

2020 - 2021 Waste Reduction Calendar






**Fall Yard Waste
Curbside Collection**



See Page 3





Box #1 - Container Recycling



ACCEPTED ITEMS AND PREPARATION		DO NOT INCLUDE
	Glass Bottles, Jars, Juice & Milk Cartons Clear or colored food & 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.)	No light bulbs of any type (see pg 6) No mirror or window glass No drinking glasses No ceramics (plates, mugs, Pyrex®, etc) No broken glass
	Plastics Food & beverage bottles and tubs with the #1 to #7 symbol Laundry jugs and bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol Cleaner, soap & shampoo bottles with the #1 to #7 symbol Rigid plastic (any plastic packaging) Plastic plant pots and trays	No motor oil, antifreeze, or chemical containers (see pg 6) No plastic bags No toys No Styrofoam® No PVC or ABS pipe
	Aluminum & Tin Cans All food and beverage cans & lids Clean aluminum foil containers Aerosol and empty paint cans Empty and rinse all containers Remove lids and sprayers from containers Labels are acceptable	No aerosol or paint cans (see pg 5) No cooking pots or pans No other metal items (see pg 5) No paper-backed foil (lids from take-out food) No foil laminates (potato chip bags) No coat hangers No electronics (see pg 2)

Box #2 - Paper Recycling



ACCEPTED ITEMS AND PREPARATION		DO NOT INCLUDE
	Newspapers Newspapers and all flyers Stack them in your blue box or tie in manageable bundles	No plastic bags No elastic bands
	Mixed Paper Items that are 100% paper , such as magazine, telephone books, junk mail, cards, bags, egg cartons, office paper, etc. Books are accepted – remove and discard hard covers Window envelopes are ok	No wrapping paper No photographs No used tissues or paper towels 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.
	Boxboard Boxboard items such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes and paper towel centre cores Paper egg cartons	Remove plastic windows from pasta and tissue boxes Remove 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 Remove ALL food residue and contents from pizza boxes	No cardboard that has been contaminated with oil or chemicals

Fall Yard Waste

November 2-6, 2020

CURBSIDE COLLECTION



PAPER BAGS

OR



REUSABLE CONTAINERS



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



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



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.



General inquiries: 519-268-7490

www.thamescentre.on.ca

Remember!

Bi-weekly garbage collection resumes in November.

Recycling will still be collected weekly.



October 2020



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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Regular collection	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



Fall Yard Waste Curbside Collection

Yard Waste is collected at curbside from November 2nd to November 6th 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.

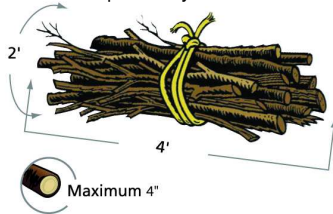
Acceptable Containers:

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

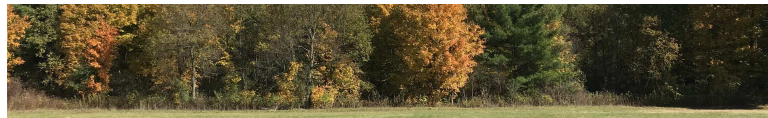
Yard waste in plastic bags will NOT be collected.

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 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving ends	2 	3 FALL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION 	4 	5 	6 	7
8	9 	10 	11 Remembrance Day 	12 	13 	14
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29	30 	Please ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.				



Two 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 of your paper and fibers.

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® cans, frozen juice containers, etc.)

Box 2 - Paper and Fiber Products

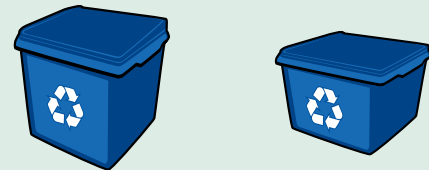
- Newspaper and telephone books
- Paper egg cartons and boxes
- Magazines, books, and catalogues
- Cardboard boxes
- Household paper

For more information, refer to page 1 in this calendar.



Need a new Blue Box?

Blue Boxes are available for purchase for \$6.50 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!**



December 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The LANDFILL will be CLOSED Saturday December 26th.		1 	2 	3 	4 	5
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13	14 	15 	16 	17 	18 	19
20	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 Christmas No garbage or recycling collection	26 Boxing Day 25's Collection 
27	28 	29 	30 	31 	December 25th collection (Friday) will be moved to December 26th (Saturday). The rest of the week will remain on the same schedule.	



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.

The Thames Centre landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Dr. It is open Wednesday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed statutory holidays.

See page 12 for more information about the Thames Centre landfill.




Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

Between December 28th and January 1st, you may drop off your Christmas tree in the **Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility** front ball diamond parking lot (northeast corner) or the **Thorndale Community Centre** parking lot. There will be signage designating the drop-off areas.

