



Supporting Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I)/Business locations with continued Recycling Service

Summer/Fall 2025

Hello IC&I/Business location,

The County of Dufferin Waste Services team is reaching out to let you know about upcoming changes to the Blue Box/Blue Cart Recycling program that will affect participating Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) locations (i.e. businesses, non-profits, faith-based centres, municipal facilities etc.).

Pre-July 2023, the County collected recyclables from both residential and small-medium sized IC&I/business locations on the same collection routes. In July 2023, residential recycling collection was transitioned to a producer-led system, which means producers of printed paper and packaging (i.e. items collected in your blue box) and their Producer Responsibility Organizations (i.e. Circular Materials) are now responsible for this residential collection system. While the Ontario government's Blue Box Transition Regulation covers residential recycling, there is no obligation currently for the producers to handle recycling collection at IC&I/business locations.

Since July 2023, the County has continued to collect recyclables from small-medium sized IC&I/business locations on the regular residential routes through a short-term agreement between the County, GFL (the collection contractor) and Circular Materials. However, as of January 1st, 2026, this short-term collection arrangement will no longer be available to the County. Instead, Dufferin County Council has decided to maintain continuity of service for IC&I/business locations in the County's recycling program, by having a separate (dedicated) collection and processing arrangement with GFL.

Here are a few things for participating IC&I/business locations to know;

- Each location on the County's IC&I recycling program will have to complete a registration form by **September 30th, 2025**, to continue receiving services after December 31st, 2025. New eligible IC&I locations can also apply to begin collections January 1st, 2026.
- Any locations using blue boxes or blue bags will be changed to a 360L blue cart. As of January 1st, 2026, recyclables will only be collected if placed in the 360L cart(s). A

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reminder that carts are to be placed at the curb with the lid towards the street, and that the carts are the property of the County.

- Location visits by County staff will occur between summer and fall 2025. Staff will replace existing blue boxes (or those locations using blue bags) with a blue cart, and sticker all blue carts to show they are an IC&I/business location.
 - Any blue boxes at the location may be kept for alternative uses.
- IC&I/business locations will be notified of any weekly recycling collection day changes by late fall, which would take effect starting January 1st, 2026. This is due to GFL planning for a dedicated IC&I recycling collections route starting in 2026. IC&I/business locations taking part in the collection programs for other waste materials (i.e. garbage, organics green bin/cart) will not see a change to their collection day for these materials as they will remain on the regular waste collection routes.
- Residential units located in/at/on/above IC&I/business locations will continue to receive residential recycling collection on their regular collection day along with garbage and green bin/carts. These residential locations are not allowed to use the IC&I/business recycling carts for their recyclables, and vice versa. Residential and IC&I/business recyclables must remain separate from each other.

To ensure a smooth transition to this updated IC&I/business recycling program, please visit <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/waste-services/ici-recycling/> or scan the QR code, which will bring you to the online registration form and the downloadable version. Downloaded forms can be emailed to the County at dufferinwaste@dufferincounty.ca. Please contact Dufferin Waste if you would like to mail or drop off the registration form. Our team can be reached at 519-941-2816, x2620.



Please visit our website at <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/waste-services/ici-recycling/> for updates on the IC&I/business recycling program in Dufferin County.

If you're interested in learning more about the residential Blue Box Transition in Ontario and Dufferin County, please visit www.circularmaterials.ca/producer-province/ontario/ and <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/dufferincounty/>

Questions? Please contact us!