



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2026-045**

A bylaw to regulate the collection and/or disposal of garbage, recycling, and other waste materials, and for operating and maintaining integrated Waste and Recycling Facilities in the Municipality of West Grey.

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 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 Section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purposes of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

WHEREAS Section 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass bylaws respecting matters within the spheres of jurisdiction set out therein;

WHEREAS Section 446 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that where a municipality has authority to direct or require a person to do a matter or thing respecting land, including the clearing, removal or disposal of refuse or debris, the municipality may also provide that, in default of compliance, such matter or thing may be carried out by the municipality at the person's expense and the costs recovered in like manner as municipal taxes; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey deems it expedient and in the public interest to regulate the collection, disposal, and management of waste within the Municipality of West Grey;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

Part I. Short Title and Scope

Short Title

1. This bylaw may be referred to as the "Waste Disposal Bylaw".

Scope

2. This bylaw applies to all residents and visitors to the Municipality.
3. This bylaw pertains to the collection and/or disposal of waste, including garbage, recycling, yard waste, and special waste materials managed by the Municipality, as well as the operation of waste and recycling facilities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of West Grey. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this bylaw and those of any other statute or bylaw, the more restrictive provision shall take precedence.

Part II. Interpretation

Headings

4. The insertion of headings and the division of this bylaw into sections and subsections are for convenience or reference only and shall not affect the interpretation thereof.

Number

5. In this bylaw, unless contrary intention is indicated, words used in the singular include the plural.

Reference to Applicable Law

6. All references to applicable law are ambulatory and apply as amended, extended, or re-enacted from time to time.

Severability

7. In the event any provisions of this bylaw are deemed invalid or void, in whole or in part, by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Definitions

8. In this bylaw the definitions and interpretations given in this section shall govern.

“Approved Container” refers to a Garbage Container, Recycling Container or Yard Waste Container used for the purpose of setting out Waste for Municipal Collection Services.

“Ashes” means the solid or particulate residue of any household solid fuel after such solid fuel has been consumed by fire but shall not include soot.

"Automated Collection" means the collection of Garbage or Recycling using a specially designed vehicle with mechanical apparatus which grasps, lifts and tips to empty Carts directly into the vehicle and sets them back onto the ground. Automated Collection requires no manual labour to grasp or empty the Cart.

“Boarding, Lodging, Rooming House” means a property with more than four (4) Lodging Suites provided to tenants in exchange for remuneration and includes shared spaces within the building or on the property.

“Bulky Item” means any materials that do not fit in an Approved Container, and any other large, discarded material as designated by the Designated Municipal Official.

"Cart" means a Waste container approved by the Designated Municipal Official that is issued to an Eligible Property, is designed for Automated or Semi-Automated Collection, and remains the property of the Municipality or it's designate, throughout the life of the Cart.

"Centralized Collection" means collection of Collectable Waste in communal/shared Waste containers from a Common Collection Point at the curb or on Private Property which has been approved for such services by the Designated Municipal Official.

"Certified Compostable Plastic Bag" means a plastic bag that has been officially endorsed as compostable under a third party operated accredited certification program, in accordance with specified criteria to the satisfaction of the Designated Municipal Official.

"Collectable Waste" means Waste including Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, and Special Waste which is eligible for Curbside Collection.

"Collection Contractor" means a person who has entered into an agreement with the Municipality for the collection and transportation of Waste for disposal or processing.

"Collection Day" means the day designated for the collection of Waste in the geographic area in which the Eligible Property is located.

"Collection Point" means the part of an Eligible Property to receive collection services that has been designated by the Designated Municipal Official for the setting out and collection of Collectable Waste.

"Common Collection Point" means a Collection Point determined or approved by the Designated Municipal Official for use by two (2) or more Residential Units or properties.

"Council" means the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey.

"Curbside Collection" means the collection of Collectable Waste at a Collection Point or Common Collection Point at the curb of a Street or a Private Road which has been approved for collection by the Municipality.

"Designated Municipal Official" means the head of the department that oversees the operation and maintenance of Waste and Recycling Facilities and/or Municipal Collection Services.

"Early Collection Event" means a period of time declared by the Designated Municipal Official when, for reasons such as extreme heat or other circumstances, Municipal Collection Services may commence earlier than normally scheduled.

"Eligible Property" includes all properties within the geographic boundary of the Municipality of West Grey.

"Enforcing Officer" means a police officer who is a member of the West Grey Police Service, a municipal bylaw enforcement officer appointed by the Municipality to enforce the provisions of the Municipality of West Grey bylaws, or a person specially appointed by the Municipality to enforce only specific provisions of this bylaw.

