

FRIENDLY FACES



They are the people in your neighbourhood!

Through the pouring rain, fierce snow storms, frosty winter mornings, and scorching summers, they are there, in front of your house, at roughly the same time every week. These are the workers that rise before the crack of dawn to handle what is a very important, but often taken for granted, part of our lives.

Many come and go before we have stirred from our sleep, or after we have left for work, so they remain anonymous, yet faithful, neighbourhood visitors about which we know very little. They are the garbage and recycling collectors, and their job is to take away your garbage and empty your blue box every week.

It is not a job for everyone! Their day begins at 6 am and some days does not end until 7 pm. On an average day, they pick up over 400 bags of garbage and empty over 400 blue boxes.

Next time you see the waste and recycling collector in your neighbourhood, please take the time to smile and say thanks! Think of what life would be like without him or her.

How can you help?

For the most part, Bluewater Recycling's customers do a great job of properly sorting and placing their materials to the curb for collection, but there's always more that can be done to help.

- 1) Have your materials to the curb by 7 a.m. sharp on collection day.
- 2) Do not just 'toss' your materials into one pile. Keep your waste and recyclables separate so the collector does not need to search through materials.
- 3) Place your materials to the curb so that they are visible to the collector.
- 4) Make sure items are not hidden behind a parked vehicle or other obstruction, such as a hedge, and do not place your materials on snow banks, ditches, etc.
- 5) Put your blue box out only when it is full, but ensure your cans/bags/boxes are under the weight limit of 20kg (45 lbs) per container, when full.
- 6) In the summer, wrap your waste to keep away those nasty pests (flies, maggots, ants, roaches, and rats).
- 7) Please keep dogs leashed.
- 8) NEVER place broken glass, needles, hazardous waste or liquids into your garbage bags or blue box. Broken glass should be placed in a cardboard box and properly secured and labeled.
- 9) Be patient when traveling behind a collection vehicle. Ensure the way is clear before passing the vehicle
- 10) Place garbage & recyclables beside those of an adjacent neighbour, so that workers can make one stop to service two houses.
- 11) Use only a municipal blue box for recyclables as they have a special 'lip' on the side that hooks onto the truck, making curbside sorting possible. It is also a flag for the driver to stop for collection.
- 12) Flatten and tie cardboard in bundles no larger than 30"x30"x8" (maximum 3 bundles).

Reasons Why Material Was Left Behind

- Items not out by 7:00 am
- Items over 20 kg (45 lbs)
- Presence of hazardous waste
- Items not properly set out for collection
- Collection not scheduled for that particular day
- Collection cancellation due to weather
- Items not in a proper container
- Items are not recyclable!

Snow and Ice Disruptions

In the event of hazardous road conditions due to snow and/or ice, the Bluewater Recycling Association may find it necessary, in the interest of public safety, to authorize the cancellation of garbage and/or recycling collection.

If the collection appears to be subject to weather cancellation, please visit our website at www.bra.org or call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-265-9799 for the latest collection schedule information. You may also listen to your favourite local radio station for updates.

Should a cancellation occur, those normally collected weekly will be delayed one week. Those normally collected biweekly will be informed of an alternate collection date. We appreciate your patience and cooperation if this should occur.

