

Important Notice

Use Clear bags for garbage effective April 1, 2017



All users of the Howick Landfill Site are required to place their garbage in clear/transparent waste disposal bags. **Disposal bags may be coloured as long as all contents are visible to landfill staff and curbside collection employees.**

In an effort to extend the life of the Howick landfill site as well as help to protect the environment, Howick has adopted a few new programs including the recycling of electronic waste (i.e. hard drives, monitors, TVs, etc.) and partnering with Call2Recycle to recycle consumer batteries and cell phones.



The **clear waste disposal bag program** is another such initiative. This program makes recycling mandatory which will increase Howick's recycling and extend the life of the landfill site. Other benefits of the clear bag program are the protection of environment, worker safety and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The environment is protected through the prevention of hazardous waste secretly entering the landfill contaminating the soil and groundwater. Recycling also saves natural resources such as wood, iron and ores, water, oil, etc. Worker safety is improved because both curbside collection and landfill employees can see what they are picking up preventing back injury and cuts from sharp objects. Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced because it takes more energy to create products from new material than to use recycled material.

Clear Waste Disposal Bags - Frequently Asked Questions

I'm diverting as much material from the garbage as I can, why do I have to do this?

Answer: For residents already doing their best to divert, this program should make no difference except for the colour of bag you use. This program is intended to increase participation from households that do not presently recycle material by raising them to the standard of those who already participate.

I currently use grocery bags or white kitchen catcher type bags for garbage?

You may continue to use grocery bags and white bags; however these smaller non-clear bags should be emptied and placed loose into the clear bag. Garbage in opaque or solid colour bags defeats the purpose of this initiative. You are permitted to use one 'privacy bag' (see below) in your larger clear bag. You may choose to use **clear** kitchen bags (available at some stores) that can be thrown into the larger clear bag.

What is a 'privacy bag'?

Out of consideration for people's privacy, one opaque or solid coloured 'privacy bag' full of personal garbage is allowed to be placed inside the larger clear bag. The privacy bag can be no bigger than 20"x22", about the size of a grocery bag.

Does everyone have to use clear bags?

Yes, at home and at work, for curbside collection and dumpster collection. Everyone must use clear garbage bags.

What happens if I don't follow the rules?

If you don't use clear bags or have recyclable/hazardous waste in your clear bag, your garbage will be left at the curb and/or turned away at landfill site.

Will clear bags be available in the local stores?

Retailers have products based on demand and we have notified local bag tag vendors of the new program launch and that clear bags will be required for April 1, 2017. Clear garbage bags are also available at most major grocery and hardware retailers.

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Howick Landfill Site:

45589 Harriston Rd (HWY 87)
Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 9 am to □pm
Phone: 519-335-3328



Battery Recycling: Home use batteries can be dropped off at the Howick Municipal Office or Howick Landfill site. Car batteries can be dropped off at Boyds Farm Machinery.

Howick's **bale wrap recycling** company is no longer offering free pick-up at our landfill so there will be a \$40 charge per pickup load at the landfill site. Farmers and businesses can contact Switch Energy Corp directly to arrange for pick up. For more information contact Switch Energy at 80171 Kinburn Line, Clinton, phone: (519) 482-7561 or email: dnott@switchenergycorp.com.

Tire Recycling: No charge for clean tires with the rims off. Howick Township along with Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) work together to safely recycle tires into new products and divert them from our landfill. Did you know that recycling four tires can save the energy equivalent of 18 gallons of gasoline?

The OTS Program accepts the following tires for recycling:

On-Road:

- Passenger & light truck tires (for e.g., cars, light passenger & commercial trucks, small RVs, SUVs, motorcycles & golf carts)
- Medium truck tires (for e.g., larger commercial trucks, buses & larger RVs)

Off-Road

- Tires used on off-road vehicles & equipment in the agricultural, forestry, construction & mining industries

* The Used Tires Program does not include tires for bicycles, toys, personal mobility devices, and commercial aircraft.

User Pay System: The use of bag tags is a "user-pay" system –the more garbage you generate the more you pay. It is a benefit to you (and our landfill site) to sort and direct as much of the waste as possible to the recycle stream. Cost per bag tag: \$2.50 per bag tag.

Where to buy bag tags?

Howick Township Municipal Office
Howick Landfill Site
Bare Necessities – Fordwich
Watson's Hardware – Gorrie
D & M Auto Service – Gorrie

Blue Boxes: Replacement blue boxes are available at the Township office for \$15.00 including tax.

Tippling Fees: Schedule "B" to By-law 13-2015 fees & charges in effect.

What Can You Recycle? : The following items are generally recyclable:



- empty glass or plastic bottles
- empty can, aluminum and most metals
- cardboard & office paper

Non Collectible Wastes are any waste or matter that cannot be placed in curbside collection and includes (but not limited to) the following:

- Chemical Waste, explosives and highly flammable or volatile substances of any nature whatsoever;
- Liquid or gaseous wastes; Caustics and acids;
- Poisons, pesticides and herbicides;
- Infected materials, including dressings, bandages, and syringes from hospitals, veterinarian establishments and medical offices;
- Organic material which has not been drained of all liquids;
- Carcasses or parts thereof of any animal or other creature, save for kitchen and table waste.



RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

**Wipe your drives.
Clear your SIM cards.**

Protect your privacy.

Hazardous waste disposal: Hazardous waste disposal is available all year long to all Huron County residents at the Mid Huron Landfill in Holmesville during their regular hours. Depot is **free** for all Huron County residents. More information available at www.huroncounty.ca.