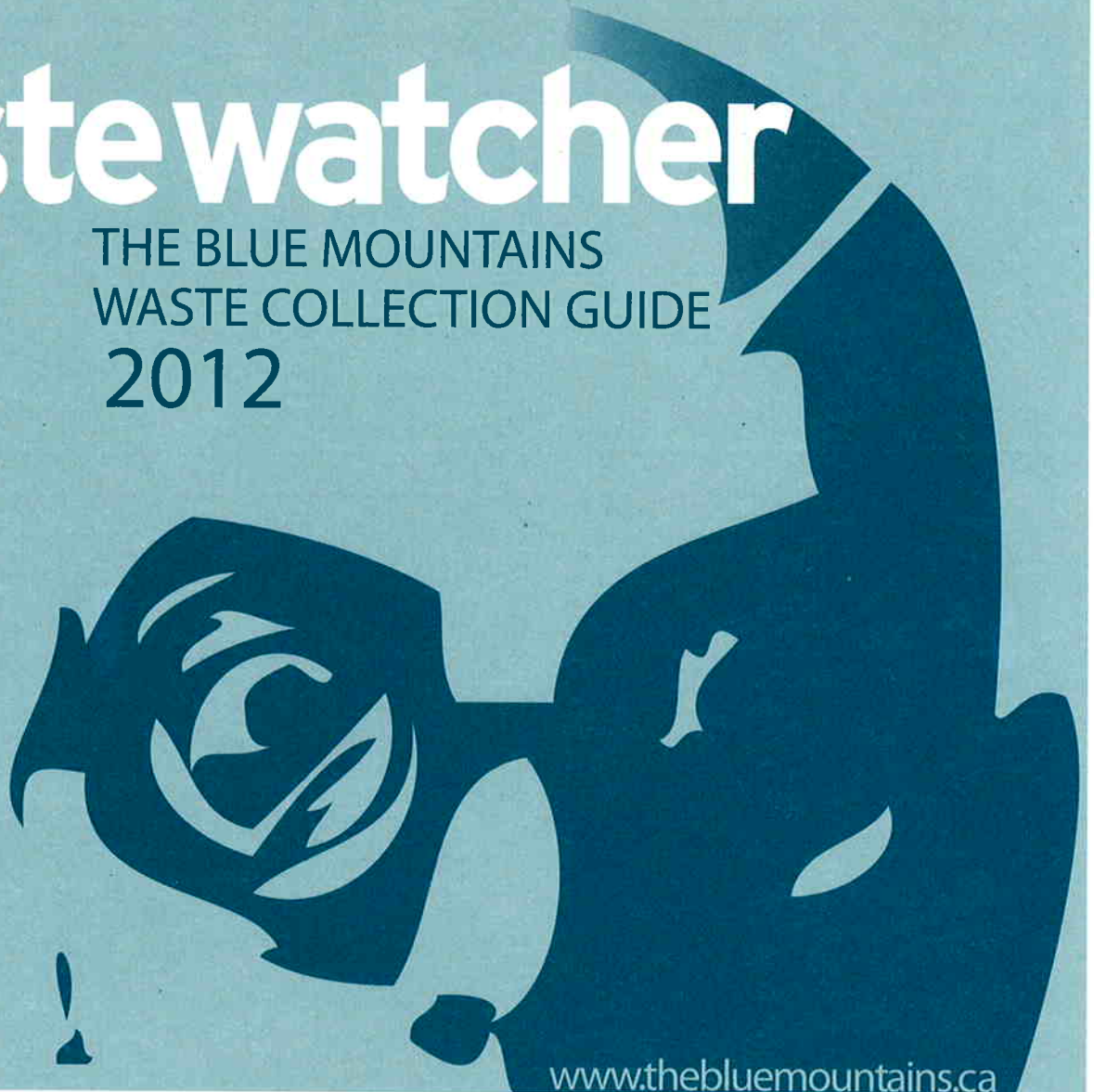


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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
WASTE COLLECTION GUIDE
2012



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CHANGE of HOURS at LANDFILL

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

RECYCLE CIRCUS

* place reuseable items at curbside

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Inside:

Holiday Collection

Recyclables and "The Unrecyclables"

Electronic Waste, Orange Drop, Garbage and More!