"Garbage" means Waste destined for disposal other than Recycling, Compostable Material, Special Waste Materials, and Prohibited Waste.

“Garbage Container” means a Cart issued by the Municipality for the storage and collection of Garbage.

"Hazardous Waste" means any household products and substances that are labeled corrosive, flammable, poisonous, or explosive or any products and substances deemed hazardous waste by the Designated Municipal Official.

"Industrial and Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Property" means a property containing one or more IC&I Units as per MPAC and is used for the purpose of, including but not limited to retail, manufacturing/industrial, service, entertainment, recreation, offices, church, schools, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes. Generally, does not include Residential Properties with home occupations or home industry.

“Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) Waste” means Waste originating from an Industrial, Commercial, or Institutional Property.

"Large Diameter Wood" means tree limbs or other woody materials greater than 1 meters (3'3") in length or of a diameter greater than that accepted as Yard Waste.

"Lodging Suite" means a single room or series of rooms within a Residential Unit, supplied to people in exchange for remuneration.

“Mixed-Use Property” means a property containing a combination of Residential Unit(s) and at least one (1) Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Unit.

"Motor Vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined under the Highway Traffic Act, RSO 1990, c. H. 8.

"MPAC" means the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

“Multi-Residential Property” means a property that contains six (6) or more Residential Units.

“Municipality” means the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey.

“Municipal Collection Services” means service for removal of Collectable Waste, including Curbside Collection, Common Collection Point and Centralized Collection, provided by the Municipality or its Collection Contractor from Eligible Properties and Municipally-owned property.

“Municipal Employee” means an officer, servant, or other employee of the Municipality.

“Non-Collectable Waste” means materials not acceptable for Curbside Collection by virtue of its size or shape, over limit Waste, overweight Waste, materials placed out for Curbside Collection at times other than those specified times in this bylaw, or any Waste item determined by the Designated Municipal Official to be unsuitable for collection.

"Owner" means the registered owner of the lands or premises or the person as defined by this bylaw or their authorized agent in lawful control of the premises, building or occupancy including but not limited to a lessee, tenant or occupant of

an Eligible Property located within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of West Grey.

“Pathological Waste” includes syringes, needles, dressings, tissues, medical instruments and other such items as may or may not contain pathogenic bacteria or micro-organisms.

“Person” means an owner as defined in this bylaw or any individual, corporation, partnership, company, association or party and the heirs, executors, administrators, or other legal representative of such person, to whom the context can apply according to law; shall include any group of persons comprising a society or other organizations and shall include the plural wherein the context requires. Wherever the word “he” or “him” is used, it shall mean and include the feminine or neutral gender wherever the context so requires.

"Pet Waste" means feces from any household pet including but not limited to dogs, cats, and birds, and includes Plant-based Kitty Litter, animal bedding, and certified compostable bags.

"Plant-based Kitty Litter" means an absorbent material made from ingredients derived from plants, including soy, corn, wood, paper, nuts, tofu, wheat or grass, placed in a receptacle in which a domestic cat can urinate and defecate.

“Privacy Bag” means a bag of solid colour no larger than 22”x20”.

“Private Property” means any land or building that is privately owned and is not owned by the Municipality.

“Private Road” means a road or laneway that is privately owned or privately maintained and is not a Street.

"Producer" means producer as defined in *Ontario Regulation 391/21*.

"Producer Collection Services" means service provided by a Producer or Producer Responsibility Organization, or a Collection Contractor on behalf of a producer or producer responsibility organization for removal of specific Waste types from Eligible Properties.

“Producer Responsibility Organization” means producer responsibility organization as defined in Ontario Regulation 391/21.

"Prohibited Waste" includes Pathological Waste, liquid Waste or Waste in a semi-liquid form, Hazardous Waste, asbestos, and any other items as may be designated by the Designated Municipal Official.

“Residential Property” means a property containing five (5) or fewer Residential Units.

"Residential Unit" means a building or part thereof used or intended to be used as a domicile containing cooking, eating, living, sleeping, and sanitary facilities as identified through MPAC, but shall not include:

- Guest rooms in motels and hotels;
- Lodging Suites in a Boarding, Lodging, Rooming House;

- Beds in Transitional Housing; or
- Dormitories.

"Residential Waste" means Waste that originates from a Residential Unit on a Residential Property, Mixed-Use Property, Multi-Residential Property, or a Boarding, Lodging, Rooming House.

"Special Waste Materials" means materials not normally eligible for Curbside Collection that which may be collected during a designated Collection event.

