



# 2026 | Collection Calendar

GARBAGE, YARD WASTE, GREEN BIN & RECYCLING

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**Below are some of the accepted materials for curbside recycling:**



**Paper**



**Cardboard and boxboard**



**Foam packaging**



**Paper laminate packaging**



**Glass containers**



**Plastic containers**

## **Looking for Something Specific?**

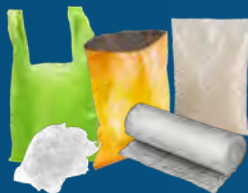
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**For more information visit the  
Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority  
website at [ewswa.org](http://ewswa.org)**



**Metal**



**Flexible plastics**



**Cartons**

***For a full list of accepted recyclables and recycling tips:  
[circularmaterials.ca/essex](https://circularmaterials.ca/essex)***

Starting on January 1, 2026, Essex will transition to a single-stream recycling system.

This means you can combine all recyclables into your recycling cart.



**Learn more about your new recycling cart program:**  
[circularmaterials.ca/essex](https://circularmaterials.ca/essex)



**Contact GFL for recycling and collection questions:**

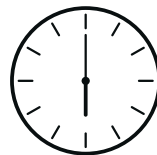
1-844-415-4351  
[WRecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:WRecycling@gflenv.com)

**1**



Set your recycling cart so that the wheels are away from the curb.

**2**



Place your recycling at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled day.



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## THE GREEN BIN GUIDE

**ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:** All food waste (cooked, raw, bones, shells, nuts, rinds, pits and peels) is **ACCEPTED** in the Green Bin.



Fruits /  
Vegetables



Meat / Poultry /  
Seafood / Bones



Bread / Cereal / Pasta /  
Noodles / Rice



Eggs / Eggshells



Nuts / Seeds /  
Lentils / Beans



Dry Baking Ingredients /  
Herbs / Spices



Dairy Products /  
Yogurt / Butter / Cheese



Baked Goods / Candy



Coffee Filters /  
Grounds / Paper Tea Bags



Fats / Oils / Grease (FOG)  
(must be hardened / solid)



You must  
use the  
EWSWA  
Green Bin  
to receive  
collection.



### COMPOSTABLE BAGS

(CERTIFIED BAGS ONLY)

If you are using  
compostable bags  
to line your Kitchen  
Catcher or Green Bin,  
only purchase bags  
with the BPI/BNQ  
certification  
logos.



COMPOSTABLE  
[www.compostable.info](http://www.compostable.info)



FOR COLLECTION IN MUNICIPAL  
PROGRAMS, WHERE APPROVED.  
POUR LA COLLECTE DANS LES  
PROGRAMMES MUNICIPAUX, OÙ  
APPROUVÉS, CERT #0000000





**ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:** Food-soiled paper products are accepted in the Green Bin. Some examples:



Paper Towels  
(used for food spills)



Paper Plates  
(with leftover food)



Paper Egg Cartons  
(with broken eggs)

## PARK, POINT, SPACE

- **Park:** Green Bin 30 centimetres from curb/street
- **Point:** Arrows toward street
- **Space:** 1 metre away from other objects or containers



[www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)



## Not Accepted in the Green Bin!

- Yard Waste
- Kitty Litter
- Pet Waste
- Cigarettes
- Plastic Utensils
- Diapers / Sanitary Products
- Cans / Glass / Styrofoam™
- Baby Wipes
- Stickers from fruit
- Chemical-Soaked Paper Towels

# Essex Garbage Collection



- You will receive **WEEKLY** garbage collection. Please check below to identify which day your ward will receive garbage collection.
- Place **GARBAGE** out for collection the night **BEFORE** your scheduled collection day.
- Do **NOT** place yard waste out for garbage collection. It will **NOT** be picked up.
- **Large Items and Furniture:** Will be picked up on your regularly scheduled garbage day (with the exception of white goods) - see right. Items such as boxsprings, mattresses, couches, chairs, and similar materials can be put out on any regular garbage day.
- If your garbage collection is missed, or if you have questions regarding your garbage collection (i.e. - what is acceptable) **please call Green For Life (GFL) at 519-944-8009.**
- **Unacceptable Garbage Containers:** Do not place garbage out in containers that are oversized and overweight. Do not use plastic shopping bags or recyclable cardboard boxes. Containers cannot weigh over 20 kg / 45 lbs.
- **NON-COLLECTABLE Waste:** Waste that is deemed non-collectable includes: Ammunition, animal carcasses, animal waste, appliances, automotive parts, bricks, combustibles, chemical waste, computer equipment, concrete, construction & demolition waste, explosives, industrial waste, liquid waste, medical waste, metal items, pallets, paint products, renovation debris, syringes, televisions, and tires.

These items are not garbage and will **NOT** be collected – **check index for Public Drop Off information.**

## Acceptable Garbage Containers:



### Plastic Bags

- TIED Commercial grade plastic bags only
- Recommended size: 26" X 36"
- Never put sharp objects in plastic bags

### Metal or Plastic Cans

- Maximum 125L / 30 gal. capacity
- Maximum 78 cm/31" tall, 20" diameter
- 2 handles and a water tight lid

### Herby Curby

- With "Standard North American Lifting Mechanism"
- Call 519-948-5854
- [herbycurby.com](http://herbycurby.com)

## White Goods / Appliances:

Collection of white goods is on the **FIRST Thursday** of every month. To be placed on a list for pick up, **you MUST call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 - PRIOR to the Thursday collection date.**

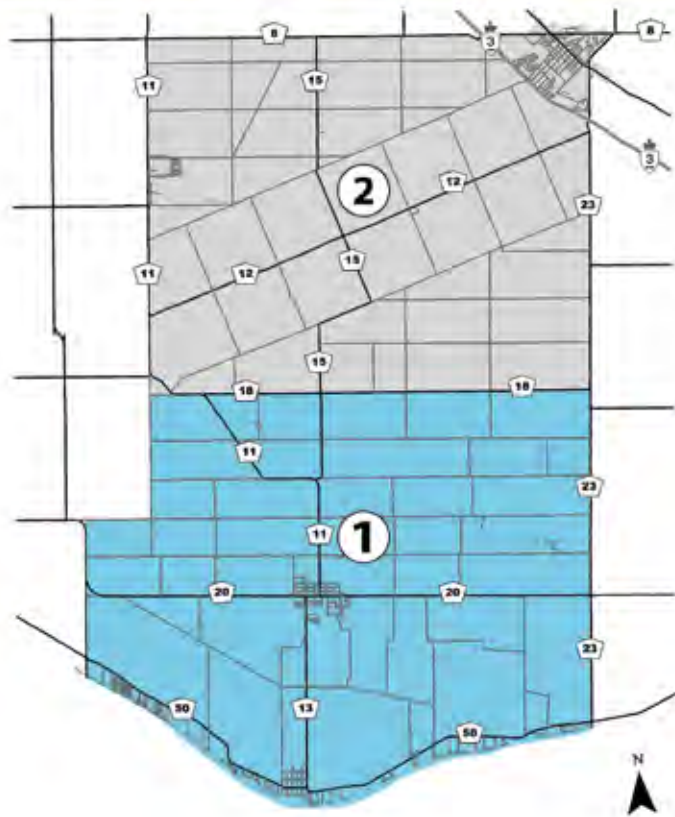
**All calls must be received no later than Wednesday by noon.**

White Goods include:  
metal items, hot water tanks,  
bbq's, bath tubs, sinks, etc.

There is **NO** charge for this service.



# Essex Garbage Map



## Weekly Garbage Collection

### AREA 1

#### MONDAY COLLECTION:

All properties south of County Rd. 18 - Ward 3 (former Colchester South) and Ward 4 (former Town of Harrow).

Look for this symbol.



Area 1

### AREA 2

#### WEDNESDAY COLLECTION:

All properties north of County Rd. 18 - Ward 1 (former Town of Essex) and Ward 2 (former Colchester North).

Look for this symbol.



Area 2



# Yard Waste Collection

## WARD 1 - COMPOSTAINER / HERBY CURBY PROGRAM

Yard Waste is the **ONLY** material accepted in your compostainer / Herby Curby.

Recyclables go out for recycling collection - Blue Box (containers), Red Box (paper products).



Compostainer or Herby Curby  
(max. 45 lbs)

- **Yard Waste:** Grass, leaves, garden trimmings & vegetable peelings. The compostainer symbol indicates that you put your **compostainer & yard waste** out for collection. Herby Curby containers and other similar wheeled receptacles are accepted.
- **Should you have extra yard waste that does not fit in your compostainer or Herby Curby, please put it in a paper yard waste bag, garbage can/pail or cardboard box and place it out for collection beside your compostainer / Herby Curby.**



### Materials NOT ACCEPTED in your compostainer:

Recyclables (go in Blue Box or Red Box), ashes & cigarette butts, foil/stretch wrap, plastic bags, diapers & feminine hygiene products, rocks & dirt, animal waste / kitty litter, uncooked meat or fish, paper towels (used in household cleaning), liquids (milk, oils, juices, etc.)

