



To the curb by  
**7:00 am**

Please keep plastic bags, Styrofoam packaging, black plastic, straws and plastic utensils out of the blue box for a problem free collection. Recyclables should be rinsed and all food removed from containers.

**2024-2025**

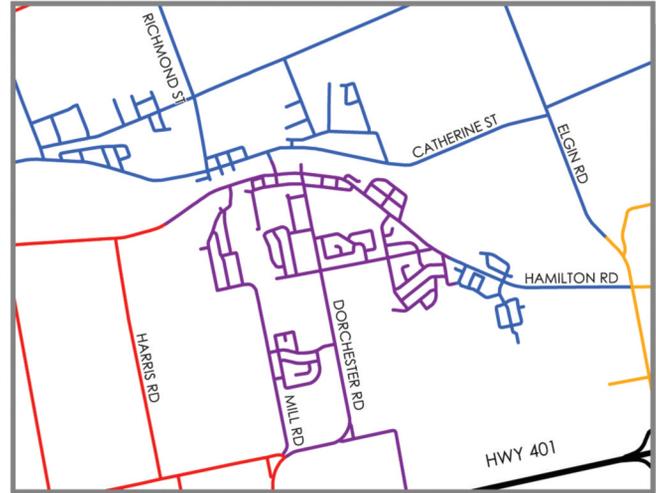
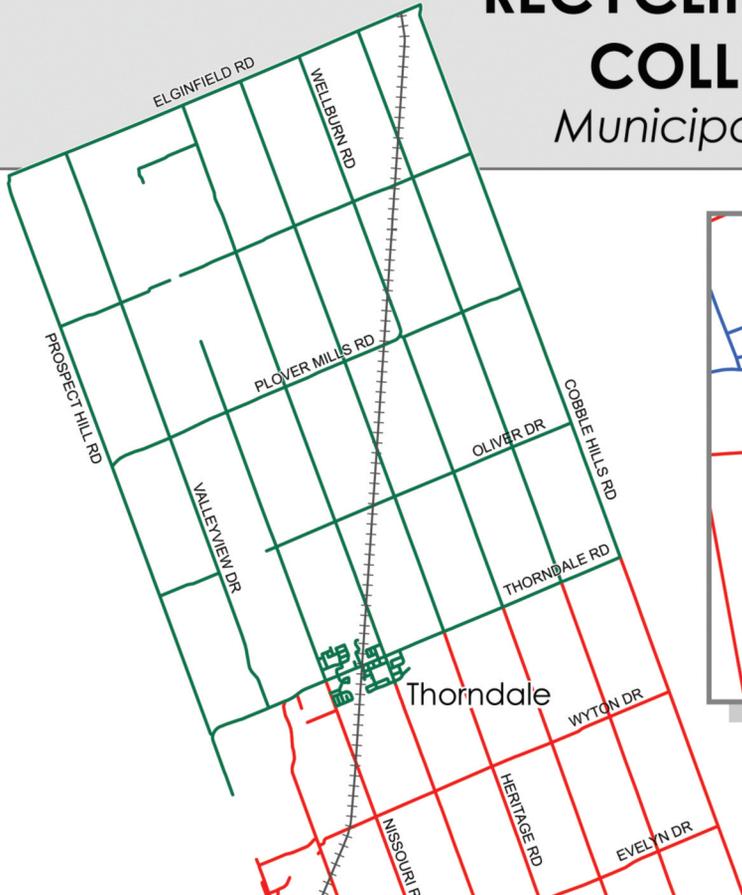
# Municipality of Thames Centre Waste Reduction Calendar



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# RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION ROUTES

