

FAQ Sheet - Garbage/Waste

How do I set my garbage out for collection?

- A** Garbage may be set out for collection in the following ways:
- In a clear bag inside a garbage can OR loose in a garbage can (each can or bag must weigh less than 13.6 kg / 30 lbs).
 - In a clear bag of regular size (approximately 75 L or 65 cm × 83 cm).
 - In a privacy bag: a small, grocery-sized bag that may be opaque to conceal personal items.

Bag Limits:

- A maximum of 2 bags will be picked up at the curb each week.
- Extra garbage may be taken to the Drummond Line Transfer Station (tipping fees apply).

What can go into the garbage?

- A** Even with effective recycling, composting, and hazardous waste disposal, certain items cannot currently be diverted from the trash. Some of these include:

→ Garbage from the washroom/hygiene

- Absorbent pads (diapers, incontinence products)
- Artificial eyelashes/nails
- Bandages and first-aid materials
- Blister packs
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Disposable razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair/nail clippings, elastics, clips
- Empty hand cream or makeup tubes
- Makeup pads/tissues
- Medical waste (sharps go in approved pharmacy drop-off containers)
- Paper towels, tissues, soiled paper
- Single-use laminated/foil packaging
- Sponges, loofahs
- Toilet brush
- Toothbrushes
- Empty toothpaste tubes

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Food-Soiled Paper Products

- Greasy/soiled paper (muffin cups, bacon paper, grease-stained bags, popcorn bags)
- Paper towels and napkins
- Parchment paper
- Wax paper



Plastic Wraps, Bags & Packaging

- Cellophane wrap (non-stretchy)
- Stretch cling wrap (Saran/meat wrap)
- Chip/candy/cookie/cracker bags
- Cereal bags
- Cheese wrapping
- Slider/zipper storage bags
- Freshness seals and freshness bags
- Flexible packaging (e.g., drink pouches, single-serve meal packs)
- Coffee bags
- Frozen entrée boxes (if lined with plastic)



Plastic Items

- Plastic cutlery
- Coffee cup lids
- Coffee pods (even if labeled recyclable)
- Straws
- Kabob sticks/chopsticks (wood)
- Mesh produce bags



Paper & Cardboard Items

- Butcher paper
- Butter wrappers
- Ready-made food packaging (soup/rice/seasoning/pasta packs)
- Single-serve creamers, milk, butter, hot chocolate, and soup packs
- Clementine/mandarin boxes (if waxed or lined)



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Glass/Ceramic/Sharp Items

Must be boxed and labeled "Sharp"

- Broken glass, ceramic, Pyrex
- Broken knives, plates, bowls



Miscellaneous

- Adsorbent meat-tray pads
- Rags, sponges, scouring pads
- Styrofoam (all types: trays, cups, plates, egg cartons, clamshells)
- Water filters

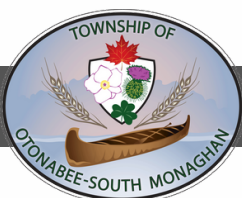
→ Garbage from the office/business

- Binders
- Bubble wrap
- Corrugated plastic
- Label/sticker backing sheets (release liners)
- Nylon strapping
- Padded/bubble mailers
- Pens and markers
- Used staples and paper clips
- All types of Styrofoam (peanuts, sheets, etc.)
- Tape

→ Garbage from the farm/pets/livestock

- Bale wrap*
- Baler (binder) twine
- Broken pet/livestock gear (collars, halters, leashes, etc.)
- Hair, fur, and nail clippings
- Kitty litter (all types)
- Livestock feed bags
- Net wrap*
- Pet food and treat bags
- Pet waste (loose or in bags)
- Silage bags/wrap*
- Any Styrofoam
- Empty wormer tubes

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→ Garbage from the home inside and out

- Empty paint and caulking/silicone/sealant tubes
- Balloons
- Boxed & labeled sharps (broken glass, ceramics, knives, light bulbs)
- Bulky/durable plastics (toys, buckets, hampers, lawn furniture)
- Cleaning wipes
- Clothesline, rope, string, elastics
- Corrugated plastic (election signs)
- Furnace filters, water filters, vacuum bags
- Hoses, tubing, mop heads
- Paint brushes and rollers
- Plastic cards (gift cards)
- Rags, steel wool
- Styrofoam of any kind (incl. dried spray foam)

→ Miscellaneous garbage

- Ashes/charcoal (cooled)
- Boat wrap*
- Sparkly or metallic paper/gift wrap
- Cellophane bags & florist plastic wrap
- Cigarette butts (cold)
- Clothes pins
- Empty disposable lighters
- Broken knick-knacks
- Gift bag handles (metal/rope)
- Small miscellaneous bits: milk tabs, twist ties, clothing tags, sticky notes, tamper-evident tabs/rings
- Moldy or soiled clothing
- Zip ties
- Photographs
- Ribbons and bows
- Worn-out footwear

This list is not exhaustive. If you aren't sure where items should be disposed of, contact the Township office or consult the Searchable Waste Portal available at www.ptbocounty.ca/recycling.

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Does renovation material get picked up with the garbage?

- A** Renovation materials are not collected at the curb. Some items—such as insulation, vapour barriers, shingles, drywall, and wood—can be taken to the Drummond Line Transfer Station. The Peterborough County/City Landfill on Bensfort Road (1260 Bensfort Road) also accepts construction and renovation materials.

How should I dispose of objects with sharp edges?

- A** Any item with sharp edges must be labeled **“broken glass/sharp object”** and wrapped in cardboard or placed in a protective container so all sharp edges are covered for safe handling.

Medical sharps must be placed in approved sharps containers and taken to participating pharmacies for disposal. Contact your pharmacy for specific instructions.

How should I properly dispose of pet waste, such as kitty litter, dog feces, or pet feces mixed with wood shavings?

- A** Pet waste and kitty litter should be disposed of in your clear garbage bag. You may place the waste directly into the bag or first contain it in smaller pet-waste bags (“poop bags”) or litter pan liners. If the waste is already in a bag from a walk, simply place that bag into the large clear garbage bag. Please do not dispose of pet waste in a home composter or digester.

What are we going to do with garbage that is dumped in the ditches?

- A** This is called illegal dumping and is a serious offence with penalties. Information that can be safely obtained, such as the licence plate number of the vehicle involved and the location of the dumping is valuable, but do not pick up or go through dumped garbage. Please contact the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Public Works Office at (705) 745-3595 to report illegal dumping.

