

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

WASTE COLLECTION

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A By-law to establish and maintain a system for the collection of Collectible Waste in the City of Vaughan, and to repeal and replace by-law 217-2010.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, subsection 11(3), as amended, The Corporation of the City of Vaughan is authorized to pass by-laws respecting waste management matters;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan has undertaken to provide waste collection services to eligible multi-residential condominiums and is required to make amendments to the Waste Collection By-law to give effect thereto.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan enacts the follows:

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 **1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

“Access Route” means the lane, street, avenue or other means of ingress or egress available for the City to access the Collection Area for On-site Collection Service and includes adequate space for the City to safely perform vehicle pick-up and turnaround functions.

“Agreement” means the Agreement between the City and the Owner for On-site Collection Service and includes the Application, Schedule “A” to the Agreement, and proof of insurance that includes the City as an additional insured party and any other required documentation as per the terms of the Agreement. In the event of conflict between the Agreement and this By-Law, the more restrictive provision shall apply and prevail.

“Application” means an application in a form prescribed by the City, completed by the Owner with respect to each Eligible Property for the provision of On-site Collection Service.

“Approved Receptacle” for the purposes for Curbside Collection Service, means a receptacle approved by the City for Curbside Collection Service and described in Section 9, and for the purposes of On-site Collection Service, means a receptacle approved by the City for On-site Collection Service as described in Section 11 of this By-law.

“Authorized Agent” means a Person authorized in writing by the Owner to act on behalf of such Owner for the identified purpose of making an Application and otherwise complying with the provisions of this By-law.

“Bulky Item” means a large household item including but not limited to sofas, bookshelves, tables and chairs.

“City” means The Corporation of the City of Vaughan, and its agents.

“Collectible Waste” means any material approved for collection by the City for Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service, including but not limited to Resource Materials and Residual Waste, and any other material type designated by the City.

“Collection Area” means an area provided by the Owner, and approved by the City, where Collectible Waste will be placed for pick-up for On-site Collection Service as described in the Application for each Eligible Property.

“Cross Contamination” means the mixing of the classes of items in Schedule A or the mixing of items from Schedule A and B of this By-law.

“Curbside Collection Service” means the collection of Collectible Waste from a Designated Collection Point by the City.

“Deputy City Manager” means the Deputy City Manager of Public Works for the City of Vaughan, or his/her duly appointed designate or successor.

“Designated Collection Point” means the location where Collectible Waste will be set out for Curbside Collection Service as described in Section 8.

“Diversion Programs” means programs that divert materials for reuse or recycling, including but not limited to Recyclable Materials, Household Organic Material, Leaf and Yard Material, Large Metal Recovery Items, batteries, textile/clothing, electronic waste, and other materials added from time to time by the City.

“Eligible Property” means a single family residential property solely intended for residential use including a single detached dwelling, semi-detached dwelling, duplex dwelling, townhouse and may also include a Multi-Residential Condominium as approved by the City, and any other property designated by the City.

“Household Organic Material” means any material as described in Schedule A of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the City.

“Leaf and Yard Material” means any material as described in Schedule A of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the City.

“Large Metal Recovery Item” means any material as described in Schedule A of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the City.

“Multi-Residential Condominium” means a registered condominium under the Condominium Act, including but not limited to an apartment or townhouse complex.

“Multi-Residential Waste Collection Infrastructure” means all infrastructure used for On-site Collection Service including the waste chute(s), internal waste storage room, Approved Receptacles, Access Route, and Collection Area and any other infrastructure with respect to On-site Collection Service.

“Municipal Collection Service” means a system for the collection of Collectible Waste

for Eligible Properties, and includes On-site Collection Service and Curbside Collection Service.

“Municipal Law Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed or employed by the City as a municipal law enforcement officer under the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended, and shall include a police officer appointed by the York Regional Police Service.

“Non-Collectible Waste” means any material as described in Schedule B of this By-law, and any other material the City deems appropriate.

“On-site Collection Service” means the collection of Collectible Waste, pursuant to an Agreement, by the City for Eligible Properties, where the City requires access to Private Property.

“Owner” means any Person who is the registered owner of a property. In the case a condominium, the Owner is the condominium corporation that represents the Property or the Properties as set out in the Agreement. Where there is more than one individual or entity that holds title to the property or properties, they shall be jointly and severally liable for the liabilities and obligations of the Owner in this By-Law.

“Paid Residual Waste Tag” means an approved garbage tag made available for purchase from the City that is affixed to any Residual Waste Item or Bulky Item in excess of the prescribed Residual Waste Item limit described in Section 7.

“Person” includes a natural individual, a corporation, partnership, proprietorship or other form of business association and the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, or other legal representatives thereof, or a receiver or mortgagee in possession.

“Private Property” means any property that is privately owned and is not owned by the City, the Regional Municipality of York, a Local Board, the Crown in Right of Ontario, the Crown in the Right of Canada, or any emanations thereof.