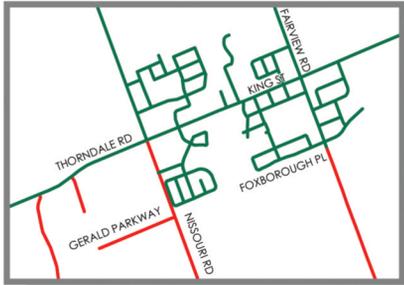
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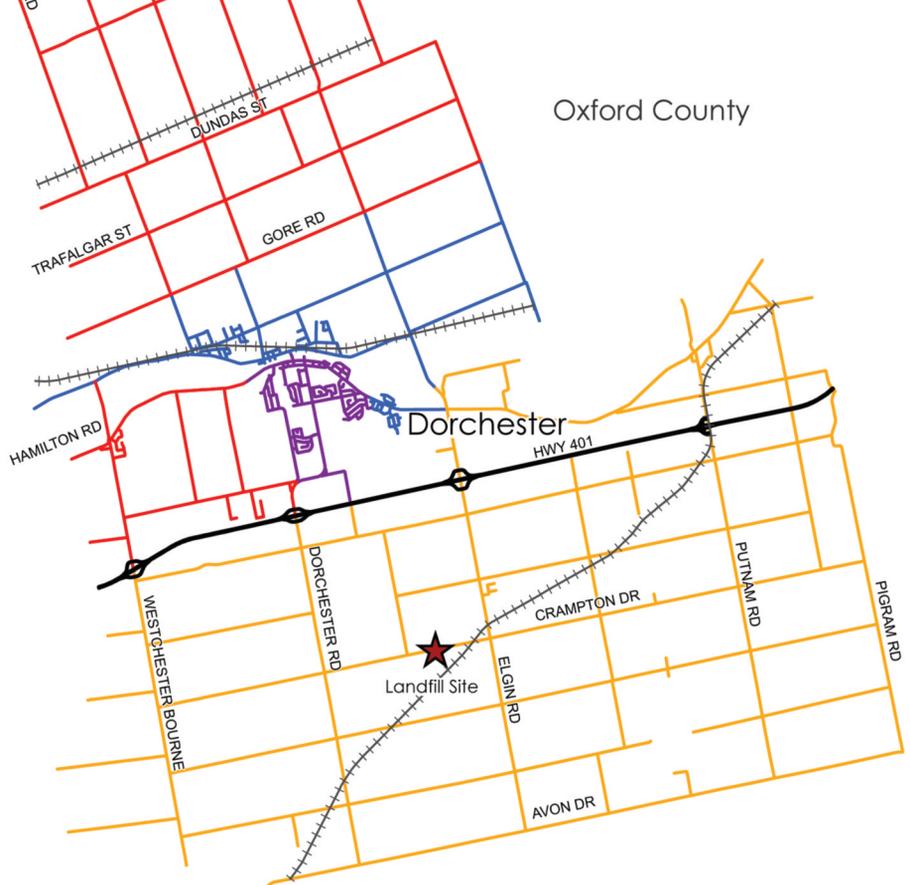
City of London

Oxford County



Thorndale

- Route 1 - Monday
- Route 2 - Tuesday
- Route 3 - Wednesday
- Route 4 - Thursday
- Route 5 - Friday



Township of Malahide



# 2-STREAM Recycling Guide

## BLUE BOX 1

Food, Beverage & Liquid Containers



### Glass Bottles, Jars, Juice & Milk Cartons:



- Clear or coloured food and beverage glass bottles and jars
- Milk, juice, drinking boxes, or any other similar container
- Paper beverage cups (Tim Hortons®, McDonalds®, etc.) and ice cream tubs
- Spiral wound containers (Pringles® cans, etc.)



**DO NOT** recycle light bulbs of any type, no mirror or window glass, no drinking glasses, no ceramics (plates, mugs, Pyrex®, etc.), no broken glass.

### Aluminum & Tin Cans:



- All food and beverage cans and lids
- Clean aluminum foil containers
- Empty aerosol and empty paint cans

Empty and rinse all containers, remove lids and sprayers from containers, labels are acceptable.



**DO NOT** recycle aerosol or paint cans with product in them, no cooking pots or pans, no other metal items, no paper-backed foil (lids from take-out food), no foil laminates (potato chip bags), no coat hangers, no electronics.

## BLUE BOX 2

Paper & Fibre Products



### Newspapers:



- Newspapers and all flyers
- Stack them in your blue box or tie in manageable bundles



**DO NOT** recycle plastic bags of any kind, no elastic bands.

### Mixed Paper:



- Items that are **100% paper**, such as magazines, telephone books, junk mail, cards, bags, egg cartons, office paper, etc.
- **Books** are accepted – remove and discard hard covers
- **Window envelopes** are ok
- **NOTE:** Milk cartons, juice boxes, and paper beverage cups should **NOT** be placed into the paper blue box. They should be separated into your container blue box.



