



EcoNugget

New Rules for Blue Box Recycling As of March 2, 2026

Circular Materials now oversees recycling in Waterloo Region. Two large blue boxes will be delivered to all residents by March 2. Recycling moves to bi-weekly collection. You may continue to use old blue boxes.

Changes are as follows:

- Paper/cardboard and glass/plastic containers **must** be separated into two blue bins.
- More plastics included: hard plastics (deodorants, glue sticks, etc), toothpaste & cream tubes, plastic cups, styrofoam, stand-up plastic 'pouch' bags, cereal box liners. Large styrofoam pieces must be broken down to fit in box.
- Pizza boxes, take-out containers, and paper plates must be free of residue & grease.
- All glass jars accepted – no alcohol bottles.
- Not included: books, children's toys (even if plastic), pots & pans, batteries & hazardous waste.

These changes are for residential waste only. For more details: www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario/