



NOTICE TO RESIDENT

Dear resident,

Starting March 30, 2026, Ottawa will have a new curbside waste collection contract for garbage, green bin and leaf and yard waste.

What's changing: Leaf and yard waste will continue to be collected weekly, but it must be set out separately from your green bin in a reusable container labelled "Leaf and Yard Waste" or in brown paper bags.

In addition, as part of the new contract, collection days for garbage, organics, leaf and yard waste, and recycling may change for about half of Ottawa households. Please visit ottawa.ca/CollectionCalendar to view your collection schedule. If you are affected by this change, you will see your updated collection day on the week of March 30 and beyond. If you are signed up for weekly collection reminders, you can continue to rely on them.

What you need to know:

- Set household waste at the curb any time after 6 pm the evening before or by 7 am on your collection day:**

Green bin: Food waste continues to be collected weekly from your green bin.

Recycling: Recycling continues to be collected weekly, alternating between blue and black bins, under the new provincial program. See what's accepted at CircularMaterials.ca/Ottawa.

Garbage and bulky items: Residential garbage continues to be collected every two weeks. (Are you sure it's garbage? Check ottawa.ca/WasteExplorer for the best disposal option)

As part of the transition to the new collection schedule, some households may experience two weeks of the same waste streams being collected. To accommodate this disruption, all residents may place up to six garbage items at the curb on your scheduled garbage collection day between March 30 and April 24, 2026.

There will be no curbside collection on Good Friday, April 3, or Easter Monday, April 6; pick-up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Thank you for helping divert waste and supporting Ottawa's move toward a zero-waste future.

Never miss collection day!

Download the free Ottawa Collection Calendar app or sign up for email or phone reminders at ottawa.ca/CollectionCalendar. You'll also receive delay alerts.

Mailed collection calendars are being discontinued in 2027 to reduce waste.

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