**DO NOT** recycle wrapping paper, no photographs, no used tissues or paper towels.



### Plastics:

- Food and beverage bottles and tubs with the #1 to #7 symbol
- Laundry jugs and bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol
- Cleaner, soap and shampoo bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol
- Rigid plastic (any plastic packaging)
- Plastic plant pots and trays



**DO NOT** recycle motor oil, antifreeze, or chemical containers, plastic bags, toys, Styrofoam®, PVC or ABS pipe.

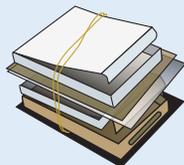
## Blue Box Bloopers

The following **DO NOT** belong in your Blue Box:



### Boxboard:

- **Boxboard** items such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper towel centre cores
  - **Paper** egg cartons
-  **DO NOT** recycle plastic windows from pasta and tissue boxes, no inside bags and liners.



### Corrugated Cardboard:

- **Corrugated boxes must be flattened**
- **Tie** in bundles not to exceed 75 cm x 75 cm x 20 cm. Place bundles on top of your blue box.
- **Maximum weight** of 9 kg per bundle
- **Staples** and tape are ok



**DO NOT** recycle cardboard contaminated with food, oil or chemicals.

#### Propane tanks

(tanks can explode in our trucks and plants, making it hazardous to the workers)



#### Plastic bags

(NO plastic bags in boxes at all. Do not use clear/transparent plastic bags for extra 2-STREAM recyclables)



#### Styrofoam™

(foam containers like coffee cups, egg cartons and protective foam packaging)



#### Paper towels and tissues

(cardboard tube and tissue box are recyclable)



#### Children's toys

(this type of plastic is not recyclable, place in garbage)



#### Ceramic cups and plates

(these are not recyclable, place in garbage)



# Fall Yard Waste

# November 4-8, 2024

## Curbside Collection



OR



PAPER BAGS

REUSABLE CONTAINERS

**NO PLASTIC BAGS  
FOR YARD WASTE**



Place Yard Waste at the curb by 7 a.m. Crews will only make one pass on each street on the designated recycling pick-up day.



**WE ACCEPT:**



- Plant trimmings • Brush
- Leaves • Pumpkins
- Grass clippings



Brush must be less than 10 cm in diameter and 1 m in length. Tie in bundles with twine.



125 L  
20 kg

Maximum weight per container or bundle is 20 kg, maximum size per container is 125 L.



**WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Kitchen scraps
- Sod
- Rocks
- Dirt/soil
- Large branches
- Tree stumps
- Railway ties
- Painted or treated wood
- Flower pot/trays
- Animal waste



General inquiries: 519-268-7334

[www.thamescentre.on.ca](http://www.thamescentre.on.ca)

## Remember!

Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November. Recycling will still be collected weekly.



# October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Meal planning reduces food waste and can save you money.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Regular collection	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>	Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November. Recycling will still be collected weekly.	



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on your scheduled day  
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Garbage Collection Weekly  
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# Fall Yard Waste Curbside Collection

Yard Waste will be collected at curbside from November 4th to November 8th on your regular collection day.

There will be no return visits. Ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day where you would normally place your garbage and recycling.

## Acceptable Containers:

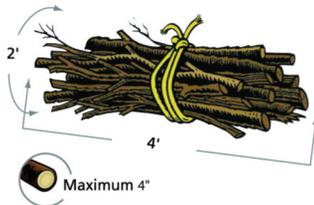
Place weeds, plant trimmings and leaves in paper yard bags or a rigid open-top container. Bundle branches as shown below.

Yard waste in plastic bags will NOT be collected.



## These items should NOT be placed with Yard Waste:

Rocks, dirt, sod, tree stumps, branches with a diameter greater than 4 inches (10 cm), flower pots/trays.



# November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Choose to refuse: Plastic bags, straws, cups and stir sticks.            Choose to reuse: Bring to donation centres, share with friends &amp; relatives, or use online classifieds and neighbourhood groups.            Swap. Re-purpose. Repair. Give away. Sell. Repeat!!</p>			<p>Please ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.</p>		1	2
3 Daylight Saving ends	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>FALL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION</b>						
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Fall Yard Waste Curbside Collection on your scheduled day (Setout Guide pages 3 & 4)

# 2-STREAM Recycling

Mixing recyclables leads to contamination of materials and broken glass, which means higher processing costs for our recycling program.

Please do your part by separating your recyclables into the two containers provided: one for containers, and a second for all your paper and fibres.

