

Why would a Municipality want to implement a Clear Bag Program?

The Clear Bag Program is often implemented as a cost effective measure to increase diversion of materials from the waste stream. Implementing a Clear Bag Program also improves worker safety and allows transfer station attendants the ability to conduct a quick assessment of the contents within the clear bag(s) to ensure that no recyclable or hazardous items are in the bag.

What do I do with my left over opaque garbage bags?

Clear garbage bags became mandatory January 1st, 2017. Residents with a supply of opaque bags are encouraged to donate/trade their opaque bags to friends/family not in a jurisdiction requiring the use of clear bags.

I am already recycling and diverting as much as I can from the garbage so why do I need to do this?

For residents that are diligent in recycling and doing their best to divert, this program will make no difference except for simply the colour of the bag. This program is intended to increase participation from households that do not presently recycle material by raising them to the standard of those who already participate.

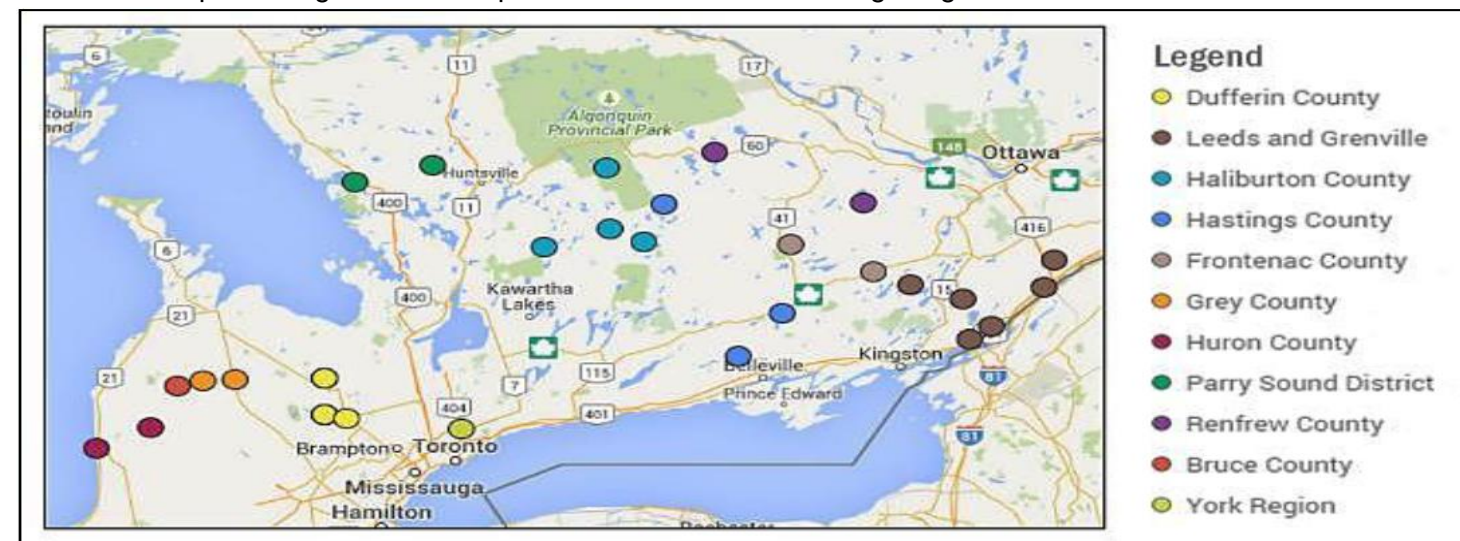
Where Can I Get Clear Garbage Bags?

Below is a list of some nearby retailers who sell clear garbage bags:

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| Bobcaygeon Home Hardware | Barrs BMR (Bobcaygeon) | Valumart (Bobcaygeon) |
| Bobcaygeon Foodland | Buckhorn Home Hardware | Buckhorn Foodland |
| Kinmount Independent Grocer | Canadian Tire (Fenelon Falls & Lindsay) | Hasty Market (Fenelon Falls) |
| Home Hardware (Lindsay) | Costco (Peterborough) | Walmart (Peterborough) |

What other Municipalities have implemented a Clear Bag Program?

Below is a map showing other Municipalities who have a Clear Bag Program in effect.



Waste Card

The Waste Card is mailed out to the registered owner of occupied residential properties with the Interim Tax Bill in February. The waste card has 48 squares which are divided equally into quarters and valid only during the dates specified. The symbol shown in each quarter represents 1 standard sized bag of garbage. Up to 12 standard sized bags of garbage can be disposed of in each given quarter. Any additional bags of garbage will be subject to a fee. Your recycling and recycling programs offered at each Transfer Station Site are free.

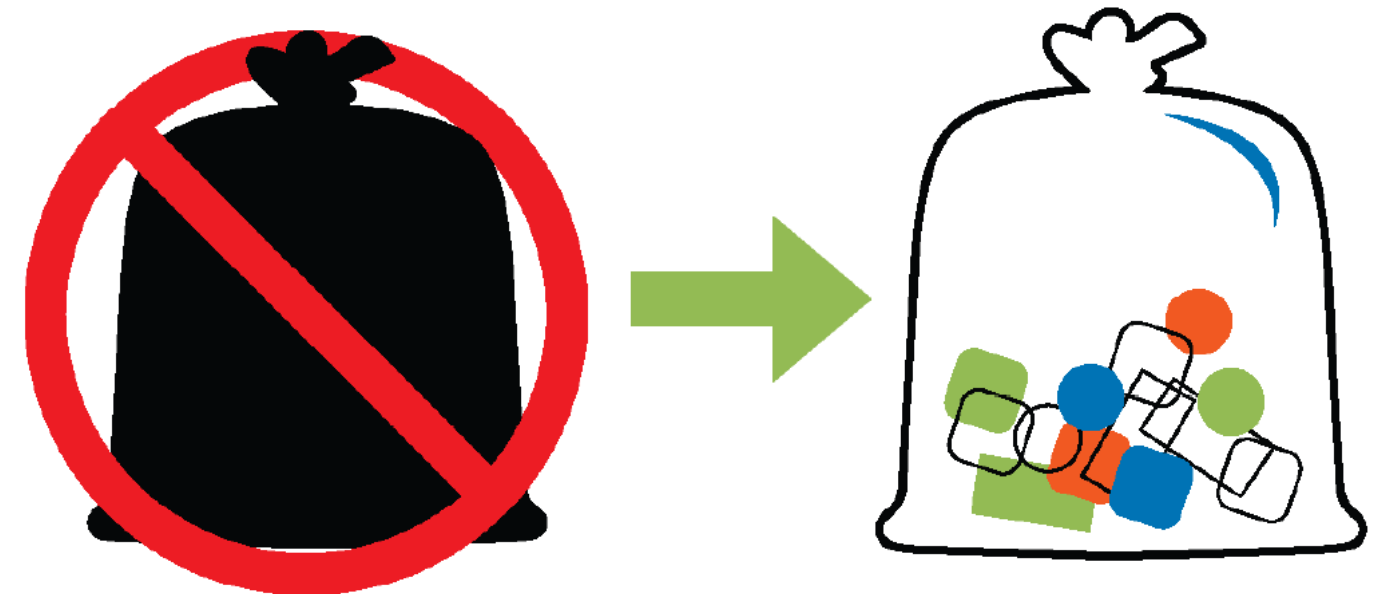
Valid Only During The Dates Specified

Apr 1, 2017 to Jun 30, 2017						Apr 1, 2017 to Jun 30, 2017					
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Jul 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2017						Jul 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2017					
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Oct 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2017						Oct 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2017					
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Jan 1, 2018 to Mar 31, 2018						Jan 1, 2018 to Mar 31, 2018					
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- Bobcaygeon Transfer Station..... 42 County Rd 36705-738-5454
- Buckhorn Transfer Station 37 Dump Rd.....705-657-9477
- Cavendish Transfer Station..... 3020 County Rd 507705-657-2490
- Crystal Lake Transfer Station..... 665 Crystal Lake Rd.....705-488-3376

Clear is the new Black



The Municipality of Trent Lakes has launched a **Clear Garbage Bag Program** which became mandatory on **January 1, 2017**. This program discourages the placement of recyclables and hazardous materials into the waste stream. The Clear Garbage Bag Program helps the environment and diverts recyclables from the landfill.

Garbage that has not been put into a clear bag, visibly contains **any** Blue Box material, more than 20% of other divertible items (site specific programs such as electronics, clothing, organics, etc.) or any hazardous materials **will not** be accepted at the Transfer Stations.

Why Recycle?

- Turn waste into a resource** – Transforming material that would take years to break down in a landfill into new products.
- Keep waste out of landfills** – Reprocessing used materials into new products reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill sites.
- Use less energy** – Producing new products using recycled materials uses less energy than using raw materials.
- Conserve natural resources** – Making products from used materials reduces the need to consume natural resources.
- Reduce pollution** – Making products from recycled material creates less pollution than making products from raw materials.