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Garbage Page 5/6



Try to eliminate recyclables and compostables from your weekly pick up.

What's eligible for curbside garbage pickup? See page 5/6. You'll also find all the information you need on bagging and tagging and more!



Grey Box Page 10



Check out everything that can go into your grey box on page 10 and then fill it up!

Disposal Site Page 11



The Disposal Site has many options for diverting material from landfill including hazardous waste

(Orange Drop) days, tire and electronic waste recycling. Check out the hours of operation and waste sorting policy on page 11.

Blue Box Page 9



Our weekly blue box program helps save precious resources, and reduces

pollution related to manufacturing. New this year, spiral wound containers are added to the blue box.



Compost Page 11 & 13



Handle most organic waste with backyard composting. Yard waste is not collected at the curb, however, there is no charge for dropping off yard waste at the Disposal Site.

Reminder Stickers Page 7/8



Inside this issue you'll find stickers for your calendar - stick them on those important dates to remind your household of events and holiday related collection.

***Recycle Circus - Please Note:** Households participating in the event must ensure their material is removed from the curbside before the end of day Saturday.

The Town will not be collecting any material associated with this event.



**Reduce.
Reuse.
Recycle.
Rethink end-of-life electronics.**



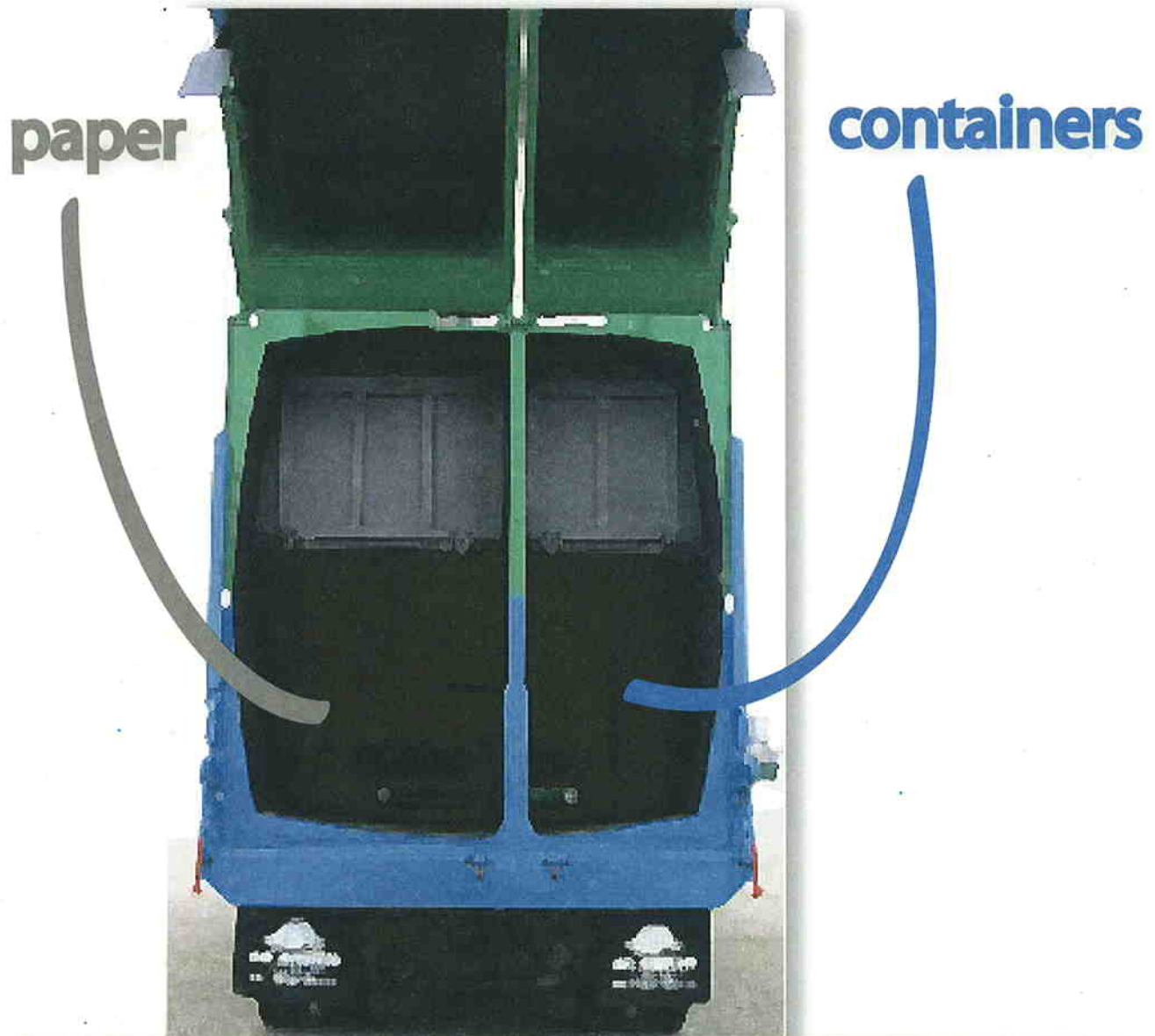
A tip from the experts: please remember to clear your hard drives and SIM cards before recycling.