## Box 1 – Food, Beverage, and Liquid Containers . . . . .

- Aluminum foil and containers
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs
- Milk and juice cartons
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Fast food, coffee, and beverage cups
- Plastic plant pots and trays
- Rigid plastic (hard plastic packaging)
- Spiral wound containers (Pringles® can, frozen juice containers, etc.)



## Box 2 – Paper and Fibre Products . . . . .

- Newspapers and telephone books
- Paper egg cartons and boxes
- Magazines, books, and catalogues
- Cardboard boxes
- Household paper



## Need a new Blue Box?

Blue Boxes are available for purchase at the Thames Centre Municipal Office located at 4305 Hamilton Rd. in Dorchester.

If your Blue Box is broken, bring it to the office and we will replace it for **FREE!**



For more information, refer to the Recycling Guide on page 2.

# December 2024

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 <b>Christmas Day</b> Wednesday, December 25 collection moved to Saturday, December 28. All other days are regular collection days. <b>LANDFILL CLOSED</b>	26 <b>Boxing Day</b> 	27 	28 Wednesday, December 25 collection moved to December 28. 
29	30 	31 	<p>Wednesday, December 25th garbage and recycling will be collected on Saturday, December 28th.</p> <p>Wednesday, January 1st recycling will be collected on Saturday, January 4th.</p> <p>All other days of the weeks of Christmas &amp; New Years are regular collection days.</p>			



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# Did You Know . . .

Thames Centre residents can take their unwanted electronics, tires, and metal to the landfill for FREE!

The landfill also accepts **yard waste** (grass and plants), **brush** (branches less than 25 cm in diameter), **rubble** (bricks, concrete, porcelain), **scrap metal**, **used batteries**, and **clean topsoil** for FREE.

## Thames Centre Landfill:

The Thames Centre landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Drive.

## Hours:

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED statutory holidays.

See page 13 for more information about the Thames Centre Landfill.



## Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

Between December 27th and January 5th, you may drop off your Christmas tree in the **Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility** from ball diamond parking lot (northeast corner) or the rear of the **Thorndale Community Centre** (concrete pad).

There will be signage designating the drop-off areas.

Artificial trees are NOT accepted. Ensure all tinsel and garland have been removed.

# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Disposable plates and utensils, plastic toys, and gift wrap, tags and bags are not Blue Box recyclable.			<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Wednesday, January 1 collection moved to Saturday, January 4. All other days are regular collection days. <b>LANDFILL CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> Wednesday, January 1 collection moved to January 4 
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>
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# Household Special Waste

Thames Centre residents can take their Household Special Waste (HHSW) to the City of London's W12A Landfill and EnviroDepot for FREE.

**HHSW** includes paint, oil, antifreeze, gasoline, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, pool chemicals, thermometers, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, empty oil and anti-freeze containers, and propane tanks.

## W12A Landfill & EnviroDepot:

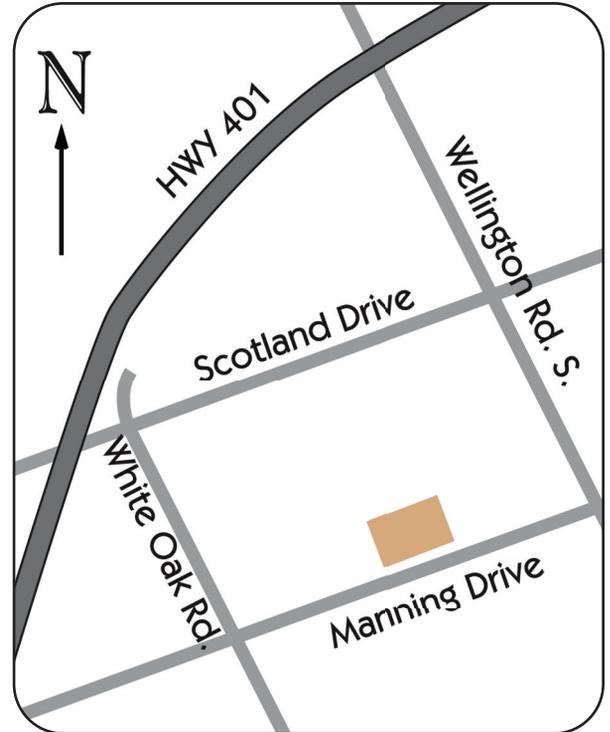
**W12A** is located at 3502 Manning Drive, London

### Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CLOSED Sundays, Civic holiday, and all statutory holidays.



# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Correct Winter Placement of Recycling and Garbage</b> To ensure collection and the safety of collection employees, please place garbage and recycling on a level ground within 1 metre of the curb. Do not set behind or on top of snowbanks.</p>				<p>The average household only recycles 70% of what they can. Make a difference – recycle 100%.</p>		1
2	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8
9	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 	15
16	17 <b>Family Day</b> 	18 	19 	20 	21 	22
23	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 	



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# Oversized Waste Collection

## Coming in May 2025 – Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: When do I set out my items?

**A:** Set out your oversized waste **no more than two days before pick-up**. Rain and other moisture can cause items to become very heavy or to break down. Items must be set out by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. There will be no return visits. **See page 10 to find your collection day.**

### Q: Where do I set out my items?

**A:** Pile your oversized waste in the correct piles **on your property**. Do not pile your oversized waste too far away from the curb or it will **NOT** be collected.

### Q: Why are there three separate piles for Yard Waste, Oversized Waste, and Wood?

**A:** Previously, wood and wood products were put into the oversized waste pile. It was discovered that much of the waste tonnage was due to wood, but because of contamination it had to be put into the landfill. Now, with the separation of Yard Waste and Wood Products, this tonnage can be diverted from the landfill and recycled. In 2024, over 76 tonnes of wood was diverted out of the Oversized Waste stream.

### Q: If a lot of smaller items are put into a large box or other container, will they be picked up?

**A: NO.** The Oversized Waste Collection Program is for oversized items **ONLY**. Waste that will fit into a garbage bag or smaller container will **NOT** be collected. Call 519-268-7334 ext. 745 with inquiries if you are unsure if an item will be accepted or not.

### Q: What items are NOT accepted in the Oversized Waste Program?

**A: NO item that will fit into a garbage bag will be accepted. NO** electronics, tires, Household Special Waste, recyclable material (cardboard, plastic plant pots, etc.), toilets, sinks, stumps, shingles, concrete, bricks, stone, drywall, freon filled appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners) or automotive parts (truck toppers). Also, **piles that are not separated will NOT be collected.**

### Q: Does one truck collect all three piles?

**A: NO.** Three separate trucks are used to collect the three separate piles. The trucks may arrive at different times. It is important to have all of your oversized waste **at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.**



# March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly and replace the batteries once a year or when the low battery warning chirps. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms wear out over time. Replace alarms according to manufacturer's recommendations.</p>						1
2	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8
9 Daylight Saving starts	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 	19 	20 	21 	22
23	24 	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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# Charity Depot - Metal, Electronics & Batteries

Do something good for your community!



Drop off metal, waste electronics and old batteries for **FREE**, with the proceeds going to community charities. The depots are open from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



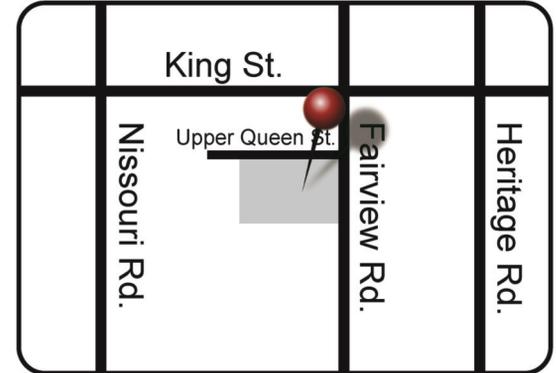
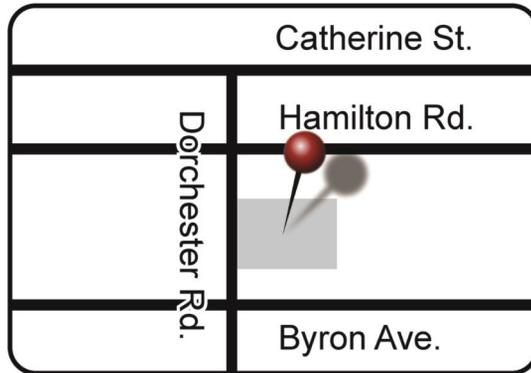
**May 3, 2025**

Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility  
2066 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester



**May 10, 2025**

Thorndale Community Centre  
265 Upper Queen St., Thorndale



The Charity Depot no longer takes used tires. Residents may drop off tires at the Thames Centre landfill (2015 Crampton Drive) for **FREE**.

