

FAQs

1. When will I receive my 2026 Waste Collection Schedule in the mail?

The 2026 Waste Collection Schedule is expected to be delivered to homes via Canada Post starting the week of Dec. 1, 2025. The mailout may take a few weeks, so if you do not receive one by Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, please contact Service Vaughan by phone at 905-832-2281 or by email at service@vaughan.ca.

2. How do I access my 2026 Waste Collection Schedule online?

The City provides a digital 2026 Waste Collection Schedule online at vaughan.ca/WasteCalendar and PDF versions for download.

3. What should I do if I don't receive my printed 2026 Waste Collection Schedule by mail?

You can request a mailed copy of the 2026 Waste Collection Schedule by calling Service Vaughan at 905-832-2281 or emailing service@vaughan.ca. However, the schedules are being sent through Canada Post, so it may take a few weeks to arrive. We ask that you please wait until at least Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2026 before making this request to avoid a double mailout.

4. Why is the 2026 Waste Collection Schedule in a single-page format rather than a traditional multi-page booklet?

Through feedback collected during focus groups held in 2021, City staff learned how residents use their waste schedules and what information is most helpful. The 2026 Waste Collection Schedule was designed following the format of previous schedules and is more responsive and convenient for readers. It is clear and concise with a fresh and colourful look, all while providing a year of waste services at a glance.

5. Why has the City chosen to continue with a printed Waste Collection Schedule?

The City continues to serve all residents, including those who do not have internet access or prefer a printed schedule. In a 2023 city-wide survey, City staff learned that more than half of the respondents indicated it is important to them to have a printed copy of the Waste Collection Schedule delivered to their homes each year. The 2026 Waste Collection Schedule is also made from 100 per cent recycled paper.

6. How can I find out which zone I'm in and what day my collection is?

There are a few ways to find out your collection day:

- 1. Find the Waste Collection Map in your hardcopy Waste Collection Schedule, then locate where you live on the map. Note your collection day and if you live in a blue zone or vellow zone.
- View your collection schedule by visiting <u>vaughan.ca/WasteCalendar</u> and entering your street number and street name in the "Search Instructions" section. A personalized waste calendar will show the coloured zone (either blue or yellow) and the day of the week your waste is collected.
- 3. Download the free Recycle Coach app to your smart device to view your personalized collection calendar.
- 4. Contact Service Vaughan by phone at 905-832-2281 or email at service@vaughan.ca and a Citizen Service Representative will be happy to assist you.

7. Can I receive digital notifications to remind me about my collection day?

Yes! Download the free Recycle Coach app and turn on notifications in the settings. You will receive a reminder the evening before your collection day that your waste materials can be placed at the curb and information on which materials can be set out for collection.

8. What is different about blue box collection in 2026?

Under the Province's new blue box program, effected Jan. 1, 2026, all aspects of blue box collection are the responsibility of Circular Materials. Your blue box collection schedule remains the same, and you can still use your current blue boxes.

Here are some things that are different:

- new expanded list of accepted materials
- new customer service contact for recycling inquiries including missed collection, damaged bins and more - Miller Waste Systems
- phone: 1-855-752-3762, email: <u>area10@millerwaste.ca</u>

For more information, visit circularmaterials.ca/Vaughan