Separate Your Recyclables

Fibres Paper

- ✓ News/writing paper, magazines, telephone books, envelopes, junk mail and flyers

Cardboard/Boxboard

- ✓ Corrugated cardboard, file folders, construction paper, food boxes (liners removed), toilet paper tubes, brown paper bags
- ✓ Flattened cardboard

Plastic Bags and Packaging

- ✓ Grocery, milk, bread bags – place all in one and tie

Does Not Include

- ✗ Paper towel, Tissue, Toilet Paper
- ✗ Chip bags, chocolate bar wrappers, plastic stretch wrap
- ✗ Waxed cardboard
- ✗ Liners from cracker/cereal boxes



Containers

Glass

- ✓ Coloured & clear bottles & jars

Plastic

- ✓ Food & Drink containers, tubs & lids

Metal

- ✓ Pop cans, pie plates & tin foil
- ✓ Food & drink cans & tins
- ✓ Empty metal paint cans, lids removed
- ✓ Empty aerosol cans

Other

- ✓ Milk cartons, juice boxes
- ✓ Paper coffee cups (no lids)

Does Not Include

- ✗ Broken glass, Pyrex®, ceramic or other dishware
- ✗ Hazardous product containers, straws, polystyrene
- ✗ Scrap metal, utensils, pots and pans
- ✗ No Styrofoam of Any Kind!



Check out the **Searchable Waste Portal** on our website or download the Recycle Coach App. It lets you search how/where to dispose of waste and gives reduce & reuse tips. Visit www.trentlakes.ca.

Place Your Garbage In Clear Bags

Your Bags Will Not Be Accepted If:



Privacy Bag

You will be allowed one (1) grocery size privacy bag inside each of your clear bags to shield material such as sanitary products, diapers, incontinence products, financial information, medical objects or other personal items.

Note: If your privacy bag is the only waste you have, it does not need to be placed into a clear bag.

Hazardous Waste

The County of Peterborough has a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot that is available to residents to use year round located at 400 Pido Road Wednesday – Saturday 8 am – 4 pm.

The Buckhorn Transfer Station accepts HHW seasonally. Check out our website for the HHW hours. There is no charge for residents to drop off their HHW.

www.trentlakes.ca



Your bag is **Not A Clear Bag**

Transfer station attendants must be able to easily view the contents within your garbage bag in order to ensure there are no recyclable materials or hazardous waste.



Your bag contains **Any Blue Box material or More Than 20%** other divertible material.



Your bag contains **Hazardous Waste** (Must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Depot)

Reduce The Amount Of Waste In Your Clear Bags By Participating In These Recycling Programs

Battery Recycling

Batteries should not be thrown out with your regular garbage because they contain heavy metals and corrosive material that can leach into the ground. Household batteries and rechargeable batteries can be recycled at all four of the Transfer Stations – just give them to the Attendant!



Blue In The Loo boxes can be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$3.00. An easy way to separate recyclable items (shampoo bottles, toothpaste boxes, makeup containers, toilet paper rolls, etc) from trash in your washroom.

Reuse Centres

All four transfer stations have reuse centres that may accept items such as:

- Small furniture (tables, chairs)
- Sporting goods
- Toys
- Books, DVD's, CD's
- Housewares, dishes, pots and pans, utensils
- Dressers, desks, bookshelves
- Novelty items or 'antique-type' items (door knobs, milk cans, etc.)
- Memorabilia and collectibles
- Bicycles

All items must be clean and in working condition, however, the Attendant has the discretion not to accept any item for the Reuse Centre.



All four Transfer Stations have **Used Clothing Donation Bins** which benefit the Diabetes Association.

Recycling Electronics

There are WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) bins located at all of the Transfer Stations. Below is a short list of acceptable materials.

- ✓ Computers, tablets, and laptops including all peripherals and cords
 - ✓ Answering machines and pagers
 - ✓ TV's, VCR's, DVD players, and cords (no tapes, cd's, dvd's)
 - ✓ Phones (corded, mobile, smart)
 - ✓ Radios, speakers, turntables
 - ✓ Cameras (digital, manual, video)
 - ✓ Gaming devices and accessories (no game cartridges)
- *No gasoline powered items are permitted in the bins

Backyard Composting

Digester
98% Kitchen Waste
2% Yard Waste
Easy-to-use and attracts fewer animals!
\$45.00



Composters and Digesters can be purchased at the Municipal Office or you can discard your organics at the Buckhorn Transfer Station.

Composter
50% Kitchen Waste
50% Yard Waste
Soil created may be used for gardens!
\$25.00 - \$35.00



Kitchen Catchers are available at the Municipal Office for \$5.00.

They collect organic materials indoors for you to transfer to a composter or take to the Organics Dropoff Program at the Buckhorn Transfer Station.



Want To Help Out A Local Youth Charity?

Bring your empty alcoholic beverage containers to any of the four transfer stations. Four different local youth organizations collect the bottles and return them to raise money.