“Private Road” means a road that is privately owned and is not owned by the City, the Regional Municipality of York, a Local Board, the Crown in Right of Ontario, the Crown in the Right of Canada, or any emanations thereof.

“Public Property” means any property that is owned by the City, the Regional Municipality of York, a Local Board, the Crown in the Right of Ontario, the Crown in the Right of Canada, or any emanations thereof.

“Residual Waste” means all discarded household material and Bulky Items placed out for collection, but does not include Resource Materials and Non-Collectible Waste.

“Residual Waste Item” means Residual Waste contained in an Approved Receptacle for Curbside Collection Service or a Bulky Item.

“Resource Materials” means Recyclable Materials, Household Organic Material, Leaf and Yard Material, and Large Metal Recovery Item as described in Schedule A of the By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the City.

“Recyclable Materials” means any material as described in Schedule A of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the City.

“Scheduled Collection Day” means the specific day or days of the week for Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service as prescribed by notice duly given by the City to Owners of Eligible Properties.

“Travelled Street” means the portion of any highway, street or road under the jurisdiction of the City or the Regional Municipality of York used by the general public for the passage of vehicles within the limits of the City, but does not include a laneway.

“Waste Materials” means Collectible Waste and Non-Collectible Waste.

2. APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THIS BY-LAW

- (1) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this By-law and the provisions of any other statute, regulation or by-law, the provisions that are most restrictive shall prevail.
- (2) The necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions of this By-law applicable to corporations, partnerships, trusts and individuals, male or female, and to include the singular or plural meaning where context so requires, shall in all cases be assumed as though fully expressed.
- (3) Schedule A and Schedule B form part of this By-law.
- (4) Where a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section or part of a section of this By-law invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this By-law shall continue in force unless a court makes an order to the contrary.

3. SHORT TITLE

- (1) This By-law may be referred to as the “Waste Collection By-law”.

4. ADMINISTRATION

- (1) The Deputy City Manager shall supervise and administer Municipal Collection Service.
- (2) The Deputy City Manager shall have the authority to:
 - a) Determine the level and type of the Curbside Collection Service and On-site Collection Service provided by the City;
 - b) Determine what constitutes an Approved Receptacle;
 - c) Determine Collectible Waste limits and scheduling of Scheduled Collection Day(s);
 - d) Designate new types of Collectible Waste and Non-Collectible Waste Materials;
 - e) Determine alternative Designated Collection Points for the Curbside Collection Service;
 - f) Determine alternative Collection Areas and Access Routes for the On-site Collection Service;
 - g) Designate or eliminate new Diversion Programs and/or mandate that Owners of an Eligible Property participate in Diversion Programs and provide internal and external space within the property to support the

provision of these services that is satisfactory to the Deputy City Manager;

- h) Designate an Eligible Property, as per direction by Council, and dictate service levels and compliance requirements;
- i) Implement new waste management policies as approved by Council;
- j) Determine the notice provisions for the scheduling of the Scheduled Collection Day or changes to the Scheduled Collection Day;
- k) Suspend Curbside Collection Service and On-site Collection Service in all or part of the City, in the event of inclement weather or other conditions that in the opinion of the Deputy City Manager renders the provision of service unsafe or otherwise undeliverable;
- l) Discontinue or refuse Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service to any Owner whose property, in the opinion of the Deputy City Manager, is unsafe for entry or egress by the City for any reason including but not limited to the physical layout, loading facilities or the methods of handling Collectible Waste on the property;
- m) Discontinue or refuse Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service to any Owner who, in the opinion of the Deputy City Manager, has not complied with provisions of this By-law or the Agreement;
- n) Discontinue or refuse Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service to any Owner, who, in the opinion of the Deputy City Manager, has engaged in threatening or abusive conduct towards the City or its agents or contractor(s) during Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service;
- o) Discontinue or refuse Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service where the Collectible Waste set out exceeds the limits prescribed in this By-law;
- p) Discontinue or refuse Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service to any Owner who is not separating materials when they are offered for collection through Diversion Programs by the City;
- q) Add or eliminate items from all Waste Material definitions; and
- r) Take any action necessary for the administration of this By-law.

5. MUNICIPAL COLLECTION SERVICE – GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (1) The City reserves the right to designate separate Diversion Programs for Curbside Collection Service and On-site Collection Service.
- (2) The Owner must comply with all requirements of this By-law to receive Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service.
- (3) Municipal Collection Service will only be provided to Eligible Properties as determined by the City.
- (4) Non-Collectible Waste will not be included as part of Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service.

- (5) In the event the Deputy City Manager discontinues services in accordance with Section 4 of this By-law, the affected Owner will be responsible for the removal of all Waste Materials.
- (6) In the event that Collectible Waste is not set out in accordance with the provisions of this By-law, the City may refuse to collect the Collectible Waste.
- (7) In the event that the City refuses to collect the Collectible Waste or if the Owner requires an additional collection beyond the Scheduled Collection Day, the affected Owner will be responsible for the removal of all Waste Materials and the associated fees.
- (8) Owners must separate material for Diversion Programs when offered as part of Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service.
- (9) The City reserves the right to inspect, open, untie, empty, and remove any material set out as part of Curbside Collection Service or On-site Collection Service to determine compliance with this By-law.

