



Frequently Asked Questions

Clear Garbage Bag Program

Q. Why are clear bags used for garbage collection?

A. Clear garbage bags increase the amount of recyclables, paper and organics diverted from landfill. Clear bags make it easier to inspect bags for recyclables, food waste and hazardous waste items. Hazardous waste is dangerous to collect and can injure waste collectors. Non-transparent bags must be opened to see what's inside.

Q. What are non-transparent bags?

A. Non-transparent bags include black, green, white and orange bags.

Q. What if I only have non-transparent bags?

A. **This program allows one non-transparent bag to be collected per household or business, every garbage collection.** If you use one non-transparent garbage bag, the rest of your garbage must be in clear bags.

Q. Where can I buy clear bags? Are different sizes available?

A. Most local retailers sell clear bags. Larger retailers carry different sizes and thicknesses.

Q. I currently use kitchen catcher type bags for garbage, will I be able to continue using these?

A. If you are putting your waste in a clear bag, empty these bags so garbage is loose inside the clear bag. The empty bag goes in the clear bag.

Q. What happens if I don't follow the guidelines?

A. You'll receive a friendly reminder about the clear garbage bag program. Continued use of more than one non-transparent bag will result in a rejection. Rejected non-transparent bags won't be collected. This means you'll have to put your garbage in clear bags before the next collection.

Q. Does everyone have to use clear bags?

A. Yes. Single family residences, multi-unit buildings and businesses must follow these guidelines.

Q. Who can I call if I have questions?

A. You can call the Community Recycling Centre at (902) 543-2991. Waste collection information is also available at www.communityrecycling.ca.