Artificial trees are not accepted. Ensure all tinsel and garland has been removed.

January 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 1st collection (Friday) will be moved to January 2nd (Saturday). The rest of the week will remain on the same schedule.					1 New Year's Day No recycling collection	2 1's Collection 
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Household Special Waste

Thames Centre residents can take their Household Special Waste (HHSW) to the City of London's W12 landfill 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.




















W12 is located at 3502 Manning Drive, London. It is open Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

W12 is closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays.



February 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6
7	8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Family Day 	16 	17 	18 	19 	20
21	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27
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Coming in May 2021 Oversized Waste Collection



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 am of your collection day. There will be no return visits. See page 9 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 in the Oversized Waste, but because of the 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 2019, 91 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 519-268-7490 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, dry wall, or freon filled appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners). 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 am on your collection day.



March 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6
7	8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13
14 Daylight Saving starts	15 	16 	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 	19 	20
21	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27
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Charity Depot - Metal, Tires, Electronics and Batteries



Do something good for your community!

Drop off metal, used tires, waste electronics and old batteries for **FREE** with the proceeds going to community charities.

The depots are open from **8:00 am to 1:00 pm.**



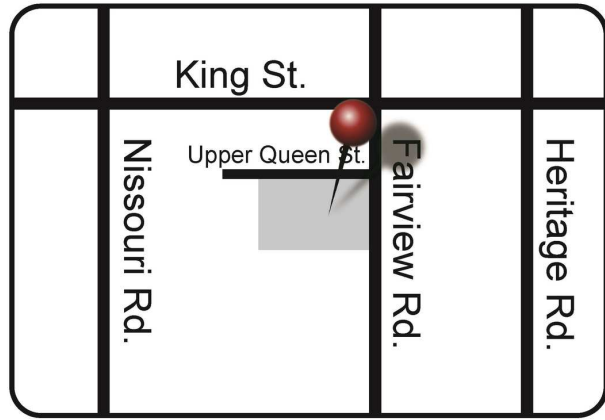
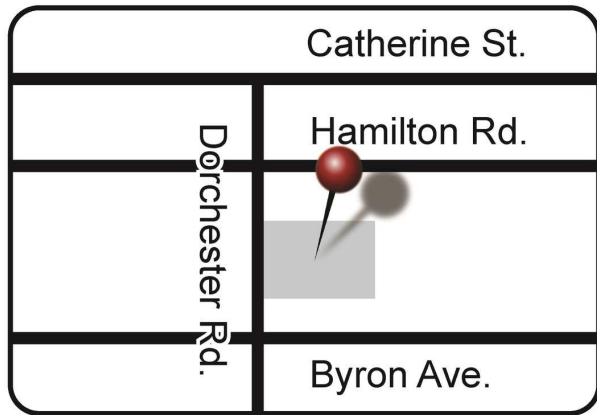
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Dorchester FlightExec Rec Facility
2066 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester



May 8

Thorndale Community Centre
265 Upper Queen St., Thorndale



April 2021



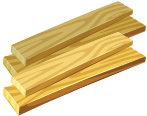
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Weekly garbage pickup resumes in April.				1	2 Good Friday Regular collection	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday Regular collection	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2021 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 3
Friday	Wednesday, May 5
Monday	Monday, May 10
Tuesday	Wednesday, May 12
Thursday	Thursday, May 13







Remember the Charity Depots
May 1 Dorchester
May 8 Thorndale

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.)
- freon filled appliances
- concrete, bricks, stone, or ceramic tiles
- electronics
- toilets and sinks
- propane tanks
- tires
- shingles
- dry wall

May 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Charity Depot Dorchester 
2	3 	4	5 	6	7	8 Charity Depot Thorndale 
9 Mother's Day	10 	11	12 	13 	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day Regular collection	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					





Keep these products out of landfill

✓ Paint ✓ Pesticides ✓ Solvents ✓ Fertilizers

Find information on accepted products and
recycling locations at productcare.org/thames
or call 1-877-592-2972 x 239



June 2021



SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30				





SHARPS

COLLECTION
PROGRAM

You Can Return:

- Needles, needle tips and syringes
- Insulin pens
- Lancets
- Other used medical sharps

Components such as glucose meters and cotton swabs should not be disposed of in sharps containers.

Visit www.healthsteward.ca to find your nearest participating pharmacy.

TAKE IT BACK!

Responsibly dispose of your used sharps to help prevent needlestick and sharps injuries.



HEALTH PRODUCTS
STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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For more information, visit:
healthsteward.ca or e-mail info@healthsteward.ca
Call Our Toll-Free Number: 1-844-535-8889

**SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR
USED SHARPS DEVICES BY
FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:**

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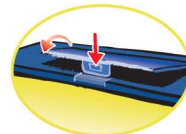
Recap needle and place into approved sharp container offered free of charge at any participating pharmacy.