6. GENERAL SET-OUT REQUIREMENTS OF COLLECTIBLE WASTE MATERIALS

- (1) Waste Materials set out shall be deemed to have been handled, separated, collected and set out by the Owner of the property where the Waste Material is found, or in the case of Curbside Collection, the Owner of the property directly abutting the location where the Waste Material is found.
- (2) No Owner shall set out for collection any Collectible Waste unless it is in an Approved Receptacle.
- (3) No Owner shall allow or permit Cross Contamination of Collectible Waste prior to setting the materials out for collection.
- (4) No Owner shall set out Non-Collectible Waste for collection.
- (5) No Owner shall set out Collectible Waste prior to 6:00 p.m. local time of the day preceding the Scheduled Collection Day and no later than 7:00 a.m. local time of the Scheduled Collection Day.
- (6) No Owner shall fail to remove any uncollected Waste Materials or empty receptacles by 8:00 p.m. on the Scheduled Collection Day.
- (7) No Owner shall set out Collectible Waste in any manner or condition that:
 - (a) is unsightly to the neighbouring environment;
 - (b) harbours or attracts rats, vermin, insects;
 - (c) permits Collectible Waste to fall out or protrude from, blow away or otherwise escape the receptacle; or
 - (d) is a hazard or threat to public health and safety.
- (8) No Person shall pick over, interfere with, scavenge, disturb, remove or scatter any Waste Materials set out for collection except the City providing Municipal Collection Service or in accordance with a Diversion Program as determined by the Deputy City Manager.
- (9) Despite subsection (8), Owners of the Eligible Property where the Collectible

Waste originators may retrieve the Collectible Waste they have set out for collection prior to its collection by the City.

- (10) No Person shall permit any animal owned by him/her or under his/her care or control to pick over, interfere with, disturb, remove or scatter any Collectible Waste set out for collection.
- (11) No Person shall fail to transport Waste Materials in completely covered receptacles or in vehicles that are completely enclosed or covered so as to prevent any Waste Materials from falling upon the street, and shall keep such waste sealed from flies or vermin and to control as far as possible, the escape of any offensive odours there from.
- (12) No Owner shall set out any Waste Material on the Travelled Street, laneway, gutter or ditch.
- (13) No Owner shall set out, or permit Collectible Waste to remain on, in or behind snow banks.
- (14) Owners shall ensure that Collectible Waste set out for Curbside Collection Service is placed at the Designated Collection Point, unless approved by the Deputy City Manager.
- (15) No Owner shall set out an Approved Receptacle which is not maintained in a manner that allows for safe collection by the City.
- (16) The provision, maintenance and replacement of Approved Receptacles is the sole responsibility of the Owner.
- (17) No Person shall set out Waste Materials on Public Property for collection by a private hauler unless authorized to do so by the Deputy City Manager.
- (18) No Person shall directly deposit any Waste Materials into a City waste collection vehicle.
- (19) No Person, other than the City, shall remove any Paid Residual Waste Tag affixed to any Residual Waste Item.
- (20) No Person shall deposit Waste Materials generated on Private Property in City-owned receptacles.

7. WASTE LIMITS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE

- (1) No more than three Residual Waste Items per Eligible Property may be set out for collection on the Scheduled Collection Day, unless otherwise approved by the City.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an Owner may set out more than three Residual Waste Items, up to a maximum that is determined and approved by the City, if the Owner has purchased from the City a Paid Residual Waste Tag, which shall be affixed to each Residual Waste Item over the prescribed limit in a clearly visible manner or when prescribed in a municipal program or initiative, where notice is duly given by the City.

8. DESIGNATED COLLECTION POINT FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE

- (1) Collectible Waste shall be set out on or directly adjacent to the driveway as close

as possible to the Travelled Street or Private Road without impeding or obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic or work conducted by the City.

- (2) During snow clearing operations, Collectible Waste shall be put on the right-hand side of the driveway. For the purposes of this section, right-hand side of the driveway is the right side of the driveway when standing on the Travelled Street or Private Road and facing the property.
- (3) Owners shall maintain access to the Designated Collection Point on the Scheduled Collection Day, including but not limited to the removal of hazards such as snow and ice, and obstructions.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where a laneway under the jurisdiction of the City is available at the rear of the Eligible Property, Collectible Waste shall be set out on the Eligible Property as close as possible to the laneway, unless so directed by the City.