"Street" shall mean a public highway which the provisions of Part III of The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2000, c.25 apply and which afford a principal means of access to abutting lots and is maintained by the Municipality.

"Transitional Housing" means a property which provides temporary accommodation for individuals, where the length of stay is longer than that at emergency shelters and support services are provided on-site.

"Twine" means string made from jute, sisal, hemp, cotton, or other compostable material as determined by the Designated Municipal Official.

"Waste" means items, products, goods, or materials, including Garbage, Yard Waste, and Special Waste Materials.

"Waste and Recycling Facility" means a Municipality Owned or Collection Contractor owned landfill site, transfer station, or hazardous waste depot, licensed for the processing, sorting, transfer, or disposal of Waste.

"Waste Box" means a small rigid four-sided, roofed structure, located at a Collection Point, for the purpose of storing Waste and Waste containers.

"Waste Collection Vehicle" means any vehicle used by the Municipality or its Collection Contractor for the collection of Waste.

"Yard Waste" means leaf and yard waste as defined in Ontario Regulation 101/94 as amended from time to time and includes but is not limited to those materials identified as Yard Waste by the Designated Municipal Official.

"Yard Waste Container" means:

- Kraft paper bags or other compostable bags specifically designed for Yard Waste; and
- Such other containers as may be approved by the Designated Municipal Official.

Part III. Roles, Services, and Prohibitions

Designated Municipal Official

9. The Designated Municipal Official is authorized, subject to any limitations contained in this bylaw, to administer the bylaw and delegate the responsibility to any employee or agent of the Municipality to administer the bylaw, as well as to perform each of the following with respect to Waste Services provided by the Municipality:

- i. Determine the schedule for Municipal Collection Services, including the time, day, and frequency of Curbside Collection or Centralized Collection.
- ii. Classify or designate materials as Collectable Waste, Non-Collectable Waste, Yard Waste, Prohibited Waste or Special Waste Materials.
- iii. Designate materials to be accepted as Hazardous Waste.
- iv. Designate items to be identified as Non-Collectable Waste.
- v. Determine the limits for Waste.
- vi. Determine Eligible Properties within the Municipality that shall receive Municipal Collection Services.
- vii. Determine what type of Municipal Collection Services an Eligible Property shall receive such as Automated Collection, Common Collection Point, Centralized Collection or any other collection method to provide Municipal Collection Services to a property.
- viii. Designate Private Roads within the Municipality as eligible for Curbside Collection.
- ix. Determine the Collection Point or Common Collection Point for Collectable Waste.
- x. Refuse Municipal Collection Services of any items based on size, weight, quantity, safety hazards, or non-compliance with the specifications set out in this bylaw.
- xi. Provide notice for scheduling services or the changes to collection schedules or services (e.g. inclement weather).
- xii. Declare an Early Collection Event, and designate the timeframe, and area of such Event.
- xiii. Suspend, discontinue, or revoke Municipal Collection Services in whole or in part to an Eligible Property and other properties for which services have been approved for breaching any provision of this bylaw.
- xiv. Reinstate Municipal Collection Services in whole or in part to an Eligible Property after Municipal Collection Services have been suspended, discontinued, or revoked.
- xv. Declare an emergency or extenuating circumstances for the whole or portions of the Municipality.
- xvi. Determine which properties will receive a Garbage Container for Curbside Collection.
- xvii. Determine the date, eligible Yard Waste, and eligible properties for the Fall Leaf and Yard Waste Collection
- xviii. Determine hours and days of operations for Waste and Recycling Facilities.

- xix. Designate items to be included or excluded in diversion programs at Waste and Recycling Facilities.
- xx. Declare an emergency or extenuating circumstances for the whole or portions of the Municipality and allow the deposit or disposal of Waste at a Waste and Recycling Facility without satisfying the usual requirements, such as paying the applicable fees.
- xxi. Deal with any other matter assigned by this bylaw or necessary for the collection and disposal of Waste.

