

## WAYS TO REDUCE WASTE!

Instead of sending old or unused items to our landfills, why not donate or sell them? Some great places to make donations to are: family & friends, thrift stores, churches and second hand stores. You can sell them by hosting a yard sale, online through different buy & sell websites, buy & sell groups on Facebook or advertise in newspapers or other publications.

Try the same idea when buying new items. Gently used may be the way to go!

Reduce the amount of food you throw away by freezing leftovers, or what you won't be eating right away. Donate that can of food in your cupboard that you decided just wasn't for you to a local food bank... And make sure to use your older products before any new products you've just purchased.

### E-Waste Depot

The Town of Parry Sound accepts electronic waste at the MacFarlane St. Transfer Station free of charge.

Items include, but not limited to:

- Desktop & laptop computers, monitors, mouse, keyboards, chargers, modems, printers, typewriters, copiers, speakers, scanners, iPads
- Telephones, cell phones, pagers, cords, fax machines
- Stereos, equalizers, amplifiers, tuners, turntables, DVD players, VCRs, iPods, MP3 players, digital cameras, game consoles, projectors, camcorders
- Flat screen televisions, tube style televisions, remote controls

### PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

Wipe your drives and clear your SIM cards prior to dropping them off at the depot.

### Tire Recycling

**Tires are no longer accepted at the Transfer Station.**

Tires are accepted at no charge at multiple collector sites within the Town of Parry Sound.

Please visit <https://rpra.ca/programs/tires/collectionsites/> and enter your postal code to find a collector near you.



# 2026

## Waste Management Collection Calendar

705-746-2101  
ext. 213 or 236

[publicworks@parrysound.ca](mailto:publicworks@parrysound.ca)

For more information, please visit our website [www.parrysound.ca](http://www.parrysound.ca)

For more information on the new recycling program please call 1-888-597-1541 or [customercareont@emterra.ca](mailto:customercareont@emterra.ca)

Accessible format available upon request.

## Curbside Recycling

**All waste is to be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. weekly  
All containers must be washed and free of food**

There is no guarantee your waste will be collected at the same time each week. The contractor often has to change routes due to construction, weather, or road issues. All waste must be out by the specified time to ensure it will be picked up.

### **BAGGED WASTE**

- Place at curb every week
- Limits in the Town of Parry Sound are as follows:
  - 2 bags per single detached household
  - 5 bags per business
  - 1 bag per apartment unit/rooming house unit
- Small bags containing waste (white kitchen or grocery bags) should be disposed of in a household sized garbage bag
- Bags/containers are not to exceed a weight of 22.5 kgs (50lbs)
- Bag dimensions are not to exceed 76 cm (30in) x 94 cm (37in).
  - Bags usually fit a 20—30 gallon can
- [NOTE: Clear bag policy maybe implemented in the future.](#)

### **RECYCLABLES**

- Place at curb next to bagged waste on your collection day
- Alternate weeks for fiber and containers. Check the calendar for the correct week
- Place at curb when full (weight is at the contractor's discretion)
- Commercial cardboard will not be picked up, but is accepted at the Transfer Station during normal operating hours until 2:00 p.m.

*\*Businesses and residents that are in the Downtown Business Association District must have their waste out in front of their business/residence no later than 8:30 a.m.*

### **Winter Curbside Collection Do's & Don'ts**

- DO place your garbage & recycling containers on a cleared & flat area.
- DO remember that the truck comes from Bracebridge and may run late on snowy days (on rare occasions we may have to reschedule).
- DON'T place your garbage & recycling containers on top of snowbanks, it will NOT be picked up.
- DON'T place your garbage & recycling containers in the path of our snowplow and/or sidewalk plow.

## **Transfer Station Information for Town of Parry Sound Residents**

Item	Number of Tags
Bag of Household Waste	1
Single Mattress or Box Spring	1
Double or Queen Mattress or Box Spring	2
King Mattress or Box Spring	3
Chair	1
Love Seat	2
Sofa	3
Sofa Bed	4
Trunk Load	3
Appliances with freon (i.e. Fridges, Freezers, Air Conditioners etc.)	8
1/2 ton truck or equivalent trailer load	10
Scrap Wood, Lumber (no railway ties)	5 to 10 (based on quantity)
Drywall	5 to 10 (based on quantity)
Yard Waste (leaves, lawn trimmings, brush)	No Charge*
Scrap Metal (including kitchen appliances) i.e. Stove, Microwave, Blender, Vacuum, Toaster, Food Processor, Lawn Mower, BBQ, washer, dryer, etc.	No Charge
Recyclables	No Charge
E-Waste (see back page for included items)	No Charge
Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW)	No Charge

**\*Note:** If yard waste/brush is disposed of by a contractor, the resident must accompany the contractor and produce proof of residency OR the contractor must provide the Attendant with a letter, signed and dated by the resident, verifying the address where the waste was generated. Phone number must be included.

### **Trailer Loads, Wood, and Drywall**

Unfortunately we can not always tell you how many tags are required until you get to the transfer station as it is based on quantity. The Attendant will determine how many tags are required. If you have a large quantity and require more tags, you can purchase extra tags at the transfer station when you arrive. The machine accepts coins only.

## MacFarlane Street Transfer Station

Located at 57 MacFarlane St.

The MacFarlane Street Transfer Station is under video surveillance. If the transfer station is closed, do not leave your waste at the gate as illegal dumping is prohibited and subject to a monetary fine.

Please note there will be zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior toward the staff of the Town of Parry Sound. Should we experience the use of foul language, rudeness, argumentativeness, or harassment, you will be asked to leave by a staff member. Should you not comply, you will be removed by the police.

