



Recycling Information

What's Changing in Ontario?

Starting January 1, 2026, Ontario is introducing a new province-wide recycling system under the Revised Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model. This means the way residential recycling is managed and funded will change across all municipalities, including ours.

New Producer-Led Recycling System

Under the new system:

- Producers (businesses that make, sell or import packaging and paper products) will now be fully responsible for operating, funding and managing residential Blue Box recycling programs.
- A Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) called Circular Materials Ontario has been appointed to run the new recycling collection system province-wide on behalf of producers.

What Residents Can Expect

Beginning January 1, 2026:

Your experience at the Transfer Station will stay the same.

You will still drop off your materials as usual but with one improvement: there are now more items accepted for recycling!

Click here to view what items are accepted [add link - [S:\E-Environmental Services\E07-Waste Management\advertising and newsletter\2026 ON Detailed Material List.pdf](#)]

These updated recycling lists are now standard across the entire province, making it easier to know what goes where.

What's New in the Blue Box?

- Hot and cold beverage cups
- Foam packaging (e.g., take-out containers)
- Flexible packaging like snack bags
- Certain personal care containers (e.g., deodorant and toothpaste tubes)
- Some plastics previously not accepted

Important Note for Businesses & Institutions

Under the new program, recycling for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) properties (businesses, places of worship, charities, schools, etc.) was excluded/ineligible from the common collection system (residential waste).

McKellar has signed an agreement with Circular Materials to include IC&I recycling in the common collection system, so therefore there are no changes to how Businesses & Institutions recycle in the Township of McKellar.

What Hasn't Changed

- Household garbage and all other accepted materials at the Transfer Station will continue to be managed by the Municipality and disposed of in the same manner as before.
- The location where you drop off your recycling at the Transfer Station will remain unchanged.
- Only Township of McKellar ratepayers are permitted to dispose of waste at the McKellar Transfer Station. You may be asked to present your yellow Transfer Station card at any time. If you require a replacement or new card, please contact the Township Office at admin@mckellar.ca or (705) 389-2842 x1.

Have Questions?

For general recycling questions, please visit www.circularmaterials.ca/mckellar

If your inquiry relates to contractor service, program inquiries and/or transition to producer responsibility, please contact: customerservice@circularmaterials.ca or 1-877-667-2626.