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Once the sharp waste has reached the designated fill line, snap lid closed by securing the strip.

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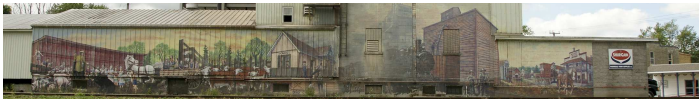
To permanently close the sharps container, insert the tab into the opening to secure the lid down.

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Always use an approved sharps container when disposing of used sharps to help reduce the risk of needlestick injuries.

July 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Canada Day Regular collection	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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
Bricks, concrete, stone, and porcelain (sinks and toilets)	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 the inside front cover of this calendar, visit **thamescentre.on.ca**, or call **519-268-7490**.

No debit or credit cards. Cash only.

The Thames Centre Landfill is located at 2015 Crampton Dr.

Landfill hours: Wednesday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Closed statutory holidays



August 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Civic Holiday Regular collection	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				



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 items 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 (pg 1)
- Recyclables not separated into two streams (pg 1)

If an item is not collected for reasons other than the above, please contact the Municipality to resolve the issue. 519-268-7490 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 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labour Day 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		



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 can be purchased for \$2.50 at:

- **Dorchester Foodland** (2095 Dorchester Rd., Dorchester) open 6 am to 10 pm daily
- **Thorndale Farm Supply** (197 King St., Thorndale) open Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday 8 am to 12 pm
- **Thorndale Library** (21790 Thorndale Rd., Thorndale) open Tuesday to Thursday 2 pm to 8:30 pm, Friday 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
- **Y & H Market** (4170 Catherine St., Dorchester) open Monday to Friday 7 am to 10 pm, Saturday 9 am to 10 pm, and Sunday 9 am to 8 pm
- **Thames Centre Municipal Office** (4305 Hamilton Rd., Dorchester) open Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm



October 2021

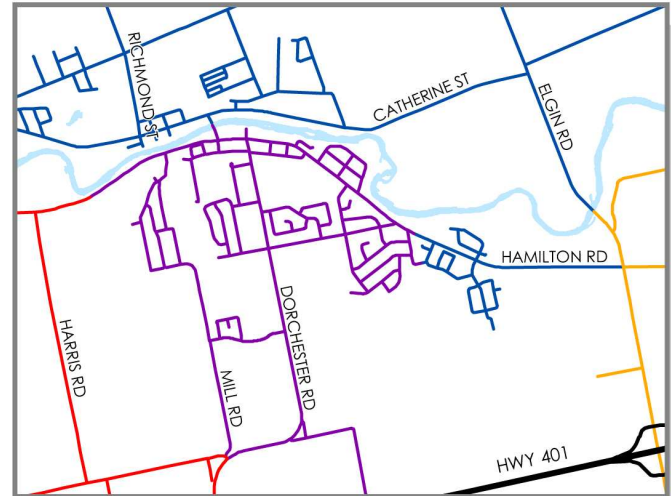
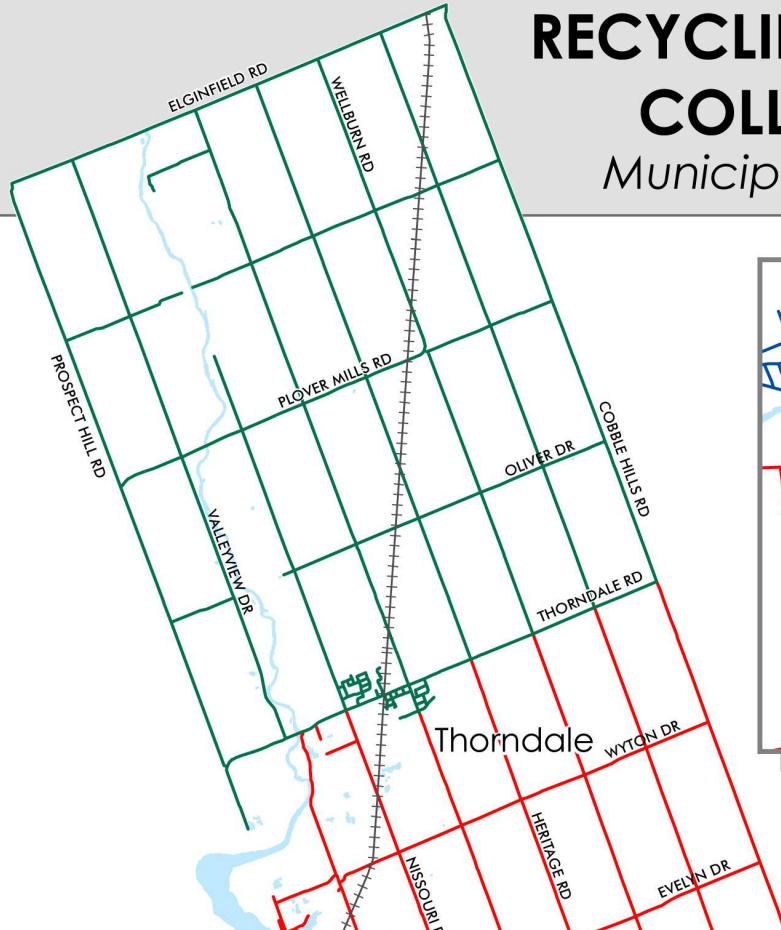