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One recycle truck. Two compartments.



You may have noticed your blue box and grey box material going into the same truck - the one truck has two compartments which keep the two streams of material separate. Continue to keep your containers and paper material in two separate streams.

The UNRECYCLABLES

Clamshell

Rigid containers commonly holding produce and baked goods.



Light Bulb



Bakery Container

Rigid plastic containers commonly holding baked goods and poultry.



PVC



Plastic Bag



Flower Pot



Other common "Unrecyclables" include:
ceramics, drinking glasses, window glass, toys, styrofoam, paper towels, soiled paper, waxed cardboard, waxed or foil coated paper.

Garbage Collection

Curbside waste collection service is weekly for both garbage and recyclables.



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Garbage. There's a limit. (In fact, there are several and subject to change in 2012.)

Bag/Can Limit. Simply stated, your first bag is free, your second bag must be tagged with a purchased garbage tag (see below for tag purchase locations). And there is no 3rd bag allowed.

ONLY UP TO 2 BAGS WILL BE COLLECTED. (This limit is per each residential and commercial unit.)

Tag Cost

Garbage bag tags are \$1.00 per tag. This amount and the existing partial user pay system is under review and is subject to change in 2012.

Tag Placement.

Tags must be placed in a highly visible location on the bag OR on the upper most piece of garbage in the can.

REMEMBER. Maximum of one tagged container per week along with one 'free' untagged container.

Tag Purchase Locations...

- The Blue Mountains Waste Disposal Site (Landfill)
- The Blue Mountains Municipal Office (Town Hall)
- Thornbury Foodland
- Thornbury Home Hardware
- Choices Variety, Thornbury
- Macs, Thornbury
- Macs, Craighleith
- Ravenna Country Market

Size Matters.

Garbage cans not to exceed 84cm in height and 56cm in width/diameter (33" H and 22" W for people with old rulers). Can must have side handles and a secure lid. OR, use a standard garbage bag with a maximum size of 76cm x 97cm (30"x38"). Maximum weight not to exceed 18kg (40 lbs).

Non Collectables

The following items will NOT be collected. (In other words, don't spend all that effort carrying it to the curb) Including, but not limited to:

- Yard Waste (brush, grass clippings, leaves)
- Oversized Items (furniture, appliances, fixtures, cabinets etc.)
- Construction and demolition debris
- Garbage and recyclables mixed together
- Tires, household hazardous waste, electronic waste

Waste collection starts at 7:00 AM.

Garbage. What Qualifies?

Diapers and sanitary napkins, ceramics, light bulbs, glassware, plastic not accepted in blue box, soiled textiles, coat hangers, vacuum bags, plastic wrappers and broken glass (boxed and sealed).

Lots of other stuff qualifies as garbage, but be aware of what is non-collectable and ensure all your recyclables are separated.

Holiday Tree Collection

If Tuesday or Thursday is your waste collection day:
Place your tree at curbside for collection on January 2, 2013.

If Monday or Wednesday is your waste collection day:
Place your tree at curbside for collection on January 7, 2012.

NOTE: Remove all tinsel, ornaments, stands (pretty much everything really). Do not place out in a plastic bag. If your tree is not collected within 2 weeks please contact the Town Office at 519-599-3131 ext. 276.

