

Winter Weather Tips

Winter weather causes challenges for residents and waste collection crews. Please follow these guidelines to make collection safe, easy, and efficient for all.



Place your blue boxes and carts in a shoveled or carved-out area on your driveway.



Collection crews begin curbside collection at 6 a.m. Please have all items at the curb before 6 a.m. on your service day. Winter weather may require collection routes to change, resulting in earlier pickup times.



During snow events, make sure your blue boxes and items are visible to drivers and safe to access - place all items in a shoveled area on your driveway or on the ground, NOT on snowbanks. Drivers do their best to complete their routes, although there may be delays due to road and weather conditions. Please check with your municipal website for updates during severe weather.



Keep your drivers safe. Collection crews are not permitted to climb snowbanks to retrieve blue boxes or waste bags. Place items at the end of your shoveled driveway or shovel a shelf for your blue boxes and waste containers.

Follow these tips to keep materials in your blue boxes and not litter the streets:

- Stack the blue bin containing heavier recyclable materials like glass bottles and jars on top of your blue box filled with loose papers/fibers.
- Don't fill your blue box above the rim – fill a second and third box with recyclable materials.
- On really windy days, wait to put your blue boxes out for collection until the following scheduled collection date to prevent litter.
- Blue boxes may blow away when empty, so please take a look around your neighborhood if your blue box is missing on a windy day.



Broken Blue Box – If your box freezes to the ground or the plastic cracks due to the cold, please replace and keep it free from ice to ensure collection.

Write your address on your blue boxes, green bin, and garbage can in permanent marker so they can be returned if blown away during winter weather. This makes it easier for them to be returned.

Thank you for keeping our community clean and drivers safe.

