



**INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH
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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: A. MILLER, RPP, GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

NOTED: M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL GARGAGE COLLECTION – REQUEST FOR TAGS

DATE: MARCH 30, 2020

The purpose of this Memorandum is to update members of Council with respect to the potential need for collection of an additional bag of residential garbage each collection week.

We recognize that some households may need an additional bag of garbage during this time of increased physical distancing; people are at home more and may generate more garbage.

The preference is that residents use their green bins and blue and grey boxes to continue to divert as much waste as possible from the landfill.

<https://www.barrie.ca/Living/GarbageAndRecycling/Pages/WhereDoesItGo.aspx>

Additional garbage collection during the state of emergency has the potential to create an added strain on the curbside collection system and landfill operations; COVID-19 pressures on both staffing levels and safety protocols are real and we must all work together to ensure that this essential service remains fully operational during the pandemic.

Our curbside collection contractor has confirmed that they should be able to accommodate a modest amount of additional curbside collection however, it is important that we do not overload the system.

An additional bag can be collected, with a tag, each collection week. Please note that this is not the time to put all the spring cleaning garbage to the curb. We ask that all residents adhere to this request during this state of emergency.

If Council agrees with this proposal, communications will issue a media release with details for how residents can request by email or phone the additional three free garbage tags which will be mailed to residents on a by request basis.

The suggested messaging to the public and also to accompany issued bag tags is as follows:

Barrie residents are encouraged to use their green bins and blue and grey boxes to continue to divert as much waste as possible from the landfill.

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Additional bag tags are being provided, upon request, in recognition of the potential demands residents may be feeling as a result of spending more time at home in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Additional bag tags are for waste materials that are not accepted in the other curbside streams such as recycling, organics or yard waste.

Please only one additional bag per collection week during this time

- Bag tags are to be affixed to the neck of the garbage bag;
- As an added precaution for the health and safety of our drivers we are asking residents to place used tissue, paper towels and napkins in the garbage instead of the green bin;
- Maximum allowable garbage weight is 20kgs/45lbs;
- Tags cannot be affixed to bulk items and all garbage items must be contained inside in a can or a bag;
- Residents are asked to use certified compostable liner bags or paper bags to line their green bins and contain the organic material; and
- All garbage should be bagged.