

# Littering? That's So Trash.

Pickering is calling out littering and illegal dumping for what it is: lazy, destructive, and disrespectful. It harms wildlife, creates unsanitary conditions, and results in costly cleanups funded by taxpayers.

Being informed and keeping our city clean is a shared duty. Small, mindful actions, like disposing of waste properly, can make a big difference.

By shifting behaviours, we can create a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable Pickering.



## Illegal Dumping It Costs Us All

Dumping waste where it doesn't belong leads to expensive cleanups paid for by taxpayers.

Municipal Law Enforcement has ramped up patrols in high-complaint areas, and when there is enough evidence, pursue charges aggressively. Over the past several months, the City has laid over 30 charges for illegal dumping, demonstrating that enforcement is happening and offenders are being held accountable. When a charge isn't possible, they rely on education and public awareness - made more powerful by your support and our campaign materials.

Thank you to everyone who is helping to spotlight this issue, share key messages, and elevate the importance of civic responsibility.

Together, we're protecting Pickering's beauty, pride, and environmental integrity - one action at a time.

## See It? Report It!

If you witness illegal dumping, help us take action.

Report it by calling 905.683.7575 or emailing [customercare@pickering.ca](mailto:customercare@pickering.ca).

**When possible, include helpful details like:**

- Location of the dumping
- Description of individuals or vehicles
- Licence plate numbers
- Photos or videos

Your report helps us investigate faster and hold offenders accountable.

By standing up against littering and dumping, we show pride in our community and protect the environment we all share.

# Know Before You Throw! What Goes Where?

We get it - figuring out where to dispose of old furniture, baby diapers, or mystery items can be confusing. Luckily, the Region of Durham has an easy-to-use online tool. Just type in your item, and it tells you how to recycle or dispose of it.

## Common Items and Where They Belong



### Furniture and large items

Mattress

- ✓ Picked up on your regular garbage day (every other week).

No appointment needed - just place it at the curb. Two item limit per collection.



### Porcelain Bathtub

- ✓ Picked up by appointment only.

Book through the Durham Region Waste App or Call 311 (within Regional limits) or 1.800.372.1102 to schedule your pickup.



### Green Bin Waste

Baby Diapers & Pet Waste

- ✓ Place in your Green Bin at the curb by 7 am on collection day. Green Bins cannot weigh more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds).

Use compostable bags for items like diapers, menstrual/incontinence products, pet waste, and kitty litter.

- ✗ Loose material will not be collected.



### Household Hazardous Waste

e.g. batteries, medications, paint, and motor oil.

- ✗ Not accepted in your curbside garbage.
- ✓ Drop off for free at a local Waste Management Facility.

## Garbage Bag Tags

You can set out up to four garbage bags or cans at the curb every other week.

Additional bags or cans must have garbage bag tags attached.

**Cost: \$2.50 per tag (sold in sheets of 5 for \$12.50)**

Order online or by phone (through the Region of Durham):

- Visit: [municipal311.ca](http://municipal311.ca)
- Call: 311 (within Regional limits), 905.668.7711, or toll-free 1.800.372.1102

### Shipping:

Orders are processed and mailed within two business days. Please plan ahead, as the Region of Durham is not responsible for postal delays.

### Order in-person:

Pickering City Hall (second floor)  
Debit or credit only. No cash accepted.

## Do & Don't

**Do: 4 black bags + 2 extra bags with visible tag symbols**



**Don't: 6 untagged black bags sitting at the curb**



Visit [durham.ca/waste](http://durham.ca/waste) for details.



# Proper Waste Set Out

To make sure your garbage, recycling, and green bin materials are collected:

- Set your waste out by 7 am on your collection day.
- Keep the weight down. Containers and bags should weigh no more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds).
- Maximum four garbage bags or cans at the curb every other week. Additional bags must have garbage bag tags attached.
- Ensure all garbage is bagged and securely tied. Any loose garbage will not be collected.
- Ensure all green bin material is bagged in 100 per cent compostable bags.
- Don't overfill your blue boxes. Keep material below the rim.
- Avoid accidents. Wrap broken glass and sharp objects in a cardboard box, clearly labelled as "Sharp Objects" before setting it out beside your garbage for collection.
- Avoid injuries. Do not put needles, syringes or lancets in your garbage, blue box or green bin. Please visit a local pharmacy to receive a free approved sharps container.

## Waste Management Facilities

Old fridge, broken furniture, or leftover renovation debris? Head to a Waste Management Facility instead of trashing our trails and ravines.

Here's how easy it is:

1. Load up your vehicle
2. Get weighed at the gate
3. Unload your items in the designated areas
4. Weigh out and pay

- Only \$7 for loads up to 40 kilograms (88 pounds).
- A smart, affordable way to dispose of waste responsibly.
- A small price to pay compared to the hefty fines for illegal dumping.



## Trash Mountains

Surprisingly, we still come across piles of untagged, loose, or improperly set out garbage - what we've come to call "trash mountains" in some neighbourhoods.

This is not acceptable. Garbage piled like this will not be collected on regular waste collection days. It creates mess, health hazards, and extra cleanup costs for Pickering property taxpayers.

Visit [durham.ca/waste](http://durham.ca/waste) for details.



Littering and illegal dumping harm wildlife, pose health risks, and lead to costly cleanups paid for by taxpayers. We all share the responsibility of keeping Pickering clean and safe. Use this guide to learn how to dispose of waste properly and understand the fines and reporting process related to littering and illegal dumping. Visit [pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash) to view this information in over 100 different languages, powered by Google Translate.

Le dépôt d'ordures et le déversement illégal nuisent à la faune, posent des risques pour la santé et entraînent des nettoyages coûteux payés par les contribuables. Nous partageons tous la responsabilité de garder Pickering propre et sécuritaire. Utilisez ce guide pour apprendre à éliminer les déchets correctement et comprendre les amendes et le processus de signalement liés au dépôt d'ordures et au déversement illégal. Consultez la page [//pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash) pour obtenir des renseignements dans plus de 100 langues différentes, générés par Google Translate.

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乱扔垃圾和非法倾倒废弃物会危害野生动物，带来健康风险，并导致高昂的清理费用，这些费用最终由纳税人承担。保持皮克林 (Pickering) 清洁与安全是我们共同的责任。请使用本指南，了解如何正确处置废弃物，以及有关乱扔垃圾和非法倾倒的罚款规定及举报流程。请访问 [//pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash)，查看由 Google 翻译提供、涵盖 100 多种语言的信息。

बुझा सुट्टा अउ गौर-कनुनी दंग नाल बुझा इक्टर वरना जंगली नौवां नु नुसमान पचुंदा है, सगिड लछी खतरा पैदा करदा है, अउ तैक्स देव वालां दुआरा अदा कीउे जाव वाले मरगि सदायी वारजां दा वारन बखदा है। Pickering नु साद्र अउे सुरखिअ रखे दी जमिदारी साडी सारआं दी साडी है। बुझे दा सही दंग नाल नपिटारा वखि वरना है, अउे बुझा सुट्टा अउे गौर-कनुनी दंग नाल बुझा इक्टर वरन नाल सभंयत जुममानआं अउे रपिटरगि पुरकरिआ नु समझए लछी इस ग्रायीड दी वरउे वरे। इस जावकां नु 100 उे वय वख-वख भासावां वचि देखए लछी [pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash) 'उे जाओ, नै वी Google Translate दुआरा संचालति है।

காப்பகளைக் கொட்டுவதும், சட்டவிரோதமாகக் கழிவுகளைக் கொட்டுவதும் வனவிலங்குகளுக்கு ஆபத்தை விளைவிப்பதோடும், சுகாதாரக் களேகளை உருவாக்குகிறது, மலேம் வரி செலுத்தாவோரால் செலுத்தப்படும் வாரியானது பெருமளவு சாத்தம் செய்யும் பணிகளுக்காகச் செலவிட வழிவகாக்கிறது. பிக்கரிங்கை (Pickering) சாத்தமாகவும் பாதுகாப்பாகவும் வைத்திருக்க உதவவது நம் அனைவரது பொறுப்பாகும். கழிவுகளை அப்புறப்படுத்துவதற்கான சரியான வழியைக் கற்றுக்கொள்ளவும், காப்பக கொட்டுதல் மற்றும் சட்டவிரோதமாகக் கழிவுகளைக் கொட்டுவது ஆகியவற்றுக்கான அபராதங்கள் மற்றும் அறிக்கையிடல் செயல்முறையைப் பாரிந்துகொள்ளவும் இந்த வழிகாட்டியைப் பயன்படுத்தவும். Google மொழிபெயர்ப்பின் உதவியுடன், 100-க்காம் மறேபட்ட மொழிகளில் இந்தத் தகவலைக் காண [//pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash)-ஐ பார்வையிடவும்.

انلا ڈالـضـف سـه عـقـيـرـطـيـنـونـاقـ رـيـغـ رـوا انـكـنـيـهـيـا اـرـچـك  
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Ang pagkakat at ilegal na pagtatapon ay nagdudulot ng panganib sa buhay-ilang, nagbabanta sa kalusugan, at nagdudulot ng magastos na paglilinis na tinutustusan ng nagbabayad ng buwis. Magkabahagi tayong lahat sa responsibilidad na panatilihin malinis at ligtas ang Pickering. Gamitin ang gabay na ito para matuto paano tamang magtapon ng kalat, at unawain ang mga multa at proseso ng pag-uulat kaungay sa pagkakat at ilegal na pagtatapon. Bisitahin ang [//pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash) para makita ang impormasyon na ito sa higit 100 iba't ibang wika, pinatatakbo ng Google Translate.

La basura y los vertidos ilegales dañan la vida silvestre, representan un riesgo para la salud y conlleva grandes costos de limpieza que pagan los contribuyentes. Todos compartimos la responsabilidad de mantener a Pickering limpia y segura. Utilice esta guía para informarse sobre la manera de deshacerse de la basura de forma adecuada, y comprender las multas y los procesos de denuncias en relación con la basura y los vertidos ilegales. Visite [//pickering.ca/Trash](http://pickering.ca/Trash) para ver esta información en más de 100 idiomas diferentes, activada por Google Translate.

