

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 252-2025

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan to amend Waste Collection By-law 121-2024, as amended, to reflect changes to the blue box recycling program.

WHEREAS section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (“*Municipal Act*”), as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality under this or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS section 11(3)3. of the *Municipal Act* states that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting waste management;

AND WHEREAS changes are being made to the blue box recycling program, including that the City of Vaughan will no longer collect blue box recycling as of January 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan has determined that it is desirable to make amendments to Waste Collection By-law 121-2024, as amended, to reflect the changes to the blue box recycling program;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Waste Collection By-law 121-2024, as amended, be further amended as follows:

a) add the following definitions to section 3.0(4) in alphabetical order:

“Blue Box Regulation” refers to Ontario Regulation 391/21 under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*, S.O. 2016, c. 12. Sched. 1

“Producer Responsibility Organization” means an organization that meets the definition set out in the *Blue Box Regulation*;

b) delete and replace the definition of “Collectible Waste” in section 3.0(4) with the following:

“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*, but does not include *Recyclable Materials*;

c) delete and replace the definition of “Recyclable Materials” in section 3.0(4) with the following:

“Recyclable Materials” means any waste or material designated under the *Blue Box Regulation* to be collected by a *Producer Responsibility Organization*;

d) delete and replace the definition of “Resource Materials” in section 3.0(4) with the following:

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

e) delete and replace the definition of “Scheduled Collection Day” in section 3.0(4) with the following:

“Scheduled Collection Day” means the specific day or days of the week for *Curbside Collection Service, On-Site Collection Service* or collection services as offered by a *Producer Responsibility Organization* for *Recyclable Materials*, as prescribed by notice duly given by the *City* or *Producer Responsibility Organization* to *Owners of Eligible Properties*;

f) delete and replace section 4.0(2)(j) with the following:

(j) determine the notice provisions for the scheduling of the *Scheduled Collection Day* or changes to the *Scheduled Collection Day* for *Curbside Collection Service* and *On-Site Collection Service*;

g) delete and replace section 5.0(4) with the following:

(4) *Non-Collectible Waste* and *Recyclable Materials* will not be included as part of *Curbside Collection Service* or *On-Site Collection Service*.

h) add part 5.1 to read as follows:

5.1 Recyclable Materials – General Requirements

(1) *Owners* shall comply with the requirements and regulations of the *Producer Responsibility Organization* with respect to the handling, separating, collecting and the setting out of *Recyclable Materials*.

(2) No *Owner* shall place any *Recyclable Materials* in any *Approved*

Receptacles or otherwise mix *Recyclable Materials* with *Collectible Waste*.

- (3) Notwithstanding sections 5.1(1), no *Owner* shall set out *Recyclable Materials* in any manner or condition that:
 - (a) is unsightly to the neighbouring environment;
 - (b) harbours or attracts rats, vermin, insects;
 - (c) permits *Recyclable Materials* 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.
- (4) *Recyclable Materials* shall be deemed to have been handled, separated, collected and set out by the *Owner* of the property where the *Recyclable Materials* are found, or in the case where the *Recyclable Materials* are found curbside, the *Owner* of the property directly abutting the location where the *Recyclable Materials* are found.
- (5) No *Person* shall pick over, interfere with, scavenge, disturb, remove or scatter any *Recyclable Materials* set out for collection except the *Producer Responsibility Organization*.
- (6) Despite section 5.1(5), *Owners* of the property where the *Recyclable Materials* originate may retrieve the *Recyclable Materials* they have set out for collection prior to its collection by the *Producer Responsibility Organization*.
- (7) 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 *Recyclable Materials* set out for collection.
- (8) No *Person* shall fail to transport *Recyclable Materials* in completely covered receptacles or in vehicles that are completely enclosed or covered so as to prevent any *Recyclable Materials* from falling upon the street, and shall keep such *Recyclable Materials* sealed from flies or vermin and to control, as far as possible, the escape of any offensive odours there from.
- (9) No *Owner* shall set out any *Recyclable Materials* on the *Travelled Street*, laneway, gutter or ditch.
- (10) No *Owner* shall set out or permit *Recyclable Materials* to remain on, in or behind snow banks.

- (11) No *Person* shall deposit *Recyclable Materials* generated on *Private Property* in *City-owned* receptacles.
- (12) No *Owner* shall set out *Recyclable Materials* 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*.
- (13) No *Owner* shall fail to remove any uncollected *Recyclable Materials* or empty receptacles by 8:00 p.m. on the *Scheduled Collection Day*.

i) delete sections 9.0(1), 9.0(2) and 11.0(3).

j) delete section 1.0 from Schedule A;

k) delete and replace the notes at the end of section 2.0 in Schedule A with the following:

Note: Non-heavily soiled paper plates, newsprint, pizza boxes should be set out for collection by the *Producer Responsibility Organization* if they are *Recyclable Materials*.

Note: All wrappers, packaging and containers shall be removed and disposed of as *Residual Waste*, or set out for collection by the *Producer Responsibility Organization* if they are *Recyclable Materials*.

l) delete and replace section 1.0(1)(r) from Schedule B with the following:

(r) any other materials designated as “designated waste” by the *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016, S.O. 2016, c. 12, Sched. 2* and its regulations or any successor acts or regulations except *Recyclable Materials*.

2. This By-law shall come into force and effect on January 1, 2026.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 25th day of November, 2025.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 1 of Report No. 41 of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session).
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on November 25, 2025.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on November 25, 2025.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 015-2025 dated November 25, 2025.
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