# April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Weekly garbage pickup resumes in April.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Good Friday</b> Regular collection	19
20 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	21 <b>Easter Monday</b> Regular collection	22 <b>Earth Day</b>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	 <b>April 22 is Earth Day.</b> Think of ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle around your home throughout the year and help keep our planet healthy.		



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# 2025 Oversized Waste Collection



## Pile #1 Oversized Waste

The **Oversized Waste Collection Program** is for items that will not fit into a garbage bag. **Items that will fit into a garbage bag will not be taken.** Permitted items are couches, chairs, mattresses, carpet, linoleum, windows, mirrors, etc. Carpet and linoleum must be cut into rolls no longer than 1.2 meters (4 ft.) in length. All glass and mirrors must be taped. Broken glass will not be collected. Water softeners and other large containers must be completely empty.



## Pile #2 Wood

**Wood and wood products must be dismantled, cut into lengths no longer than 1.2 meters (4 ft.), and neatly piled.** Permitted items are fencing, picnic tables, skids, doors, desks, cabinets, etc. All large pieces of metal must be removed from the wood. All exposed nails must be flattened down or removed. Wire must be removed from fence posts.



## Pile #3 Yard Waste

Yard waste must be bundled and tied or bagged in paper bags. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.** Bundles must be no longer than 1.2 meters (4 ft.). Limbs must be no bigger than 10 cm (4 inches) in diameter. Permitted items are leaves, sticks, house and garden plants, tree trimmings, etc. No stumps or root balls will be accepted.

If your weekly garbage & recycling pickup day is . . .	Then your Oversized Waste Collection MUST be set out by . . .
Wednesday	Monday, May 5
Friday	Wednesday, May 7
Monday	Monday, May 12
Tuesday	Wednesday, May 14
Thursday	Thursday, May 15

## Items NOT Accepted in the Oversized Waste Collection Program

- Any item that will fit into a garbage bag
- **Piles that are not properly separated**
- Household Special Waste
- Any recyclable material (**cardboard**, etc.)
- Automotive parts (truck toppers)
- Concrete, bricks, stone, or ceramic tiles
- Electronics
- Toilets & sinks
- Propane tanks
- Tires
- Shingles
- Drywall

# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Watch for Oversized Waste Collection this month!				1	2	<b>3</b> Charity Depot <b>Dorchester</b> 
4	<b>5</b> 	6	<b>7</b> 	8	9	<b>10</b> Charity Depot <b>Thorndale</b> 
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>12</b> 	13	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 	16	17
18	<b>19</b> <i>Victoria Day</i>  Regular collection	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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# Conservation of Non-Essential Water Use

By implementing a By-Law that coordinates lawn watering, filling pools, washing vehicles, etc. of municipal addresses on an odd-even calendar day basis, the capacity required for non-essential watering is cut in half, which helps to control water and costs.

In the Municipality of Thames Centre, non-essential water use from the municipal water systems is coordinated via **By-Law 44-2003**, which permits watering from a hose or sprinkler system as follows:

Watering restrictions in effect from May to September	Municipal Address Ending In:	Associated Watering Day:
	0, 2, 4, 6, & 8	<b>Even</b> Numbered Calendar Days
	1, 3, 5, 7, & 9	<b>Odd</b> Numbered Calendar Days

Grass requires only **2-3 cm of water per week** to endure the summer months. Wastewater sewer charges are based on a surcharge applied on the amount of water used. This means that a resident pays for an equal amount of sewer usage as the water consumed, regardless if it is used for lawn watering and not flowing 'down the drain'. **Water usage for sod watering can result in large water and wastewater billings.**

Further conservation may be required in times of drought or a water supply emergency. If this occurs details will be communicated through social media and the Municipal website.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

visit [www.thamescentre.on.ca/services/residents/water-services](http://www.thamescentre.on.ca/services/residents/water-services) or contact the Environmental Services Superintendent at 519-268-7334 ext. 745.



# June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<p><b>Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003).</b></p> <p>What we eat has an impact on climate. Food grown or made in Ontario has reduced impacts from processing, transportation, and refrigeration. <b>Eat local year-round!</b></p>				



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# How Long Does It Take?

