



Circular Materials rolling out new residential recycling cart program in Wellington County

Residents have until June 18 to pre-order a smaller cart

For immediate release (June 12, 2026) – Beginning in August, Wellington County residents will see enhancements to their residential recycling program that includes a single recycling cart for all materials. Recycling collection will move to every other week. This widely used, automated recycling cart program is a convenient and safe solution to managing household recycling. New carts will be delivered to homes starting on July 6, and residents can begin using them in mid-August based on their collection schedule.

Program rollout

- To pre-order a smaller cart, residents must complete the [form](#) before **June 18 at 5pm**.
- New recycling carts will be delivered to homes starting on July 6, 2026. Deliveries will continue throughout the month of July.
- The new recycling carts can be used beginning either on August 10 or August 17, depending on your regular collection schedule. Until that time, residents should continue to use their current recycling containers or bags.
- Residents can check their updated, bi-weekly recycling calendar at [Wellington County | Circular Materials | Ontario](#).
- Single-stream recycling, where all recycling materials go in one cart, will change from weekly to every other week. There will be no change to the day of the week your recycling is collected.
- Residents can see the full list of materials accepted for recycling at [circularmaterials.ca/recycleontario](#). Circular Materials introduced a unified and expanded material list for the province of Ontario effective January 1, 2026, which means Ontarians can now recycle more materials, more easily.

“We are pleased to bring an enhanced and convenient recycling program to Wellington County residents. We are confident that these enhancements will support increased recycling rates,” said Allen Langdon, CEO, Circular Materials. “As we continue to advance Ontario’s new blue box recycling program, including introducing new materials accepted for recycling, we are committed to delivering tangible results that will benefit residents, communities and the environment. We thank the Wellington County lower tier municipalities for their continued engagement and collaboration, and we thank Wellington County residents for their participation and engagement with the residential recycling program.”



Cart size and automated collection process

The new recycling carts have a capacity of 360-litres, reflecting the average volume of recycling generated by households across Ontario. WM, the service provider responsible for recycling collection in Wellington County, will use automated collection trucks to safely service the carts, eliminating the need for drivers to exit their vehicles to manually empty them.

A 360-litre cart is strongly recommended as it provides the storage capacity needed to contain the volume of blue box materials generated by most households between collection cycles, including broken down cardboard. If, however, the larger 360-litre cart does not meet a household's recycling needs, residents may pre-order a smaller, 240-litre cart to be delivered instead of the 360-litre cart. Smaller carts will not later be exchanged for larger carts. Residents can pre-order smaller carts from Circular Materials at circularmaterials.ca/wellingtoncountycarts. Orders must be placed by June 18, 2026.

Each delivered cart will include information on how to properly set it out for collection.

Information for residents

Residents can expect an informational postcard in the mail in the next few weeks. The postcard will outline cart delivery timeframes, program start date, and general recycling tips.

Circular Materials and the County will support residents through the program rollout with online resources at circularmaterials.ca/wellingtoncounty. Additional outreach will include advertising on social media, radio and local newspapers to ensure residents are well informed.

For questions about recycling, residents can email the local recycling collection service provider, WM, at canresidential@wm.com or call 1-888-561-1655.

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About Circular Materials: Circular Materials is a not-for-profit producer responsibility organization (PRO) that supports producers in meeting their extended producer responsibility (EPR) obligations under Ontario's Blue Box Regulation. Circular Materials is also the administrator of the Common Collection System on behalf of all PROs operating in Ontario, responsible for operating the province's new Blue Box recycling system. This new recycling program is 100% funded by producers – the companies that supply packaging and paper products to consumers in Ontario, including the familiar brands and retailers Ontarians interact with every day. This means municipalities and taxpayers no longer pay for recycling services as



this cost is now paid by producers. Households across the province now have a convenient and enhanced system that recycles more materials, more easily. Learn more at circularmaterials.ca/recycleontario.

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