

Recycling, Yard Waste and Garbage Collection

October 2025

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY          | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> |                                          | 1       | 2         | 3        | 4               |          |
| 5                                  | 6                                        | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10              | 11       |
| 12                                 | 13<br>Thanksgiving<br>Regular Collection | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17              | 18       |
| 19                                 | 20                                       | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24              | 25       |
| 26                                 | 27                                       | 28      | 29        | 30       | 31<br>Halloween |          |

November 2025

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                                                             | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> | Please ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. |         |           |          |        | 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       |

December 2025

| SUNDAY                                   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY           | SATURDAY                   |
|------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 30<br><div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> | 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<br>Christmas Day<br>collection Saturday.                                                                                                                              | 26<br>Boxing Day | 27<br>collection Saturday. |
| 28                                       | 29     | 30      | 31        | Thursday, December 25th garbage & recycling will be collected Saturday, December 27th. All other days of the weeks of Christmas & New Years are regular collection days. |                  |                            |

January 2026

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                     | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> | Thursday, January 1st recycling will be collected Saturday, January 3rd. All other days of the weeks of Christmas & New Years are regular collection days. |         |           | 1<br>New Year's Day<br>collection Saturday. | 2      | 3<br>collection Saturday. |
| 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                        |

February 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | MONDAY           | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2                | 3       | 4         | 5        | 6      | 7                     |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9                | 10      | 11        | 12       | 13     | 14<br>Valentine's Day |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 16<br>Family Day | 17      | 18        | 19       | 20     | 21                    |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 23               | 24      | 25        | 26       | 27     | 28                    |
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> <div>Correct Winter Placement of Recycling and Garbage<br/>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.</div> |                  |         |           |          |        |                       |

March 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY                 | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                           |
|--------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2      | 3                       | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5        | 6      | 7                                  |
| 8      | 9      | 10                      | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12       | 13     | 14                                 |
| 15     | 16     | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 19       | 20     | 21                                 |
| 22     | 23     | 24                      | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 26       | 27     | 28                                 |
| 29     | 30     | 31                      | 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. |          |        | <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> |

April 2026

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------|----------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> |                                          | 1       | 2         | 3        | 4<br>Good Friday<br>Regular Collection   |          |
| 5<br>Easter Sunday                 | 6<br>Easter Monday<br>Regular Collection | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10                                       | 11       |
| 12                                 | 13                                       | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17                                       | 18       |
| 19                                 | 20                                       | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24                                       | 25       |
| 26                                 | 27                                       | 28      | 29        | 30       | Weekly garbage pick up resumes in April. |          |

May 2026

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> |                                          |         |           | 1        | 2      |          |
| 3                                  | 4                                        | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8      | 9        |
| 10                                 | 11<br>Mother's Day                       | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16       |
| 17                                 | 18<br>Victoria Day<br>Regular Collection | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       |
| 24                                 | 25                                       | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |

June 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                    | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 31     | 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      | <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003). |          |        |          |

July 2026

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                             | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> |        |         | 1<br>Canada Day<br>Regular Collection | 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     |          |

August 2026

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                                                                                                    | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> | Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003). |         |           |          |        | 1        |
| 2                                  | 3<br>Civic Holiday<br>Regular Collection                                                                                  | 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       |

September 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                        | FRIDAY                             | SATURDAY |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 30     | 31                                    | 1       | 2         | 3                                               | 4                                  | 5        |
| 6      | 7<br>Labour Day<br>Regular Collection | 8       | 9         | 10                                              | 11                                 | 12       |
| 13     | 14                                    | 15      | 16        | 17                                              | 18                                 | 19       |
| 20     | 21                                    | 22      | 23        | 24                                              | 25                                 | 26       |
| 27     | 28                                    | 29      | 30        | 30<br>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | <div>To be curbed by 7:00 am</div> |          |



Recycling Collection Weekly  
on your scheduled day



Garbage Collection Weekly/BiWeekly  
on your scheduled day



Fall Yard Waste Curbside Collection  
on your scheduled day



Oversized Waste Collection  
on your scheduled day

## Garbage Collection | [thamescentre.on.ca](http://thamescentre.on.ca)

### Blue Box Transition

Starting January 1, 2026 municipalities will no longer be responsible for the Blue Box Program. The province will transition to producer responsibility through Circular Materials Ontario (CMO). **Residents will see no changes to the regular Blue Box collection schedule.** Any changes to the Blue Box Program or scheduling will be communicated through CMO. Residents can contact CMO at [customerservice@circularmaterials.ca](mailto:customerservice@circularmaterials.ca) or 1-877-667-2626 for any Blue Box questions or concerns. Until December 31, 2025, please refer to your regular collection schedule, the municipal website, or call 519-268-7334 ext 745.

### GARBAGE BAG TAG

Bag Tags can be purchased for \$2.50 each at:

**Dorchester Foodland**  
2095 Dorchester Rd, Dorchester  
**Hours:**  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily



**Thorndale Country Mills**  
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 & Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 2 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays

**Thames Centre Municipal Office**  
4305 Hamilton Rd, Dorchester  
**Hours:**  
Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Thorndale Lions Community Centre**  
265 Upper Queen St, Thorndale  
**Hours:**  
Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### Landfill

2015 Crampton Drive  
**Hours:**  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
CLOSED statutory holidays

### Fall Yard Waste November 3-7, 2025 Curbside Collection



**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.

Maximum weight per container or bundles is 20 k, maximum size per container is 125L.

**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

### 2026 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.

#### 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

| If your weekly garbage & recycling pickup day is . . . | Then your Oversized Waste Collection MUST be set out by . . . |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday                                              | Monday, May 4                                                 |
| Friday                                                 | Wednesday, May 6                                              |
| Monday                                                 | Monday, May 11                                                |
| Tuesday                                                | Wednesday, May 13                                             |
| Thursday                                               | Thursday, May 14                                              |

to find your schedule visit [thamescentre.on.ca](http://thamescentre.on.ca)

### 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 Horton's, McDonald's 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

- Newspaper 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.

All garbage must be bagged and each bag must have a tag.

#### DOs

Use standard garbage bags or metal or plastic cans (minimum 30 L; maximum 125 L).

Maximum weight for bags or cans is 20 kg (44 lbs).

Set garbage at the curb by 7 a.m., but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before. Remove emptied cans or any non-collectable waste from the curb by the end of collection day.

Dog poop and cat litter must be double-bagged, free of liquids and placed inside a larger bag.

#### DON'Ts

These materials will not be collected:

- Appliances & electronics
- Cracked or broken toilets
- Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
- Renovation materials
- Scrap metal (bikes, metal furniture etc.)
- Tires

**DON'T** place these items loose into the garbage: sawdust, cigarette ash, vacuum dust or COVID-19 related items such as tissues, napkins, towels, gloves & masks. Bag these items and place in a large bag or container.

**DON'T** put broken glass or sharp metal objects in regular garbage. Place in a sealed cardboard box and clearly label "Caution Sharp" for collectors.

**DON'T** put needles in the garbage. Place in a rigid container and contact your local pharmacy for disposal options.

