



Help shape the future of garbage collection

Regional Council has asked staff to look at other municipalities and consider program changes to decrease the amount of garbage ending up in our landfill. Possible options from the new Waste Management Master Plan to be considered include:

- Standardize the collection of waste across all seven municipalities in the region.
- Bag limits and/or every other week garbage collection, with unlimited weekly blue box and green bin collection.
- User-pay options such as bag tags to allow residents the flexibility to have more waste collected at the curb, if needed.

Residential curbside audits show that up to 53 per cent of garbage still going to the Waterloo landfill is organic and could be composted using the green bin. Another 14 per cent of this garbage is paper and containers that could have been recycled in the blue box. These resources are wasted when they are buried in the landfill.

14% blue box

53% green bin

33% garbage



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Garbage collection changes

How could these programs work?

Reduce and standardize bag limits:

A bag limit is the maximum number of garbage items that will be collected at the curb at one time. Across Waterloo Region, limits range from three to 10 bags; the limit should be the same across the Region.

Garbage collection every other week:

Unlimited blue boxes and green bins are collected every week. Garbage is collected every two weeks. Residents who fully use the blue box and green bin get rid of their “yucky” waste each week. With very little garbage left over, they find collecting garbage every two weeks is enough.

User-pay (bag tags):

There may be times when residents have more garbage than bag limits allow. Special tags can be purchased and attached to the extra bags. These tags allow for the convenience of putting extra bags out at the curb.

Any changes approved by Council will happen over a period of several years.



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