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RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION ROUTES

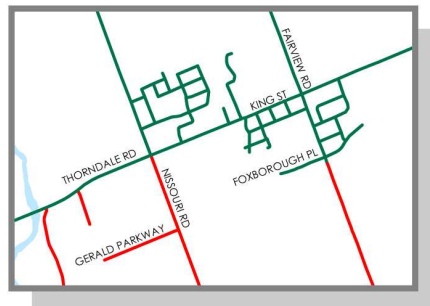
Municipality of Thames Centre



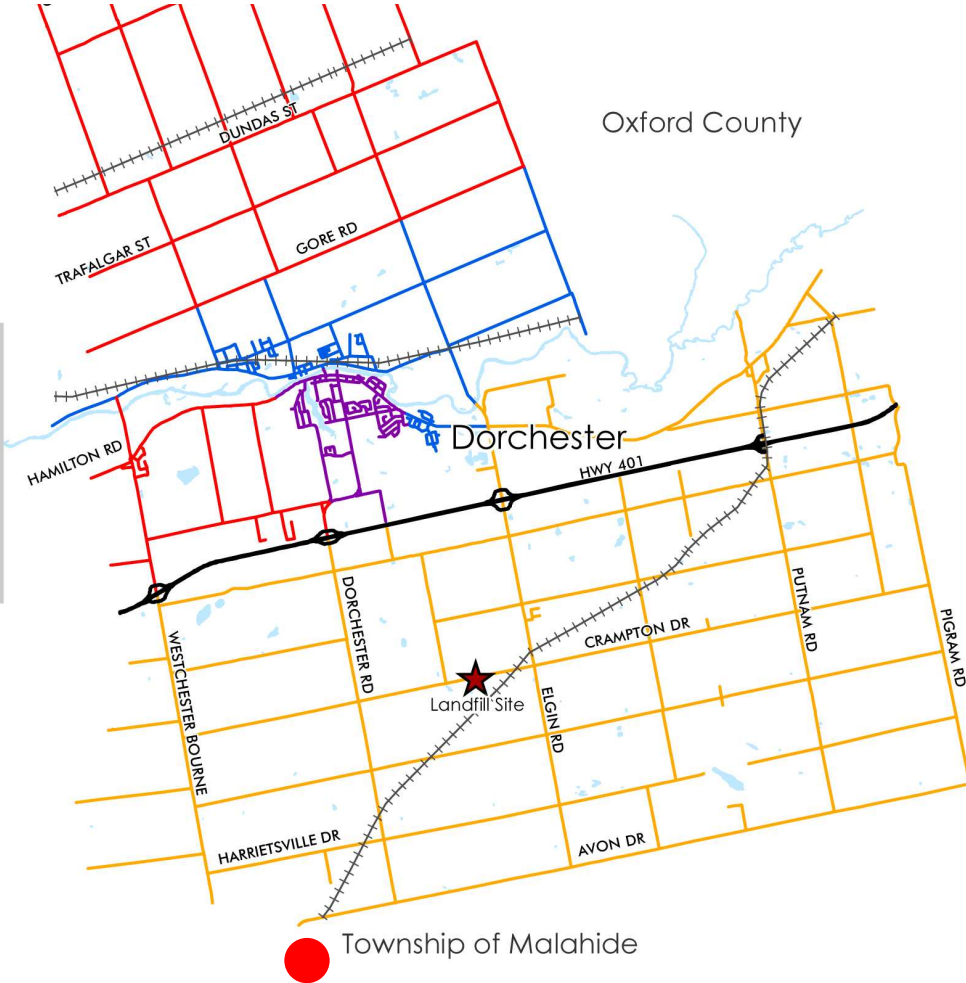
Dorchester

City of London

Oxford County



Thorndale



Township of Malahide



It doesn't belong in the recycle bin



Propane tanks



Plastic bags



Styrofoam™



Paper towels
and tissues

(cardboard tube and tissue box
are recyclable)



Children's toys



Ceramic cups
and plates



Garbage and Recycling Inquiries

Phone
Thames Centre
519-268-7490
or
Miller Waste Systems Inc.
519-668-0072

email
inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca

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Your Community
Your Home**