Garbage - Keep it Contained

Suggestions for a cleaner neighbourhood:

- Use a fixed garbage box
- Use a can with a lid
- Put waste out the morning of collection (by 7:00AM)
- Don't put bags (or cans) out over the limit, **THEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**
- Use the Town Waste Disposal Site (location on page 8).

Garbage for the Holidays

2012

Waste will be collected on statutory holidays.

The following information details our holiday collection schedule. Use the stickers, included with this guide, on your calendar to remind your household of the 2012 waste management schedule.

Family Day

Monday, February 20, 2012 - Collection will occur

Good Friday

Friday, April 6, 2012 - Collection will occur

Easter Monday

Monday, April 9, 2012 - Collection will occur

Mother's Day

No Garbage Duty for Mom!

Victoria Day

Monday, May 21, 2012 - Collection will occur

Father's Day

Nice try Dad - you're still on garbage duty!

Canada Day

Sunday, July 1, 2012 - Collection will occur on Monday

Civic Holiday

Monday, August 6, 2012 - Collection will occur

Labour Day

Monday, September 3, 2012 - Collection will occur

Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 8, 2012 - Collection will occur

Remembrance Day

Sunday, November 11, 2012 - Collection will occur on Monday

Christmas

Tuesday, December 25, 2012 - Collection will occur

Boxing Day

Wednesday, December 26, 2012 - Collection will occur

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 - Collection will occur

Family Day

Monday, February 18, 2013 - Collection will occur



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Follow us on twitter to
get holiday reminders!

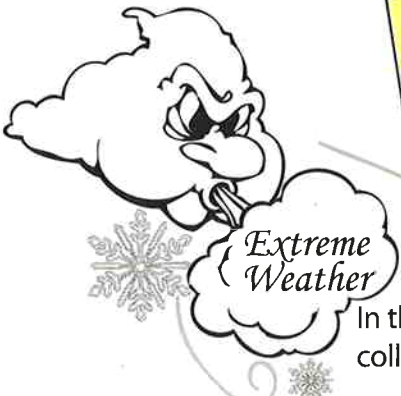
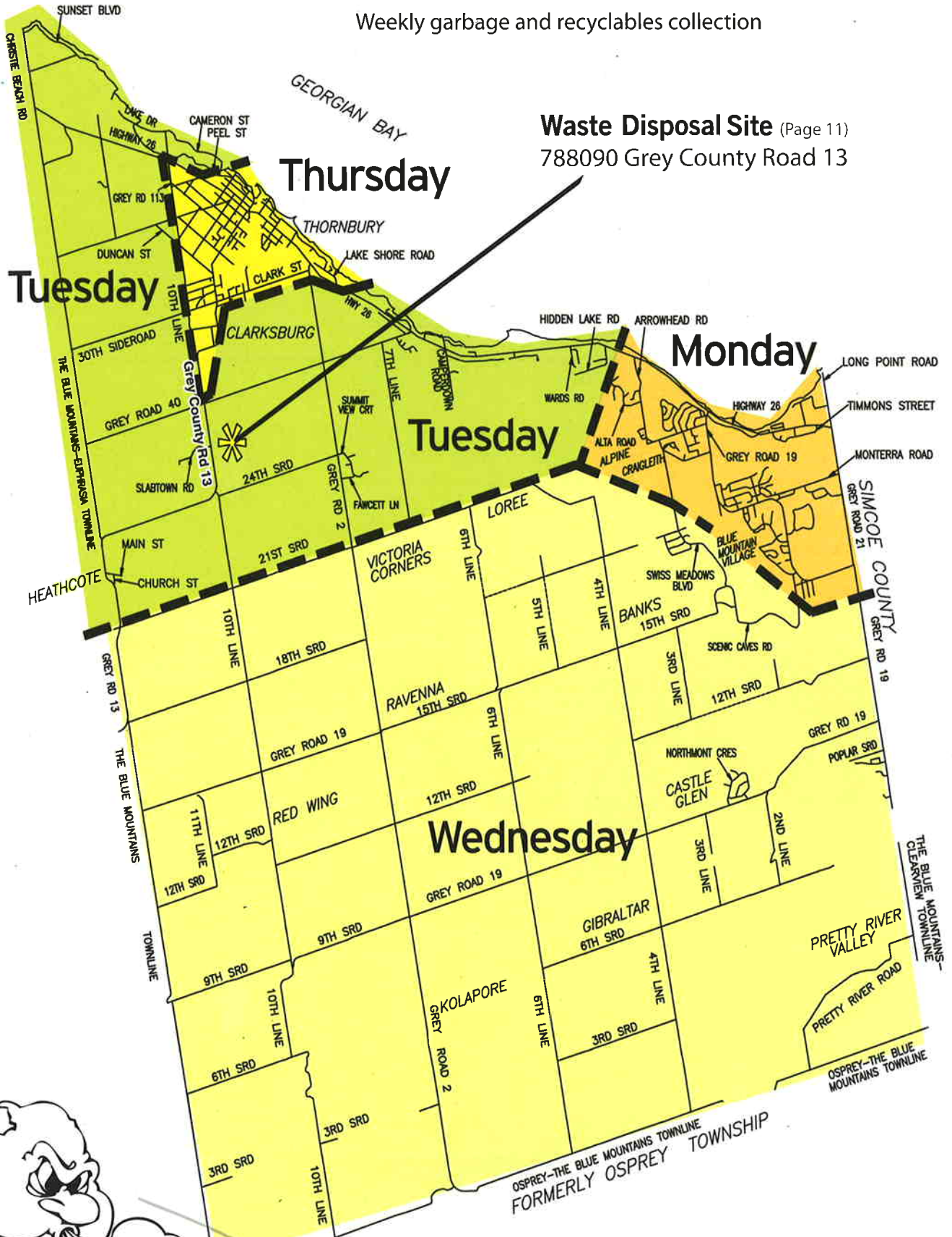


