

Organic Waste Pilot Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1) When does the program start?

November 1, 2019

2) What is accepted as Organic Waste?

The Township has put together a Household Waste Sorting Guide that outlines what is accepted as Organic Waste and what is not. The Household Waste Sorting Guide also provides insight to recycling and garbage with approved lists from Peterborough County and our Waste Collector.

3) What can be used to line the bins?

For residents who want to use lining for their bins, the accepted options are below:

Kitchen Catcher lining options include:

- Specifically marked compostable/biodegradable bags
- Newspaper
- Brown paper bag

Curbside Bin lining options include:

- Specifically marked compostable/biodegradable bags
- Leaf and Yard bags

Organic Waste can be placed directly into both kitchen collector and curbside bins. With that option the Township recommends regular cleaning maintenance.

Plastic bags are not acceptable lining for either kitchen collector or curbside bins. The collector has the right to refuse organic waste but curbside in plastic bags.

4) Where can I pick up the Kitchen Collector and Curbside bins?

If you were missed or new to the Township and are within the pilot program area, please contact the Public Works Clerk. The Public Works Clerk will confirm that your address is in the pilot program area, arrange for pick up or delivery of bins, and add your address to the collection list.

5) When will the Organic Waste be collected?

Organic Waste will be collected on a weekly basis along with recycling and garbage. The green bin needs to be placed to the curbside by 7am on Friday morning for collection. The organic waste will be collected by Withers Waste Management separately from the garbage.

6) Is the program Township wide?

The Organic Waste Program will begin the pilot stage on November 1, 2019. There are around 1000 residents as well as business owners in the selected area who are encouraged to participate in the program. The pilot organic waste program is scheduled until August 2020. Participation and diversion levels will then be presented to Council in hopes of expanding to the entire Township in 2020.

7) Can I get additional bins?

Absolutely, the Township encourages the separation of accepted organic items from household waste. Residents who need the additional bins can arrange pick up, free of charge, with the Public Works Clerk.

8) Who is the contact for this program?

If residents have questions regarding this program, they can contact the Public Works Clerk at 705-932-9323 or smcbride@cavanmonaghan.net.