

Recycling, Yard Waste and Garbage Collection *A TAG MUST BE ON EVERY BAG

October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
To the curb by 7:00 am				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Regular Collection	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

November 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FALL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Please ensure your yard waste is set out by 7 am on your regular collection day.				

December 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Friday December 25th garbage & recycling will be collected Sat., December 26th.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31	All other days of the weeks of Christmas & New Years are regular collection days.	

January 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Friday January 1st recycling will be collected Saturday, December 26th. All other days of the weeks of Christmas & New Years are regular collection days.					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

February 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Correct Winter Placement of Recycling and Garbage To ensure collection and the safety of collection employees, please place garbage and recycling on a level ground within 1 metre of the curb. Do not set behind or on top of snowbanks.					

March 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Regular Collection Good Friday	27
28 Easter Sunday	29 Easter Monday	30	31	To the curb by 7:00 am		

April 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly and replace the batteries once a year or when the low battery warning chirps. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms wear out over time. Replace alarms according to manufacturer's recommendations.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Weekly garbage pickup resumes in April

May 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
To the curb by 7:00 am						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Mother's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31 Victoria Day Regular Collection	25	26	27	28	29

June 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003).		

July 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
To the curb by 7:00 am				1 Regular Collection Canada Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Regular Collection Civic Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Outdoor Water Use Restrictions are in place from May to September. Odd/Even watering days are in effect (By-Law 44-2003).			

September 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Regular Collection Labour Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	To the curb by 7:00 am	

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Blue Box Transition

As of January 1, 2026 municipalities are no longer responsible for the Blue Box Program. The province has transitioned to producer responsibility through Circular Materials Ontario (CMO). Any changes to the Blue Box Program or scheduling will be communicated through CMO. Residents can contact CMO at customerservice@circularmaterials.ca or 1-877-667-2626 for any Blue Box questions or concerns.

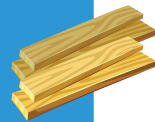
2027 Oversized Waste Collection

The Oversized Waste Collection Program is for items that will not fit into a garbage bag. Items that will fit into a garbage bag will not be taken.



Pile #1
Oversized
Waste

Permitted items are couches, chairs, mattresses, carpet, linoleum, windows, mirrors, etc. Carpet and linoleum must be cut into rolls no longer than 1.2 meters (4ft.) in length. All glass and mirrors must be taped. Broken glass will not be collected. Water softeners and other large containers must be completely empty.



Pile #2
Wood

Wood and wood products must be dismantled, cut into lengths no longer than 1.2 meters (4ft.), and neatly piled. Permitted items are fencing, picnic tables, skids, doors, desks, cabinets, etc. All large pieces of metal must be removed from the wood. All exposed nails must be flattened down or removed. Wire must be removed from fence posts.



Pile #3
Yard
Waste

Yard waste must be bundled and tied or bagged in paper bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Bundles must be no longer than 1.2 meters (4ft.) Limbs must be no bigger than 10 cm (4 inches) in diameter. Permitted items are leaves, sticks, house and garden plants, tree trimmings, etc. No stumps or root balls will be accepted.

Items NOT Accepted in the Oversized Waste Collection Program

- Any item that will fit into a garbage bag
- Piles that are not properly separated
- Household Special Waste
- Any recyclable material (cardboard, etc.)
- Automotive parts (truck toppers)
- Concrete, bricks, stone, or ceramic tiles
- Electronics
- Toilets & Sinks
- Propane Tanks
- Tires
- Shingles
- Drywall

to find your schedule visit thamescentre.on.ca

If your weekly garbage & recycling pickup day is ...	Then your Oversized Waste Collection MUST be set out by ...
Wednesday	Monday, May 10
Friday	Wednesday, May 12
Monday	Monday, May 17
Tuesday	Wednesday, May 19
Thursday	Thursday, May 20

DOs

Use standard garbage bags or metal or plastic cans (minimum 30 L; maximum 125 L).

Maximum weight for bags or cans is 20 kg (44 lbs).

Set garbage at the curb by 7 a.m., but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before. Remove emptied cans or any non-collectable waste from the curb by the end of collection day.

Dog poop and cat litter must be double-bagged, free of liquids and placed inside a larger bag.

DON'Ts

These materials will not be collected:

- Appliances & electronics
- Cracked or broken toilets
- Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
- Renovation materials
- Scrap metal (bikes, metal furniture etc.)
- Tires

DON'T place these items loose into the garbage: sawdust, cigarette ash, vacuum dust or COVID-19 related items such as tissues, napkins, towels, gloves & masks. Bag these items and place in a large bag or container.

DON'T put broken glass or sharp metal objects in regular garbage. Place in a sealed cardboard box and clearly label "Caution Sharp" for collectors.



DON'T put needles in the garbage. Place in a rigid container and contact your local pharmacy for disposal options.

All garbage must be bagged and each bag must have a tag.



GARBAGE BAG TAG

Bag Tags can be purchased for \$2.50 each at:

Dorchester Foodland

2095 Dorchester Rd, Dorchester

Hours:

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily



Thorndale Country Mills

197 King St, Thorndale

Hours:

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Thorndale Library

21790 Thorndale Rd, Thorndale

Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays

Thames Centre Municipal Office

4305 Hamilton Rd, Dorchester

Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thorndale Lions Community Centre

265 Upper Queen St, Thorndale

Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fall Yard Waste November 2-6, 2026 Curbside Collection



PAPER BAGS

OR



REUSABLE CONTAINERS



NO PLASTIC BAGS FOR YARD WASTE



Place Yard Waste at the curb by 7 a.m. Crews will only make one pass on each street on the designated recycling pick-up day.



WE ACCEPT:



Plant trimmings • Brush • Leaves • Pumpkins • Grass clippings



Brush must be less than 10 cm in diameter and 1 m in length. Tie in bundles with twine.



Maximum weight per container or bundles is 20 k, maximum size per container is 125L.



WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

Kitchen scraps | Sod | Rocks | Dirt/Soil
Large Branches | Tree Stumps | Railway ties
Painted or treated wood
Flower pot/trays | Animal waste