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The Blue Mountains Collection Schedule

Weekly garbage and recyclables collection

Waste Disposal Site (Page 11)
788090 Grey County Road 13



In the event that road conditions cause cancellation of entire or sections of collection areas, double the permitted bag limit will be collected the following week.

Blue Box. What goes in?



Your Blue Box is for all your non-paper recyclables. Many types of plastic, glass and metal containers can be recycled. The Blue Box is collected weekly.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Remove caps and lids and RINSE and place metal lids in blue box.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Ceramics, dishes, cups, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pyrex, pottery or drinking glasses.

Aluminium

Pop cans, clean rigid foil containers, clean aluminium foil

DO NOT INCLUDE: foil with food scraps or grease, foil wrappings, foil yogurt lids, metalized plastic chip bags.

Metal Cans

Remove labels, RINSE, and place metal lids inside can and pinch to trap lid within.

Empty paint cans, and aerosol cans – REMOVE LIDS

DO NOT INCLUDE: Pots or pans, coat hangers, batteries

Spiral Wound Cans (NEW!)

Snack food packaging, frozen juice cans, baking dough packaging

Plastics

Rigid, clean, screw top containers, or wide mouth tubs, or other containers that have a recyclable logo on the bottom. **Which plastics go in?** Just look for any of these recyclable logos (Except 3 or "PVC" or "V") on the bottom of plastic containers.



DO NOT INCLUDE: Motor oil containers (take to Orange Drop), toys, flowerpots, plastic plant trays and pots, foam cups, bags, meat trays, foam egg cartons, foam packaging material, clam shell packaging (for baked goods or produce) or jugs greater than 4 litres. **ALSO, DO NOT INCLUDE** Styrofoam or film plastic even if labeled as above.

Factoid

The Blue Mountains' residents recycled over 575,000 kilograms of grey box material in 2011.



TIP

You can now recycle your old broken recycle boxes - just drop them off at the Landfill during operating hours.

Grey Box. What goes in?



The Grey Box is for all paper and cardboard based recyclables. Recyclables are collected weekly. Please check the information below for specific details.

Paper

Newspaper, TV guides, magazines, fax/printer paper, catalogues, paperback books, egg cartons, junk mail, coloured paper, glossy flyers – may be placed in grey box or clear plastic bag.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Soiled paper, waxed paper, plastic foil wrapping, hard-cover books (remove and discard cover first), gift paper, wallpaper, paper towel or diapers.

Boxboard

Cereal boxes, and any other non-corrugated box board, juice and milk cartons, and tetra-boxes. - may be bundled with cardboard or placed in grey box or clear plastic bag.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Waxed boxboard.