MUNICIPAL COLLECTION SERVICES

- 10. The Municipality shall not collect any Waste that is not set out in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
- 11. All Collectable Waste shall be set out in clear plastic bags in the Approved Container for the specific waste stream.
- 12. One privacy bag shall be permitted within each clear plastic bag for the disposal of personal items.
- 13. All residential or mixed-use properties with between one (1) and five (5) Residential Units will receive one (1) Garbage Container free of charge. Additional Garbage Container(s) can be purchased by paying the applicable fee as prescribed in the Municipality's Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 14. All properties are eligible to purchase Garbage Containers by paying the applicable fee as prescribed in the Municipality's Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 15. Garbage Containers shall be set out no later than 7:00 a.m. on the designated Collection Day and no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day prior.
- 16. The Owner of the Eligible Property shall remove Approved Containers set out by such Owner or person in respect of such premise, together with any Waste or Non-Collectable Waste that was not collected for any reason from the Collection Point as soon as possible after collection, but not later than 7:00 p.m. on the designated Collection Day.
- 17. Where Waste that has been set out for Municipal Collection Services or Producer Collection Services has blown away or otherwise escaped a container in any manner, it is the responsibility of the Owner in charge of the Eligible Property to clean up the Waste.
- 18. If the identity of the person who placed Waste on property contrary to this bylaw cannot reasonably be ascertained, the Owner of the property shall be responsible for removing the Waste.
- 19. The Municipality reserves the right to refuse collection of any items based on size, weight, quantity or safety hazards, or any items non-compliant with this bylaw.
- 20. Waste collected through Municipal Collection Services shall be managed by the Municipality in a manner determined by the Designated Municipal Official.

PROHIBITIONS – MUNICIPAL COLLECTION SERVICE

21. No person shall set out, permit to be set out, or cause to be set out, Waste for Curbside Collection unless it is in a clear plastic bag in an Approved Container for the specific Waste type.
22. No person shall set out, permit to be set out, or cause to be set out, Waste for Curbside Collection except in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
23. No person shall set out, permit to be set out, or cause to be set out any Non-Collectable Waste for Curbside Collection.
24. No person shall deface or alter a Cart from its intended purpose of storage and collection of Collectable Waste.
25. No person shall obstruct, hinder, interfere, or otherwise engage in threatening, abusive, or obstructive conduct that interferes with the provision of Municipal Collection Services.
26. No person shall directly deposit any Waste into a Waste Collection Vehicle.
27. No person shall scavenge, collect, pick over, interfere with, remove, or scatter any Waste, or cause or permit the scavenging, collecting, picking over, interference with, removal or scattering of any Wastes set out for Municipal Collection Services.

Curbside Collection

28. Collectable Waste shall be set out in Approved Containers which are clean, well maintained, in good working order, and free from tie downs and bungee cords.
29. The provision, maintenance, and replacement of Yard Waste Containers is not the responsibility of the Municipality.
30. The Owner of an Eligible Property shall only set out Collectable Waste for Curbside Collection or Producer Collection Services at an approved Collection Point or Common Collection Point.
31. A Collection Point or Common Collection Point shall:
 - Be in an accessible location;
 - Not be hidden from view;
 - Sit as close as possible to the edge of the Street without obstructing the roadway or sidewalk; and
 - Not interfere with road maintenance operations including but not limited to winter snow removal or street sweeping.
32. The Owner of an Eligible Property shall ensure Carts placed at the approved Collection Point for Automated Collection:
 - Have 1 metre of clearance from other obstacles on all sides;
 - Are placed with the wheels facing away from the street;
 - Are placed on a level surface; and
 - Have the lid of the Cart fully closed.

33. During the months of October through May, the Owner of the Eligible Property must meet the following requirements for Collectable Waste to be eligible for Curbside Collection:

- Approved Containers must be free from buildup of snow, on a level surface and fully accessible and visible to the Collection Contractor;
- Approved Containers must not be placed on or in snowbanks; and
- Approved Containers must not be frozen to the ground.

34. Waste set out in Waste Boxes shall not be collected through Curbside Collection.

35. The Owner of an Eligible Property must securely wrap and place broken glass out for Curbside Collection within a Garbage Cart so that it cannot endanger the Collection Contractor.

36. Yard Waste for collection during the Fall Leaf and Yard Waste Collection shall be bundled with string or Twine. Maximum size of individual pieces is 1 metre (3'3") long and 10 cm (4") diameter. Maximum weight is 18 kg (40 lbs).

Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI)

37. Every Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Property Owner requesting Curbside Collection shall be required to register with the Municipality and receive approval before receiving Curbside Collection.

38. Every owner of an Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Property shall be responsible for the collection, processing, and disposal of Waste until the Municipality approves the property for Curbside Collection.

39. The following Mandatory requirements shall be met in order for an Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Property to receive Curbside Collection:

- i. Participation in Waste diversion (Recycling) program to the satisfaction of the Designated Municipal Official; and
- ii. For Mixed-Use Properties, separation of Residential Waste from Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Waste.

40. Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Properties shall not set out any Non-Collectable Waste.

41. The Municipality is not obligated to provide Curbside Collection to Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Properties and reserves the right to reassess servicing at any time.