9. RECEPTACLE STANDARDS AND SPECIFIC SET OUT REQUIREMENTS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE

- (1) Owners shall place Recyclable Materials entirely within the following Approved Receptacle when setting out Recyclable Materials:
 - a) A blue box provided by the City; or
 - b) A blue box obtained through retail outlets or through other municipal programs that is no less than 53 litres but no greater than 121 litres in volume
- (2) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Recyclable Materials:
 - a) Cardboard, boxboard and other large fibre material must be flattened and tied securely with string in bundles not exceeding 0.6 metres by 0.6 metres by 0.3 metres and placed inside or beside the blue box.
 - b) All recyclable material shall be placed out loose in the blue box, and bottles and jars shall be emptied and rinsed prior to being placed into the blue box.
 - c) All lids and plastic wrap from recyclable containers, bottles and jars shall be removed prior to being placed into the blue box. All removed lids shall be placed into a Residual Waste receptacle.
 - d) The weight of a blue box together with its contents shall not exceed 20.4 kilograms.
 - e) Recyclable Materials frozen to, or otherwise attached to, the blue box may not be collected.
- (3) Owners shall place Household Organic Material entirely within the following Approved Receptacle when setting out Household Organic Material:
 - a) A green bin as provided by the City;
 - b) A green bin obtained through retail outlets or through municipal programs that has a capacity of 40-50 litres and is equipped with handles, wheels,

- and a lid; or
 - c) In the case of diapers, a large, clear non-reusable bag used only for diapers, that is securely tied and placed on top of, or adjacent to the green bin.
- (4) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Household Organic Material:
- a) Household Organic Material shall be placed inside a compostable, securely tied, leak-proof bag and placed inside the green bin;
 - b) The weight of a green bin together with its contents shall not exceed 20.4 kilograms.
- (5) Owners shall place Residual Waste entirely within the following Approved Receptacle when setting out Residual Waste:
- a) A rigid reusable container specifically designed to contain Residual Waste that is:
 - i. no greater than 121 litres in volume;
 - ii. capable of supporting 20.4 kilograms; and
 - iii. has two sturdy, open handles and a removable close-fitting lid;
 - b) A non-reusable polyethylene bag that:
 - i. measures not more than 80 centimetres by 125 centimeters in size; and
 - ii. can support 20.4 kilograms; or
 - c) In the case of broken glass, a sealed sturdy cardboard box not exceeding 23 centimetres by 30 centimetres by 38 centimetres that is marked "BROKEN GLASS".
- (6) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Residual Waste:
- a) All wet Residual Waste shall be drained and placed in a leak proof container or bag prior to placement in a Residual Waste receptacle;
 - b) All ashes shall be cold and placed in a Residual Waste receptacle;
 - c) All carpet, rugs and under-pads must be securely bundled into rolls and shall not exceed 1.5 metres in length or 20.4 kilograms in weight;
 - d) A Residual Waste Approved Receptacle, together with its contents, shall not exceed 20.4 kilograms in weight;
- (7) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Bulky Items that do not fit into a Residual Waste Approved Receptacle:
- a) Bulky Items shall be broken down or dismantled into pieces that do not exceed 1.5 metres in length;
 - b) Hazards, including nails, batteries, light bulbs, and glass shall be removed

- from Bulky Items prior to being set out;
- c) All removable or loose items within the Bulky Item shall be removed and bundled;
 - d) Bulky Items shall not exceed 68 kilograms in weight;
 - e) All moveable parts within the Bulky Item shall be secured;
 - f) All doors, lids and covers shall be removed and placed in or beside an Approved Receptacle for Residual Waste;
 - g) All removable or loose items shall be removed and placed in an Approved Receptacle for Residual Waste; and
 - h) The tank must be removed from the bowl of two-piece toilets for collection, whereas one-piece toilets do not need to be dismantled.
- (8) Owners shall place Leaf and Yard Material entirely within the following Approved Receptacle when setting out Leaf and Yard Material:
- a) A rigid reusable open-top receptacle that:
 - i. Is no greater than 121 litres in volume;
 - ii. is capable of supporting 20.4 kilograms;
 - iii. has two sturdy open handles that are securely attached to the receptacle; and
 - iv. is clearly labeled "Yard Waste"; or
 - b) A completely bio-degradable, non-reusable Kraft paper bag constructed of wet strength fibre material specifically designed for leaf and yard material that:
 - i. Is able to be closed when filled; and
 - ii. is capable of supporting 20.4 kilograms
- (9) Notwithstanding subsection (8), boughs, twigs, branches, brush, and woody material may be securely tied into bundles not more than 1.5 metres in length and 0.75 metres in diameter. Individual branches shall not exceed 10 centimetres in diameter.
- (10) The weight of a Leaf and Yard Material receptacle together with its contents or a bundle of Leaf and Yard Material shall not exceed 20.4 kilograms.
- (11) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Christmas trees:
- a) only natural Christmas trees may be set out for collection on the Scheduled Collection Day, as approved by the City;
 - b) all tinsel, decorations, ornaments, plastic bags, and tree stands must be removed;
 - c) does not exceed 2.13 metres in length
- (12) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Large Metal

Recovery Items:

- a) All collection of Large Metal Recovery Items shall be pre-arranged with the City;
 - b) For each acceptable Large Metal Recovery item, the Owner shall pay, in advance, the large metal resource recovery fee as set out in the City's Fees and Services By-law as amended;
 - c) All doors, lids and covers are removed and set beside the Large Metal Recovery Item;
 - d) All removable or loose parts are removed, tied in bundles, and set beside the Large Metal Recovery Item; and
 - e) All contents are removed from the Large Metal Recovery Item.
- (13) The City reserves the right to refuse Large Metal Recovery Items over 1.5 m or 68 kg.