Cardboard

Cardboard must be flattened and in bundles no larger than: 61cm X 46cm X 15cm (24" X 18" X 6"). Bundled cardboard must be placed beside, or under, the grey box or clear plastic bag.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Waxed boxboard/cardboard.

Other Considerations

IF YOUR BLUE BOX OR GREY BOX IS FULL: There is no limit to the amount you may recycle.

Clear plastic bags can be used for extra recyclable materials - keep "blue" materials separate from "grey". If you use a fixed garbage box – You can put bagged recyclables in your garbage box - However, **DO NOT** place your blue or grey box inside your fixed garbage box. Leave them out at the curb for collection.

Solid Waste Disposal Site

The Solid Waste Disposal Site will accept most waste, even many items not acceptable for curbside pickup. For details on unacceptable waste, see attendant on duty. When delivering items to the site, sort items as described below.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday and **Thursday**: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Year Round
 Saturday: 8:00 AM to NOON, from April 7 to November 24 ONLY.

The Solid Waste Disposal and Compost Site is located at: 788090 Grey Road 13 (See map on page 8)
 Landfill Site: 519-599-6760 Town Office: 519-599-3131 Ext. 276 www.thebluemountains.ca

Waste Item	Description	Cost
Minimum Charge	Small loads are subject to a minimum Site use fee	\$5.00
Garbage	Non-recyclables, non-compostables	\$100/tonne
Recyclables	Blue and grey box, cardboard	No Charge
Compostables	Brush, leaves, grass (residential) – no plastic bags	No Charge
Finished Compost	Screened compost for sale	\$0.05/kg
Tires	Clean tires of all sizes	No Charge
Electronic Waste	See details on page 12	No Charge
Household Hazardous Waste	See details below (Orange Drop)	No Charge
Diversion Items	Clean wood, metals, brush (commercial), concrete	\$50/tonne
Mixed Loads	Unsorted loads (ie. cardboard, metal, white goods, tires, wood waste, and brush mixed with garbage)	\$200/tonne
Freon Items	Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers	\$25/unit

All Fees Subject to Change
 Payment Options: Cash, Cheque and 



ORANGE DROP

This is the Drop Zone

From unused paints, pesticides, prescriptions, petroluem, CFL bulbs and more - there's loads of them in your home. Bring them to us and we'll dispose of them properly and carefully. The Disposal Site will be open to accepting hazardous waste on days as outlined below.

ORANGE DROP DAYS 2012:

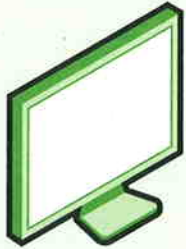
May 1 to September 29 - Only during Disposal Site Hours of Operation
 Loads over 100 kg please call before delivering (519) 599-6760

For a complete list of materials we accept visit on-line www.thebluemountains.ca or call the Town Municipal Office 1 888 BLU-MTNS x276.

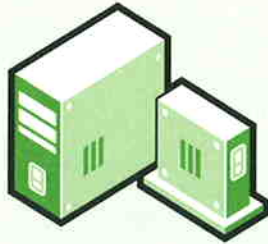
Please, under no circumstances, should you bring explosives, flares, ammunition, unidentified waste, infectious waste, large quantities of industrial, commercial or agricultural waste, drums or barrels of any material.

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WHAT'S ACCEPTED?



Display Devices:
Monitors & Televisions



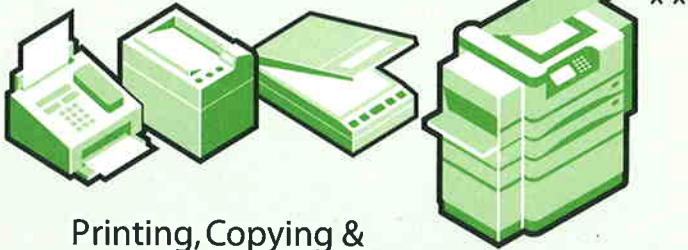
Desktop Computers



Portable Computers



Computer Peripherals



Printing, Copying &
Multifunction Devices

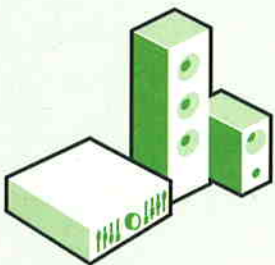
**Restrictions may apply for this item



Telephones &
Telephone Answering
Machines



Cellular Devices
& Pagers



Home Theatre In a Box
(Equalizers, Amplifiers, Speakers,
Tuners & Turntables)



