clear, colourless bags will still be accepted for collection. Reduce plastic in your household, take reusable bags with you when you shop. Buy in bulk to reduce packaging waste.

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