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Changes coming to Recycling Collection in North Huron for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Properties

As per provincial legislation, recycling produced by Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Properties will no longer be co-collected with residential recycling as of **January 1, 2026**. Producers (being IC&I properties), will be entirely responsible to arrange and pay for their recycling costs.

In advance of the provincial mandated transition, Council of the Township of North Huron reviewed various options as to how alternative methods could be implemented in the Township to assist IC&I Properties through this transition. **Ultimately, at the November 17, 2025 regular meeting of council, a motion was passed by Council confirming that Industrial, Commercial & Institutional properties to source their own means of recycling as of January 1, 2026 in keeping with the provincial directives. The Township of North Huron will be monitoring the upcoming changes and presenting an information update to Council in early 2026.**

What does this mean for Industrial, Commercial and Institution (IC&I) properties in North Huron? Effective January 1, 2026, recycling produced by IC&I properties is considered to be non-eligible and cannot be co-collected with residential recycling through the existing curbside collection method. Industrial, Commercial and Institutional properties will be responsible for sourcing their own recycling collection service. If placed on the curb after January 1, 2026 it will not be collected. Additionally, the North Huron Landfill will not be able to accept recycling from IC&I properties, as recycling bins at the landfill are provincially designated as a Residential Depot.

The Township of North Huron is providing this notification in order for you to begin making your own arrangements for upcoming recycling collection. We wish to make it clear that the decision to stop curbside collection for IC&I properties was not made by the Township of North Huron and was mandated by the provincial government.

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Background Information

The Township of North Huron is currently in a transition to full producer responsibility for the Blue Box Program, as part of the Ontario Government's Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA). It establishes a framework for Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR), requiring producers to manage end-of-life of their products and packaging. Many municipalities in Ontario have already completed their transition to this program. With these changes, the Township of North Huron no longer has operational or financial responsibility for the Blue Box Program for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Properties. Effective January 1, 2026, operations will be taken over by **Circular Materials** and sub-contracted to Waste Management for the Township of North Huron. For detailed information about this program update, please follow **Circular Materials Ontario** and visit their website: www.circularmaterials.ca These changes are by provincial mandate, and not a decision made by the Council of the Township of North Huron.

In April 2025, the Township of North Huron entered into an Agreement with Waste Management, being our existing collection agency, to continue curbside co-collection for IC&I Properties until December 31, 2025. In October 2025, the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks notified municipalities in Ontario that after December 31, 2025, curbside co-collection of IC&I recycling would no longer be allowed through the legislation, even if municipalities wished to continue offering this service to IC&I Properties.

The Township of North Huron will maintain the current collection schedule of recycling for IC&I Properties only until December 31, 2025.

What is classified as an Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Property?

- Manufacturing facilities
- Some multi-unit residential buildings (6 or more units)
- Retail and grocery stores
- Malls
- Restaurants
- Offices
- Hotels
- Stadiums
- Large Construction & Demolition Projects
- Airports
- Schools
- Hospitals
- And other similar establishments

Questions or concerns regarding this matter should be directed to your local Councillor, MPP or Circular Materials Ontario.

The outlets below are not an inclusive list of all relevant sources of information, but may be helpful if you have questions about these changes:

Circular Materials Ontario and this program, please visit their website:

www.circularmaterials.ca

Province of Ontario: Guide to Source Separation of Recyclable Materials for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (being the rules and requirements under Ontario Regulation 103/94 (O. Reg. 103/94 - Source Separation Programs) for industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I Waste) sector, construction and demolition projects and multi-residential buildings.