## From start . . .



How long does it take for Recyclable to be turned into new products?  
How long does it take for them to decompose in landfill or as litter?

### Glass Bottle

 6 to 10 Days

Landfill/Litter: 1 million Years



### Plastic Bottle

 One Week

Landfill/Litter: 100 to 500 Years



### Aluminum Can

 Two Months

Landfill/Litter: 100 to 500 Years



### Paper Containers

 One Week

Landfill/Litter: 2 months to 5 Years



### Newspaper

 One Week

Landfill/Litter: 2 months to 50 Years



Communities Recycling Together



Municipality of  
Dutton Danforth



Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.

## . . . to finish.

# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <b>Canada Day</b> Regular collection	2	3	4	5
		6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003).</b>	



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# The Thames Centre Landfill

The Thames Centre Landfill tipping fees are as follows:

**Waste**.....\$130.00/tonne (minimum \$20.00)

**Cardboard (clean)**.....\$130.00/tonne (minimum \$20.00)

**Note:** If you bring a garbage bag to the landfill with a bag tag on it, you will still be **charged the \$20 minimum**. Leave your bagged and tagged garbage at the curb on your regular pickup day.

Electronics.....	Free
Tires.....	Free
Metal.....	Free
Concrete and stone.....	Free
Clean fill (topsoil).....	Free
Grass clippings.....	Free
Brush (no stumps).....	Free
Batteries (vehicle and single use).....	Free

Every effort you make to divert waste from the landfill helps our community!

**REUSE** where possible, and **RECYCLE** as much as you can. Not sure if an item can be recycled? Refer to the Recycling Guide on page 2, visit [thamescentre.on.ca](http://thamescentre.on.ca), or call **519-268-7334 ext 745**.

**Note: Open to Thames Centre residents only.**

**The Thames Centre Landfill** is located at 2015 Crampton Dr.

**Hours:** Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED statutory holidays

**No credit cards. Cash or debit only.**



# August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003).			Donating to charitable organizations is a great way to spare items from the Thames Centre landfill.		1	2
3	4 <b>Civic Holiday</b> Regular collection	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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# Missed Collections

Missed collections are upsetting, but there is usually a reason why material was not collected as expected.

To ensure your materials are collected, please ensure they are:

- **Properly tagged** garbage bags (garbage must be bagged)
- At the curbside **by 7:00 a.m.**
- Within the weight limit of **20 kg (45 lbs)**
- **Not hidden** behind a vehicle, snow bank, or other obstruction
- **Free of prohibited content** (e.g. hazardous or construction/renovation waste)

Other reasons for missed collections are:

- Non-recyclable item in the Blue Box
- Not a garbage collection week between November and April
- Garbage and recycling placed on the wrong side of the street
- Cardboard not broken down and bundled properly (see page 2)
- Recyclables not separated into two streams (see page 2)

If an item is not collected for reasons other than the above, please contact the **Municipality** to resolve the issue. Call **519-268-7334 ext 745** or **Miller Waste Systems Inc.** at **519-668-0072**.

**Please do not leave uncollected material at the curb while you are resolving the problem.**



# September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Labour Day Regular collection	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	<b>Back to school reminder:</b> All drivers and cyclists must wait until children, pedestrians and the school crossing guards have completely crossed the road before continuing through the intersection. Let's keep our kids safe!			



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# PLEASE SORT IT

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



Use separate Blue Boxes for paper and containers.

## Bag Tags

Bag Tags can be purchase for \$2.50 at:

- **Dorchester Foodland**  
2095 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester  
**Hours:** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily
- **Thorndale Farm Supply**  
197 King St., Thorndale  
**Hours:** Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Thorndale Library**  
21790 Thorndale Rd., Thorndale  
**Hours:** Tuesday to Thursday 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Thames Centre Municipal Office**  
4305 Hamilton Rd., Dorchester  
**Hours:** Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



# October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November. Recycling will still be collected weekly.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Regular collection	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>	



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4305 Hamilton Rd.  
Dorchester, ON N0L 1G3



To the curb by  
**7:00 am**

## Garbage and Recycling Inquiries

Telephone:  
**Thames Centre**  
519-268-7334 ext 745  
or  
**Miller Waste Systems Inc.**  
519-668-0072

E-mail:  
[inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca](mailto:inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca)

Website:  
[www.thamescentre.on.ca](http://www.thamescentre.on.ca)

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