

NEWS BULLETIN



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Clear Bags January 1st—Sustaining Our Landfill Sites

Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon is committed to extend the useful life of our waste disposal sites. It is a situation which requires immediate action in order to maintain our waste and recycling sites for the future. **Effective January 1st clear bags will be required to dispose of waste at both of the Township's Landfill Sites.**

Why does that mean I have to use clear bags?

Studies based on other municipalities that have adopted clear bag policies show a 30—40% reduction in garbage put out for collection.

But why clear bags?

The simple answer is that pop cans, bottles and many other recyclable materials are ending up in our waste sites along with the actual garbage. Not only does this lower the life cycle of the site; it is also avoidable. There is no reason to include recycling in garbage bags when blue bin pickup and a recycling depot are readily available.

I don't want others to see certain items in my garbage.

You will be permitted one kitchen catcher-sized privacy bag inside your clear bag.

What if I have recyclables in my clear bag?

Your bag will remain at the curbside or you will be charged \$10 for the bag at the waste site, unless you remove the recyclables.

But I always recycle—why do I have to use clear bags?

If you have always recycled keep up the great effort! We are all facing the consequences together when it comes to depleting our landfill site, so it is necessary for everyone to participate.

Does this apply to me if I run a business, a school, or a community hall?

Yes—if you are disposing of waste in the Township of Stirling-Rawdon it needs to be in a clear bag as of January 1st.

I own an apartment building, how do I get my tenants to comply?

We encourage multi-residential owners to inform tenants, notifying them of the change to clear bags. This will ensure that waste is continued to be picked up and not left in public disposal units.



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CLEAR GARBAGE BAGS - FAQ'S



Why do I have to start using clear bags?

Recyclables, such as cans and plastic bottles & containers, are still going into the landfill. The reason for clear bags is to keep items that can be recycled out of the household garbage bags and therefore out of the landfill.

Where do I buy clear bags?

Local stores are stocking clear and tinted clear bags - small and large sizes.

Can I use tinted clear bags?

Yes - tinted clear bags are acceptable as long as contents are visible.

What about privacy?

One solid colour 'kitchen-catcher size' bag is permitted in each clear garbage bag - these can be used for personal hygiene items.

Do I still have to use bag tags?

Yes - bag tags still apply. Every clear bag of household garbage left for curbside pickup or taken to the landfill must have a bag tag affixed.

What if I don't use a clear bag?

Solid colour bags will not be picked up (if you have curbside collection) or will not be accepted at the waste site.

What if I have recyclables in my clear bag?

Clear bags that have recyclables in them will not be picked up (if you have curbside collection). If you normally take your household garbage to the waste site, you will be given the option of removing the recyclables from your clear bag, or alternately, a \$10.00 fee will be charged.

What can I put in my clear garbage bag?

Household garbage only - everything that is not recyclable and not hazardous or electronic waste.

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for great information on blue box recycling materials.**