 **10. ON-SITE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS**

- (1) Prior to receiving On-site Collection Service by the City, unless otherwise provided for in this By-law, and where the Access Route and Collection Area for a Multi-Residential Condominium is located on Private Property:
 - a. The Owner or their Authorized Agent must complete an Application;
 - b. The Owner or their Authorized Agent must facilitate an on-site inspection by the City, to determine the Owner's ability to meet the terms of the Agreement and this By-law; and
 - c. The Owner must execute the Agreement for On-site Collection Service with the City.
- (2) Should the Owner be unable to meet the terms of the Agreement and this By-law, the City shall reserve the right to refuse, temporarily discontinue or cease On-site Collection Service.
- (3) The Owner must ensure the Multi-Residential Waste Collection Infrastructure is approved and maintained to the satisfaction of the City.
- (4) Should the Multi-Residential Condominium dwellings and street layout allow for Curbside Collection Service, as determined and approved by the City, section 7, 8, and 9 in this By-law shall apply.
- (5) The City will not provide On-site Collection Service should the City be required to make contact with an individual or any party for the express purpose of obtaining access to the Access Route or Collection Area.
- (6) During the performance of On-site Collection Service, the Owner must make all Approved Receptacles accessible for collection.
- (7) The City will not collect Collectible Waste that is inaccessible to the collection vehicle.
- (8) The Owner must maintain Multi-Residential Waste Collection Infrastructure in

good working order and free of obstruction to allow safe and unfettered access by all Persons residing at the property.

- (9) The Owner must participate in waste audits, which evaluate the contents and Cross Contamination of material set out for collection, upon request by the City.
- (10) If audit results reveal that the recovery of material as part of a Diversion Program does not meet benchmarked targets approved by the Deputy City Manager, and/or that there is an unacceptable level of Cross Contamination as determined by the Deputy City Manager, the City may elect to suspend or terminate On-site Collection Service to the Multi-Residential Condominium.
- (11) Where applicable, the collection and/or disposal of Recyclable Material and Household Organic Material must be equitably accessible to all Persons residing at the Property as the collection and/or disposal of Residual Waste, with adequate storage volume satisfactory to the Deputy City Manager.
- (12) Any Person who is responsible for the administration of this By-law shall have the right to enter upon and inspect the internal and external waste collection and storage facilities of the property and any Multi-Residential Waste Collection Infrastructure to determine compliance with this By-law.

11. RECEPTACLE STANDARDS AND SPECIFIC SET-OUT REQUIREMENTS FOR ON-SITE COLLECTION SERVICE

- (1) For On-site Collection Service, Owners shall place Collectible Waste within the following Approved Receptacles:
 - a) front-end (bulk lift) mechanically compacted 2-4 yrd³ bins
 - b) front-end (bulk lift) un-compacted 1.5 yds³ to 8 yds³ bins
 - c) 32 to 95 gallon carts
- (2) Collectable Waste must be contained within each Approved Receptacle for On-site Collection Service.
- (3) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Recyclable Material:
 - a) Recyclable Material must be placed entirely within the Approved Receptacles;
 - b) Cardboard, boxboard and other large fibre material must be flattened;
 - c) All recyclable containers, bottles and jars shall be emptied and rinsed prior to being placed into the Approved Receptacle;
 - d) All lids and plastic wrap from recyclable containers, bottles and jars shall be removed prior to being placed into the Approved Receptacle. All removed lids shall be placed into a Residual Waste Approved Receptacle; and
 - e) Recyclable Materials frozen or otherwise attached to the Approved Receptacle may not be collected.
- (4) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Household

Organic Material:

- a) Household Organic Material shall be placed inside a securely tied compostable bag and placed entirely within the Approved Receptacle.
- (5) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Residual Waste:
- a) Residual Waste must be placed entirely within the Approved Receptacle;
 - b) Broken glass shall be placed inside a sealed sturdy cardboard box;
 - c) All wet Residual Waste shall be drained and placed in a leak proof container or bag prior to placement in an Approved Receptacle; and
 - d) All ashes shall be cold and bagged prior to placement in an Approved Receptacle.
- (6) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Bulky Items that do not fit into an Approved Receptacle for Residual Waste:
- a) Bulky Items shall be broken down or dismantled into pieces that do not exceed 1.5 metres in length;
 - b) Hazards, including nails, batteries, light bulbs, and glass shall be removed from Bulky Items;
 - c) All removable or loose items within the Bulky Item shall be removed and placed inside an Approved Receptacle for Residual Waste;
 - d) Bulky Items shall not exceed 68 kilograms in weight;
 - e) All moveable parts within the Bulky Item shall be secured;
 - f) All doors, lids and covers shall be removed and placed in or beside an Approved Receptacle for Residual Waste;
 - g) The tank must be removed from the bowl of two-piece toilets, whereas one-piece toilets do not need to be dismantled [Amended by section 1. of [By-Law 176-2023](#) on November 14, 2023.]
- (7) Owners shall comply with the following conditions when setting out Large Metal Recovery Items:
- a) All collection of Large Metal Recovery Items shall be pre-arranged with the City;
 - b) For each acceptable Large Metal Recovery item, the Owner shall pay, in advance, the large metal resource recovery fee as set out in the City's Fees and Services By-law as amended;
 - c) All doors, lids and covers are removed and set beside the Large Metal Recovery Item;
 - d) All removable or loose parts are removed, tied in bundles, and set beside the Large Metal Recovery Item; and

- e) All contents are removed from the Large Metal Recovery Item.
- (7) The City reserves the right to refuse Large Metal Recovery Items over 1.5 m or 68 kg.

12. NOTICES, ENFORCEMENT AND FINES

- (1) A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer who finds a contravention of this By-law may issue a Notice to Comply to the Person or Owner who contravened, permitted or caused a contravention this By-law, or the Owner of the property on which the contravention occurred, to do work to correct the contravention.
- (2) If the work required by a Notice to Comply is not completed by the date set out in the notice, the City, may enter upon the land to do all the work necessary to correct the contravention and the City may recover the cost of the work from the Person directed or required to do it by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll of the Owner and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes.
- (3) Every Person who acts in contravention of this By-law or fails to comply with a Notice to Comply under this By-law is guilty of an offence.
- (4) Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of a provision of this By-law or fails to comply with a Notice to Comply under this By-law is guilty of an offence.
- (5) A Person who is convicted of an offence is liable on first conviction to a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$20,000, and is liable on subsequent convictions to a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$50,000.
- (6) A corporation that is convicted of an offence is liable on first conviction to a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$50,000, and is liable on subsequent convictions to a fine of no less than \$400 and not more than \$100,000.
- (7) In addition to the fines in subsections (5) and (6), a Person or corporation convicted of a subsequent offence is liable to a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for each day or part of the day on which the contravention has continued after the day on which the Person was first convicted.

12.1 ADMINISTRATIVE MONETARY PENALTIES

- (1) Instead of laying a charge under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended, for a breach of any provisions of this By-law, an officer may issue an administrative monetary penalty to the person who has contravened this By-law.
- (2) If an administrative monetary penalty is issued to a person under section 12.1(1), no charge shall be laid against that same person for the same breach.
- (3) The amount of the administrative monetary penalty for a breach under this By-law is \$350.
- (4) A person who is issued an administrative monetary penalty shall be subject to the procedures provided for in the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law 063-2019, as amended, or its successor by-law.

- (5) An administrative monetary penalty imposed on a person that becomes a debt to the *City* under the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law 063-2019, as amended, or its successor by-law, may be added to the municipal tax roll and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. [Added by section 2. of [By-Law 176-2023](#) on November 14, 2023.]

← **13. COMING INTO FORCE**

This By-law shall come into force on the day enacted by City Council.

← **14. REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF OTHER BY-LAWS**

- (1) By-law 159-73 and all of its amendments are hereby repealed.
- (2) Schedule 1 of the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law is hereby amended by including this By-law as a *Designated By-law*. [Amended by section 3. of [By-Law 176-2023](#) on November 14, 2023.]

Enacted by City of Vaughan Council this 24th day of October 24, 2017.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

Barbara A. McEwan, City Clerk

Authorized by item No. 2 of Report No. 4
of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session)
Adopted by Vaughan City Council
On February 16, 2016.