Prohibitions – Public Space Waste Bins

42. No person shall deposit Waste generated on Private Property in a Public Space Waste Bin.

43. No person shall place Non-Collectable Waste in a Public Space Waste Bin.

44. No person shall place Waste adjacent to a Public Space Waste Bin.

45. No person shall place pet waste in a Public Space Waste Bin unless it is in a sealed, leak-proof bag prior to being placed in a Public Space Litter Bin.

Part IV. Waste and Recycling Facilities

General Information and Requirements for Service

46. Waste and Recycling Facility services are provided to residents upon proof of residency in the Municipality of West Grey for Waste generated in the Municipality of West Grey.
47. Every person entering a Waste and Recycling Facility must do so in a Motor Vehicle, unless otherwise approved by the Designated Municipal Official.
48. Every vehicle entering a Waste and Recycling Facility shall weigh inbound and outbound unless otherwise posted or approved by the Designated Municipal Official.
49. Every person depositing Waste at a Waste and Recycling Facility shall abide by all policies and procedures relating to the Waste and Recycling Facility including but not limited to the sorting of Waste, general and posted health and safety precautions, and anything else described in or prescribed by this bylaw.
50. Every person depositing material at a Waste and Recycling Facility shall deposit only such types of materials as are acceptable for deposit at the Waste and Recycling Facility as designated by the Municipality.
51. Every person depositing Waste at a Waste and Recycling Facility shall pay the appropriate fee for that type of Waste as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.
52. All Waste deposited at any Waste and Recycling Facility becomes the property of the Municipality and may be reclaimed, recycled, composted, processed, disposed of, or otherwise dealt with by the Municipality as the Designated Municipal Official deems fit.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

53. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility shall only accept Hazardous Waste from Residential Units on Residential Property, Mixed-Use Property, Multi-Residential Property, or a Boarding, Lodging, Rooming House.
54. Every person depositing material at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility shall only deposit materials that are approved by the Designated Municipal Official and posted at the Hazardous Waste Facility.

Prohibitions – Waste and Recycling Facilities

55. No person shall deposit Waste or enter any Waste and Recycling Facility outside the hours of operation.
56. No person accessing a Waste and Recycling Facility shall allow any child under the age of 12 and under the person's care, custody or control, or any pet, to be outside of the vehicle.

57. No person shall attempt to deposit at any Waste and Recycling Facility any Waste not generated within the geographic boundary of the Municipality of West Grey or Waste which does not comply with this By law or the Waste and Recycling Facility's Environmental Compliance Approval.
58. No person shall deposit any burning or hot material (e.g. embers, coals) at any Waste and Recycling Facility.
59. No person shall deposit Waste at any Waste and Recycling Facility other than at the locations designated for the specific Waste type and in the manner required for the Waste type.
60. No person shall deposit Prohibited Waste at any Waste and Recycling Facility.
61. Notwithstanding Section 60, a person may deposit Hazardous Waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility during operational hours provided the resident advises Waste and Recycling Facility staff and ensures products are properly packaged, sealed, and labeled in a manner required for the waste type.
62. No person shall engage in threatening, abusive, or obstructive conduct that interferes with the use of the Waste and Recycling Facility by any other person.

Part V. Enforcement and Penalties

Enforcement

63. This bylaw shall be enforced by the Enforcing Officers as defined herein. For the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this bylaw, Enforcing Officers may, at any time, inspect Garbage placed on public property.
64. No person shall obstruct, hinder, or otherwise interfere with an Enforcing Officer in the lawful carrying out of their duties and responsibilities under the provisions of this bylaw.

Penalties

65. Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence under the Provincial Offences Act.
66. In addition to prosecution under this bylaw, the operating authority may prosecute violators of this bylaw for trespassing or exercise any other statutory or common law rights.
67. For the purposes of investigation of Non-Compliance with this bylaw, and, where the Municipality, its employees or authorized agents have performed the work required to bring the Eligible Property into compliance with the bylaw, all expenses incurred by the Municipality in doing the work as well as any related fees, shall be deemed to be taxes and may be collected by action or the costs may be added to the tax roll for the Eligible Property and collected in the same manner as taxes.

Part VI. Repeal and Effective Date

Repeal

68. Bylaw No. 112-2018 and any amendments thereto are repealed.

Effective Date

69. The bylaw shall come into full force and effect on June 29, 2026, at which time all bylaws, policies, and resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw are hereby repealed, revoked or rescinded, as the case may be, insofar as it is necessary to give effect to the provisions of this bylaw.

Passed and enacted by the Council of the Municipality of West Grey this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Original signed

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Original signed

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk

By signing this bylaw on June 2, 2026, Mayor Kevin Eccles will not exercise the power to veto this bylaw.