

# **THE CITY OF VAUGHAN**

# **BY-LAW**

## **WASTE COLLECTION**

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**A By-law to establish and maintain a system for the collection and regulation of Waste Material in the City of Vaughan, and to repeal and replace Waste Collection By-law 135-2017 and its amending By-law 176-2023.**

**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** subsection 11(3)3. of the *Municipal Act* authorizes a lower-tier municipality to pass by-laws respecting waste management;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has determined that it is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Vaughan to enact a by-law providing for the collection and regulation of Waste Material within the City of Vaughan;

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

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<b>1.0 Short Title</b>	
(1) This By-law shall be known and may be cited as the “Waste Collection By-law”.	
<b>2.0 Applicability and Scope</b>	
(1) The provisions of this By-law apply to all <i>Waste Material</i> within the <i>City</i> , except	
as provided for under this By-law.	

### **3.0 Definitions and Interpretation**

- (1) In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural, and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine and further, the converse of the foregoing also applies where the context requires. [Added by section 1.(b) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]
- (2) Wherever a word is used in this By-law with its first letter capitalized and the whole word italicized, the term is being used as it is defined in 3.0(4) of this By-law. Where any word appears in ordinary case, the commonly applied English language meaning is intended. [Added by section 1.(b) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]
- (3) Any reference to a statute, regulation, by-law or other legislation shall include such statute, regulation, by-law or legislation as amended, re-enacted, replaced, or superseded. [Added by section 1.(b) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]
- (4) In this By-Law:
  - “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;
  - “Administrative Penalties By-law” refers to the *City* Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024; [Added by section 1.(a) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]
  - “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 Part 9.0 of this By-law, and for the purposes of *On-Site Collection Service*, means a receptacle approved by the *City* for *On-Site Collection Service* as described in Part 11.0 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;

“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; [Added by section 1.a) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

“Bulky Item” means a large household item including but not limited to sofas, book shelves, 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*, but does not include *Recyclable Materials*; [Amended by section 1.b) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

“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*;

“Council” means the Council of the City of Vaughan;

“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, Public Works of 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 Part 8.0 of this By-law;

“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*;

“Hazardous Waste” means any items as described in Schedule B of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time 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*;

“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*;

“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*;

“Multi-Residential Condominium” means a registered condominium under the *Condominium Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 19, 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 By-law Enforcement Officer” means a *Person* appointed as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, pursuant to section 15 of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15 or section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, to enforce the provisions of this By-law; [Amended by section 1.(d) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]

“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 or a *Person* for the time being managing or receiving the rent of the land or premises in connection with which the word is used, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee of any other *Person*, or who would so receive the rent if such premises were let, and shall also include a lessee or occupant of the property who, under the terms of lease, is required to repair and maintain the 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 Part 7.0 of this By- law;

“Pathological Waste” means any items as described in Schedule B of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the *City*;

“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, the province of Ontario or its agencies, and the government of Canada or its agencies;

“Private Road” means a road that is privately owned and is not owned by the *City*, the Regional Municipality of York, the province of Ontario or its agencies, and the

government of Canada or its agencies;

“Producer Responsibility Organization” means an organization that meets the definition set out in the *Blue Box Regulation*; [Added by section 1.a) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

“Public Property” means any property that is owned by the *City*, the Regional Municipality of York, the province of Ontario or its agencies, and the government of Canada or its agencies;

“Recyclable Materials” means any waste or material designated under the *Blue Box Regulation* to be collected by a *Producer Responsibility Organization*; [Amended by section 1.c) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

“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 *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*; [Amended by section 1.d) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

“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*; [Amended by section 1.e) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

“Trade Waste” means any items as described in Schedule B of this By-law and any other materials added from time to time by the *City*;

“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 Material” means *Collectible Waste* and *Non-Collectible Waste*.

#### **4.0 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* for *Curbside Collection Service* and *On-Site Collection Service*; [Amended by section 1.f) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]
  - (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 Materials*; and

(r) take any action necessary for the administration of this By-law.

## **5.0 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* and *Recyclable Materials* will not be included as part of *Curbside Collection Service* or *On-Site Collection Service*. [Amended by section 1.g) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]
- (5) In the event the *Deputy City Manager* discontinues services in accordance with Part 4.0 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.

**5.1 Recyclable Materials – General Requirements** [Added by section 1.h) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

- (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*.

## **6.0 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 Service*, 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 section 6.0(8), Owners of the *Eligible Property* where the *Collectible Waste* originates 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.

## **7.0 Waste Limits for Curbside Collection Service**

- (1) No more than 3 (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 section 7.0(1), an *Owner* may set out more than 3 (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*.

## **8.0 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 Part, 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 section 8.0(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*.*

## **9.0 Receptacle Standards and Specific Set Out Requirements for Curbside Collection Service**

- (1) [Deleted by section 1.i) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]
- (2) [Deleted by section 1.i) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]:
- (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 Approved Receptacle*;
- (b) all ashes shall be cold and placed in a *Residual Waste Approved 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 section 9.0(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 Appliance Collection Fee as set out in the *City's Fees and*

Charges By-law; [Amended by section 1.(c) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]

- (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.