SCHEDULE A: ACCEPTABLE RESOURCE MATERIALS

1. ACCEPTABLE “BLUE BOX” RECYCLABLE MATERIAL

The following items shall be deemed to be Recyclable Material for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) All paper and paper products generated by households
- b) Aluminum foil, plates and trays (no food residue)
- c) Aseptic containers (Tetra Pak) for juice, soup, wine
- d) Beverage cartons and boxes
- e) Cereal and tissue boxes (liners removed)
- f) Corrugated cardboard
- g) Fibre coffee cups (lids removed)
- h) Fibre egg cartons and take out trays
- i) Flour and sugar bags
- j) Gable top cartons for juice, milk
- k) Glass food and beverage bottles and jars
- l) Kraft paper (meat wrap)
- m) Metal cans and containers
- n) Metal aerosol and paint cans (emptied)
- o) Newspapers (plastic wrap removed), magazines and books (hard and soft cover, plastic covers removed)
- p) Paper plates and brown paper bags
- q) Pizza boxes
- r) Plastic clam shell containers for eggs, vegetables, fruits and other products
- s) Plastic containers used for beverages, shampoos, lotions, cleaners, windshield washer fluids
- t) Plastic food tubs and lids for yogurt, margarine, sour cream, cottage cheese, ice cream
- u) Plastic pails, plant trays and pots (not exceeding 4 litres)
- v) Polycoat containers for ice cream
- w) Rigid plastic bottles, jugs, trays and jars used for food, beverages and other household products
- x) Spiral wound containers for frozen juice, chips and refrigerated dough
- y) Steel / aluminum food and beverage cans
- z) Any other item designated as Recyclable Material by the Deputy City Manager from time to time

Note: Heavily soiled newspapers, boxboard and other fibre material (i.e. paper plates and pizza boxes) shall be set out as Household Organic Material (“Green Bin”).

2. ACCEPTABLE “GREEN BIN” HOUSEHOLD ORGANIC MATERIAL

The following items shall be deemed to be Household Organic Material for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) Baked goods and baking ingredients including cake, cookies, flour, sugar, spices, eggs and egg shells
- b) Dairy products including milk, cheese, butter and yogurt
- c) Fruits and vegetables including peels, rinds, seeds and husks
- d) Grain products including pasta, bread, cereal and oats
- e) Meat and fish products including bones, fat, skin and shells
- f) Nuts, seeds and shells
- g) Other food products including candy, confectionary, coffee grounds, coffee filters and tea bags
- h) Paper products including tissues, paper napkins, paper towels, microwave popcorn bags, paper plates, newsprint, butcher paper, pizza boxes and muffin paper
- i) Personal hygiene products including diapers, sanitary products, incontinence products, hair and nail clippings
- j) Pet waste including kitty litter, dog waste, pet bedding, fur, feathers, pet food and bird seed
- k) Sauces, spices, dressings and spreads
 - l) Small amounts of cooking oil (soaked in bread or paper towel)
- m) Small amounts of shredded paper, household plants including soil, flowers (dried and fresh cut) and sawdust (natural wood sources only). Sawdust from pressure treated wood, melamine composite wood, and particle board is not accepted.
- n) Any other item designated as Household Organic Material by the Deputy City Manager from time to time

Note: Non-heavily soiled paper plates, newsprint, pizza boxes should be set out as Recycling Material Note: All wrappers, packaging and containers shall be removed and disposed of as Residual Waste or Recyclable Material if so accepted

3. ACCEPTABLE LEAF AND YARD MATERIAL

The following items shall be deemed to be Leaf and Yard Material for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) Cornstalks and pumpkins
- b) Garden plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables (soil removed)
- c) Hay, haybales and straw
- d) Hedge, shrub and tree trimmings, brush cuttings, twigs and branches (securely

tied in bundles not more than 1.5 m in length; individual branches not exceeding 10 centimetres in diameter and bundles not exceeding 0.6 metres in diameter)

- e) Natural Christmas trees (trees greater than 2.13 metres are to be cut in half)
- f) Plant cuttings, weeds and leaves
- g) Any other item designated as Leaf and Yard Material by the Deputy City Manager from time to time

4. ACCEPTABLE LARGE METAL RECOVERY ITEMS

The following items shall be deemed to be Large Metal Recovery items for the purposes of this By-law.

- a) Air conditioning units
- b) Barbeques, tanks removed
- c) Bathtubs (metal)
- d) Dehumidifiers
- e) Dishwashers
- f) Dryers
- g) Fireplace inserts
- h) Freezers
- i) Furnaces
- j) Hot water tanks (metal), drained
- k) Humidifiers
- l) Metal Pipes (i.e. basketball poles), disassembled and not exceeding 1.5 metres in length
- m) Oil tanks or drums
- n) Pool heaters, filter medium (i.e. sand) removed
- o) Push lawn mowers (electric, gas or manual), liquids removed
- p) Range hood fans
- q) Refrigerators
- r) Stoves
- s) Swing sets, disassembled and not exceeding 1.5 metres in length
- t) Washing machines
- u) Water pressure tanks
- v) Water softeners (metal), filter medium (salt) removed
- w) Water coolers (metal)
- x) Any other item designated as a Large Metal Resource items by the Deputy City Manager from time to time.