Aftermarket Vehicle
Audio & Video Devices



Image, Audio and
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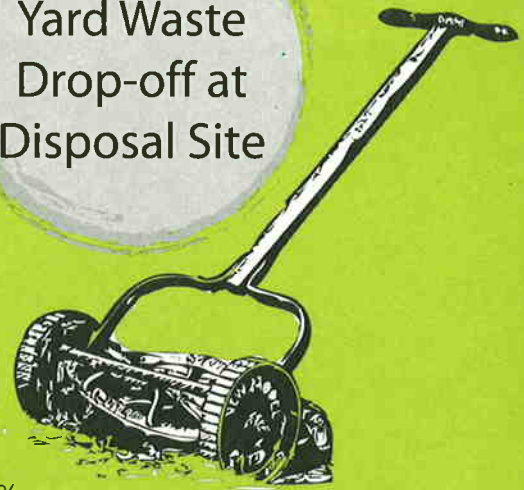
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Free
Yard Waste
Drop-off at
Disposal Site



Home Composting Information

All residents are encouraged to use composting to dispose of yard waste and certain kitchen waste items. Composting can reduce household waste by up to 30%. Backyard composters are available from the Disposal Site for \$30 (See map on page 8 for location). Finished compost is available from the Disposal Site for \$0.05/kg.

Backyard Composting - Put it in!

Fruit scraps, vegetable trimmings, egg shells, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, leaves, grass and dead plants.

Backyard Composting - Don't put it in!

Meat and meat scraps, bones, dairy products, oils, pet waste, large pieces of wood, non-biodegradables.

Grasscycling is good for your lawn! Leave your grass clippings on the lawn, they return nutrients and water (remember the Town's water restriction policy).

Condos and Multi Units Recycling

Recycling carts are located in central areas within your condo or multi-unit property. Look for both grey and blue carts. Recyclables must be separated into 3 carts: Paper Products; Plastic and Metal Containers; and Glass Containers. In some cases there is a fourth cart for Cardboard. Cardboard must be bundled and placed alongside carts if there is not a cardboard cart at your location.

Please look at lists for acceptable and unacceptable recycling items. (See Pages 9/10) Bins will be collected once per week by the Town.

Cardboard must be flattened and in bundles no larger than: 61cm X 46cm X 15cm (24" X 18" X 6") or it will not be collected.

Garbage

Please remember, garbage bins are for household waste only. Bins are located in central areas within your condo or multi-unit property. Do not leave large items in central collection areas – ie: furniture, construction debris, tires, yard waste etc. These items must be delivered to the Town Disposal Site (See page 11).



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1. Rainbarrels capture roof runoff and store it for garden watering later.
\$60 @ Landfill Site
2. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Guide/Kit - reusable bags, prompts and a complete guide on lighter living in The Blue Mountains.
\$0 (ie. Free) @ Town Hall and Landfill Site
3. Blue and Grey Boxes - replacement boxes for sorting and curbside setout, 73 L (16 gal.)
\$10 each @ Landfill Site
4. Composter - kitchen scraps with equal parts of yard waste will get hot, rot and yield garden amending humus.
\$30 @ Landfill Site
5. Bag Tags - the 1st bag is free, the 2nd must have a tag, a 3rd is not allowed.
\$1 per tag (subject to change), locations see page 5



**IT'S PRETTY AMAZING THAT
OUR SOCIETY HAS REACHED A POINT
WHERE THE EFFORT NECESSARY TO**

**EXTRACT OIL FROM THE GROUND,
SHIP IT TO A REFINERY,
TURN IT INTO PLASTIC,
SHAPE IT APPROPRIATELY,
TRUCK IT TO A STORE,
BUY IT, AND BRING IT HOME**

**IS CONSIDERED TO BE LESS EFFORT THAN WHAT IT TAKES
TO JUST WASH THE SPOON WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH IT.**

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