To ensure social distancing and the safety of visitors and staff, please proceed to the gate one vehicle at a time. Please follow all directions given by the attendant. To view Transfer Station hours online, please refer to our website [www.parrysound.ca](http://www.parrysound.ca). **Other online sources are not guaranteed to be accurate.**

### Mid April to Mid October

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday (April 21st– October 19th)	12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Statutory Holidays	CLOSED

### Mid October to Mid April

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED
Tuesday, Thursday & Statutory Holidays	CLOSED

#### Garbage Tags

Garbage tags are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Town Office (52 Seguin St.), Hillcrest Grocers (108 William St.) and the Transfer Station (coins only). Proof of residency is required when disposing of items. If you are not home on your scheduled curbside pick up day, you can get tags at the town office to dispose of your waste at the transfer station free of charge. You will not be able to place extra waste at curbside in that same week.

#### Commercial Disposal

Businesses can dispose of the following items at the transfer station free of charge: electronic waste, recyclables, scrap metal, and cardboard. The cardboard must be delivered by a generating business before 2:00pm when the transfer station is open. **No other commercial waste is accepted including hazardous waste and commercial tires.**

#### Items not Accepted

The following items are not accepted at the Transfer Station: **tires, shingles, concrete containing metal and items containing asbestos.**



## Curbside Recycling



#### Fiber Box

- Envelopes, flyers, paper bags, greeting cards & gift wrapping
- Catalogues, magazines, phonebooks,
- Newspapers, office paper & computer paper
- Tissue & cereal boxes, detergent & shoe boxes, egg cartons & cardboard tubes
- Milk & juice cartons, coffee creamers and sugar cartons, soup & sauce cartons
- Juice boxes (tetra boxes)
- Broken down corrugated cardboard, no larger than a recycling box, tied with string left next to your recycling box.

#### NEW

Pet food bags, food service paper bags and plates  
Spiral cans, cookie dough package, ice cream containers, hot & cold beverage cups

#### Container Box

- Metal food & beverage cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- Aluminum foil & trays
- Plastic flower trays
- Plastics with numbers 1 – 6
- Bottles – soft drink, water, anti-freeze, milk jugs, detergent, ketchup, mustard, windshield washer, syrup, medicine
- Containers – margarine, ice cream, yogurt, peanut butter, deli sandwich shells, clear plastic cookie trays

**NEW**—bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspaper & flyers. Over-wrap plastic, coffee bags or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, plastic gift bags. Hand sanitizer bottles, medication bottles, blister packs, plant pots. Aerosol containers, like hair spray, foam packaging

**PLEASE NOTE:** Soft or hard cover books or novels, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, window glass, textiles and toys are not acceptable recyclables

## Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste

The Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Depot is located at the MacFarlane Street Transfer Station and is now open year round. It is open during the same hours as the Transfer Station. Disposal is free for residents of Parry Sound, Archipelago, Carling, McDougall, McKellar, Seguin, and Whitestone. **Proof of residency is required** at all times.

#### The following items ARE accepted:

Acid	Car Batteries	Kerosene
Aerosols	Cleaning Fluids	Motor Oil and Filters
Ammonia	Detergents	Paint/Paint Thinners
Anti-freeze	Expired/unused medications	Pesticides
Batteries	Freon	Propane Tanks (non-refillable)
BBQ lighters	Fluorescent Tubes & Bulbs	Syringes/Medical Waste
Bleach	Gasoline/Diesel in a sealed container that will not be returned	(sharps in a plastic container with lid)

#### The following items are NOT accepted:

Ammunition	Flares	Propane Tanks (Fillable ie 20lb)
Asbestos	Pathological or Radioactive	Unidentified Waste
Explosives	PCBs	Roof Shingles

All waste must have original labels that identify contents.

**COMMERCIAL MHSW IS NOT ACCEPTED**

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## Important Dates 2026

Jan. 5-16 Christmas tree pickup begins, but exact date and duration is weather dependent. All decorations must be removed

Apr 13 Transfer Station is now operating under summer hours (open Sundays). There is no spring leaf pick up

May 1 - September 30: Watering restrictions in effect.  
Even numbered addresses WATER ON EVEN DAYS ONLY:  
7:00 —10:00 a.m. & 7:00 —10:00 p.m.  
Odd numbered addresses WATER ON ODD DAYS ONLY:  
7:00 —10:00 a.m. & 7:00 —10:00 p.m.

May 1 - Oct 15 Fresh & artificial wreaths & flower arrangements may be placed at Hillcrest & Sylvan Acres Cemeteries. Must be removed by Oct. 15

Oct 18 The last Sunday the Transfer Station is open. Winter hours at the Transfer Station begin Oct 19th

Nov 2 Leaf and pumpkin pick up begins but exact end date, time, and duration is weather dependent.  
Parking prohibited on town streets and in town parking lots between 3:00 am and 7:00 am until April 15

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\*Information about pickup for Christmas and Boxing Day will be provided closer to the dates and advertised through the Town's media channels\*

## Reasons Why Your Waste May Have Been Left Behind

### Recycling

- Wrong week — The Town of Parry Sound has a two-stream system that alternates weeks for fibers and containers. The calendar above indicates which container to put out each week. **Green = Fiber week, Blue = Container week.**
- Contaminated — there are items in your recycling box that are not recyclable or your box contains both containers & fibers.
- Cardboard has not been broken down.

### Garbage

- Over the limit of bags/containers.
- Bag/container is too heavy or too large.
- It has been placed too far from the curb or on top of a snowbank.
- It is not visible (hidden behind a snow bank or parked vehicle).

The most common reason waste is left behind is because it is not out at the curb on time.