

## **Blue Box Transition – Outreach**

### **Changes to Recycling Services for Businesses and Non-Residential Properties**

The Municipality of West Grey is writing to inform you of important changes to local recycling collection as a result of the Province of Ontario's Blue Box Transition Program.

Effective January 1, 2026, the Province of Ontario has mandated changes to recycling programs. Under this new provincial regulation, curbside collection will no longer be available for properties and organizations that have been deemed non-eligible under the provincial program (this includes certain industrial commercial, and institution properties as outlined on the reverse page).

Please note that this change is a provincial decision and not one made by the Municipality of West Grey.

### **What does this mean for you:**

- As a business/organization that falls into this non-eligible category, you will need to manage your recycling independently beginning January 1, 2026.
- The green recycling carts that your business may have received in the fall will be picked up by the province's contractor (Waste Management) during the week of January 5, 2026. Please make sure carts are empty.
- Curbside waste collection is continuing as usual across the Municipality.
- You can continue to recycle materials free of charge at any of the municipal Waste and Diversion sites:

### **Durham Waste and Diversion Site**

590 Park Street West, Durham

- Winter hours (November–March): Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Summer hours (April–October): Thursday and Friday, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Bentinck Waste and Diversion Site**

114079 Grey Road 3, Elmwood

- Open year-round: Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

We understand that this change may be challenging for you. Municipalities across the province have been advocating for amendments to the provincial regulations that would allow for continued curbside collection for non-eligible sources. Unfortunately, we were only informed in November 2025 that curbside recycling collection for non-eligible

sources would not be considered, even for municipalities who were willing to pay for the service.

The Municipality of West Grey will continue to advocate for improvements to the Blue Box Transition Program and will keep our ratepayers informed as new information becomes available.

Additional information about the Province of Ontario's Blue Box Transition Program can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/210391>

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