SCHEDULE B: NON-COLLECTIBLE WASTE

1. NON-COLLECTIBLE WASTE

Owners are to contact the City to determine how to properly dispose of Non-Collectible Waste. The following items shall be deemed to be Non-Collectible Waste for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) Any materials that are not set out in accordance with the provisions of this By-law
- b) Ashes (warm or hot)
- c) Automotive wastes, discarded vehicle parts, tires, tire rims and other accessories
- d) Carcasses of any animal (including animal parts) or fowl or live animal or fowl with the exception of bonafide Household Organic Waste
- e) Celluloid cuttings, including moving picture film
- f) Electronic and Electric Equipment Waste (WEEE waste) as defined in the Waste Free Ontario Act, or any successor regulation, includes desk top computers, portable computers, computer peripherals, monitors, televisions, printing devices, information technology equipment, telecommunications equipment, audio visual equipment
- g) Glass plate windows, mirrors, doors, table tops, shower doors, closet doors
- h) Hazardous Waste as defined by this By-law
- i) Liquid wastes, including liquid in sealed containers
- j) Sewage
- k) Sharp-edged material such as broken glass, broken crockery, cut metal or anything of a similar nature unless such material is placed in separate, secure container and whose contents are clearly marked
- l) Sod, soil, dirt, manure, sand, root balls, stumps, aggregates, concrete products, bricks or stones;
- m) Swill or any other organic not properly drained or wrapped
- n) Pathological Waste as defined by this By-law
- o) Trade Waste as defined by this bylaw
- p) Used deposit-return beverage containers
- q) Any other material or item designated as Non-Collectible Waste by the Deputy City Manager from time to time
- r) Any other materials designated as 'designated waste' by the Waste Free Ontario Act; or other applicable or successor legislation

2. HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following items shall be deemed to be Hazardous Waste for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) Any product, material or item labeled as "corrosive", "toxic", "reactive", "explosive", "oxidizing", "poisonous", "infectious", "flammable", including but not

limited to the following:

- i. Household cleaners including bleach, oven, drain, toilet and carpet cleaning solutions;
 - ii. Explosives, gasoline, motor oil, barbeque starter fluid, ammunition or other incendiary material;
 - iii. Pressurized containers including propane cylinders and tanks;
 - iv. Aerosol containers (full or partially full);
 - v. Poisons, including rat and mouse poisons, moth balls, insect and weed killers;
 - vi. Fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides or pesticides;
 - vii. Paints, solvents, coatings and wood preservatives;
 - viii. Engine oil, brake and transmission fluid;
 - ix. Batteries, including automotive batteries and Ni-cad rechargeable batteries and lead acid batteries;
 - x. Other material, including gas tanks, fire extinguishers, pool and photogenic chemicals; and
 - xi. Other Municipal Hazardous or Special Wastes as defined in the Waste Free Ontario Act;
- b) Pathological Wastes as defined in this By-law;
- c) PCB Waste (Polychlorinated Biphenyls) as defined in the Environmental Protection Act, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 362, or any successor regulation;
- d) The following wastes as defined in the Environmental Protection Act, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 347, or any successor regulation:
- i. Hazardous Industrial Waste;
 - ii. Acute Hazardous Waste;
 - iii. Hazardous Waste Chemical;
 - iv. Severely Toxic Waste
 - v. Ignitable Waste;
 - vi. Corrosive Waste;
 - vii. Reactive Waste;
 - viii. Radioactive Waste;
 - ix. Leachate Toxic Waste;
 - x. Asbestos Waste; or
 - xi. Liquid Industrial Waste;
- e) Compact fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- f) Hair dye, hair spray, hair mousse

- g) Pharmaceuticals
- h) Perfume, nail polish and remover.

3. PATHOLOGICAL WASTE

The following items shall be deemed to be Pathological Waste item for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) Microbiology laboratory wastes;
- b) Animal or human anatomical waste including organs, bones, muscles or other animal or human tissue or part thereof;
- c) Animal or human blood or bodily fluids;
- d) Used medical dressings including bandages, poultices;
- e) Medicines, vitamins, drugs, vials, vaccines;
- f) Waste sharps, including but not limited to, hypodermic needles, syringes, blades;
or
- g) Any other similar material or substance which contains or may contain pathological micro-organisms or which may be hazardous or dangerous and anything designated as pathological waste as defined in the Environmental Protection Act, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 347, or any successor regulation.

4. TRADE WASTE

The following items shall be deemed to be Trade Waste for the purposes of this By-law:

- a) Any waste generated, abandoned, condemned or rejected as a result of construction, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or structure or part of any building or structure, including, but not limited to, drywall, bricks, stone, concrete, wall board, insulation, asbestos, lumber, roofing shingles, counter-tops, siding and fencing;
- b) The stock of any wholesale or retail merchant or fruit or vegetable dealers;
- c) Any waste materials originating from any industrial processes or any business industry or commercial establishment;
- d) Commercial/industrial appliances;
- e) Commercial/industrial furnaces and other types of heating units; or
- f) Discarded office furnishings, partitions, office equipment;
- g) Any other industrial, commercial, institutional or manufacturer's waste.

AMENDMENT HISTORY

WASTE COLLECTION BY-LAW

DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)	BY-LAW	AUTHORITY	CONSOLIDATED
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