## **10.0 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*, Parts 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 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.

## **11.0 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 yrd<sup>3</sup> bins;
  - (b) front-end (bulk lift) un-compacted 1.5 yds<sup>3</sup> to 8 yds<sup>3</sup> bins;
  - (c) 32 to 95 gallon carts.
- (2) *Collectable Waste* must be contained within each *Approved Receptacle* for *On-Site Collection Service*.
- (3) [Deleted by section 1.i) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]
- (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.

(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 Appliance Collection Fee as set out in the *City's Fees and Charges By-law*; [Amended by section 1.(c) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February

25, 2025]

- (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*.

(8) The *City* reserves the right to refuse *Large Metal Recovery Items* over 1.5 m or 68 kg.

## **12.0 Fines**

- (1) A *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* or York Regional Police 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. [Amended by section 1.(e) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]
- (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 contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33*. [Amended by section 1.(c) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]
- (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 sections 12.0(5) and 12.0(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.

### **13.0 Administrative Penalties**

(1) Instead of laying a charge under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33 for a breach of any provisions of this By-law, a *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* or York Regional Police officer may issue an administrative penalty to the *Person* who has contravened this By-law.

(2) If an administrative penalty is issued to a *Person* under section 13.0(1), no charge shall be laid against that same *Person* for the same breach.

(3) The amount of the administrative penalty for a breach under this By- law is \$350.

(4) A *Person* who is issued an administrative penalty shall be subject to the procedures provided for in the *City's Administrative Penalties By-law*.

(5) An administrative penalty imposed on a *Person* that becomes a debt to the *City* under the *Administrative Penalties By-law* may be added to the municipal tax roll and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. [Amended by sections 1.(c), 1.(g), 1.(h) and 1.(i) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]

### **14.0 Severability**

(1) If any provision of this By-law or the application thereof to any *Person* or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the By-law which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this By-law are severable.

### **15.0 Transition**

(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of By-law 135-2017 and 176-2023, those by-laws shall continue to apply to any acts, omissions or occurrences, and to any offences that took place prior to the enactment of this By-law.

### **16.0 Conflict with Other By-laws**

(1) Where there is a conflict or contradiction between this By-law and any other by-law of the *City*, the provisions establishing the more restrictive standard shall

prevail.

## **17.0 Repeal and Amendment of Other By-laws**

- (1) The Waste Collection By-law 135-2017 and its amending By-law 176-2023 are hereby repealed.
- (2) [Deleted by section 1.(j) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]

## **17.1 Designated By-law**

- (1) This is a designated by-law as per Schedule 1 of the *Administrative Penalties By-law*. [Added by section 1.(k) of [By-law 034-2025](#) on February 25, 2025]

## **18.0 Force and Effect**

- (1) This By-law shall come into force and effect on its effective date.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Steven Del Duca, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by [Item No. 22 of Report No. 25 of the Committee of the Whole](#).

Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on June 25, 2024.

City Council voted in favour of this by-law on June 25, 2024.

Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 008-2024 dated June 25, 2024.

**Effective Date of By-Law: June 25, 2024**

## SCHEDULE A: ACCEPTABLE RESOURCE MATERIALS

### 1.0 Acceptable “Blue Box” Recyclable Material

[Deleted by section 1.j) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

### 2.0 Acceptable “Green Bin” Household Organic Material

(1) 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 for collection by the *Producer Responsibility Organization* if they are *Recyclable Materials*. [Amended by section 1.k) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

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*. [Amended by section 1.k) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

### **3.0 Acceptable Leaf and Yard Material**

(1) 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.

### **4.0 Acceptable Large Metal Recovery Items**

(1) 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 Recovery Item* by the *Deputy City Manager* from time to time.

## SCHEDULE B: NON-COLLECTIBLE WASTE

### 1.0 Non-Collectible Waste

(1) 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 bona fide *Household Organic Material*;
- (e) celluloid cuttings, including moving picture film;
- (f) Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE waste) as defined in the *O. Reg. 389/16: Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment under Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016*, S.O. 2016, c. 12, Sched. 2 or any successor acts or regulations, 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 By-law;
- (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 Diversion Transition Act, 2016, S.O. 2016, c. 12, Sched. 2* and its regulations or any successor acts or regulations except *Recyclable Materials*. [Amended by section 1.l) of [By-law 252-2025](#) on November 25, 2025]

## **2.0 Hazardous Waste**

- (1) 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, barbecue 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 O.

*Diversion Transition Act, 2016, S.O. 2016, c. 12, Sched. 2 or any*

successor acts or regulations;

(b) pathological wastes as defined in this By-law;

(c) PCB Waste (Polychlorinated Biphenyls) as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Regulation 362, or any successor regulation;

(d) the following wastes as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.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;

(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.

### **3.0 Pathological Waste**

(1) The following items shall be deemed to be *Pathological Waste* items 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.S.O. 1990, Regulation 347, or any successor regulation.

#### **4.0 Trade Waste**

- (1) 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**