## Hydrant Flushing



Seasonal hydrant flushing in the Town of Essex will be conducted as required from **April to November**. Hydrant flushing is a normal maintenance procedure and may result in customers experiencing rusty or milky water conditions. Please check when running water and if discolouration occurs, run cold water taps until the water clears.

Hydrant flushing will occur between the hours of **6:00 a.m. and 5:00 pm.**

All customers should note that flushing of water mains may be required without notification at various times throughout the year in order to ensure water quality.

**Thanks for your cooperation!**



# Yard Waste Information

## WARDS 2, 3, & 4

### Basic Collection Requirements:

#### Scheduled Collection Areas

Yard Waste Collection for Colchester Village Area plus those properties located on and to the south of County Road 50, Hidden Creek Condominiums and the Town of Harrow on the dates marked with a paper yard waste bag (symbol) throughout the calendar.

#### Phone In Collection

**Residents outside the service area** please call in for Yard Waste Collection at 519.776.7336 ext. 0 **before noon on the Friday before a scheduled collection date.**

The **only ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS** for Yard Waste are:

- **Paper Yard Waste Bags**
- **Cardboard Boxes**
- **Garbage Cans / Pails**
- **Herby Curby (max. 45 lbs)  
(and other similar wheeled receptacles)**



Look for the Paper Yard Waste Bag (symbol).  
It will indicate the date of your Yard Waste Collection Day.



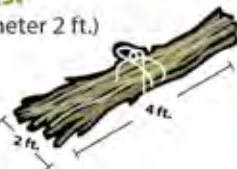
**No Plastic Bags for Yard Waste!**

## Yard Waste Preparation:

**Yard Waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings, or garden waste.**

### Tree / Hedge Trimmings:

Cut in 4 ft. lengths (max. diameter 2 ft.)  
and bundled securely.  
Not to exceed 45 lbs.



Large tree trunks or stumps  
will NOT be picked up.

### Vegetation / Garden Waste:

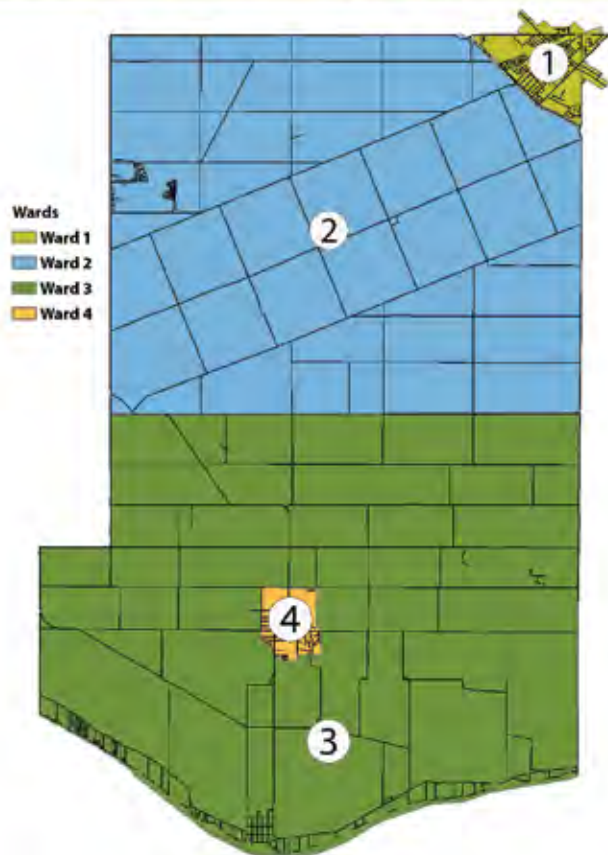
Flowers, vegetable plants and garden trimmings should be put in acceptable containers for collection (remove soil from roots).

### Christmas Trees:

Residents may drop off live Christmas trees at one of the designated municipal locations identified below, starting Dec. 26th and ending Jan. 30th:

- **Co-An Park Parking Lot**  
11071 Concession 11, McGregor Centre
- **Harrow & Colchester South Community Centre**  
243 McAfee Street, Harrow Centre (south end of parking lot)
- **Kinsmen Field House Parking Lot**  
120 Fairview Avenue West, Essex Centre

# Essex Ward Map



## 2023-2026 Mayor & Councillors

### Mayor

Sherry Bondy  
sbondy@essex.ca  
519-566-3105

### Deputy Mayor

Rob Shepley  
rshepley@essex.ca  
519-791-5013

### Ward 1

**Joe Garon**  
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519-890-5653

### Ward 3

**Brad Allard**  
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519-791-4973

### Katie McGuire-Blais

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519-791-4952

### Jason Matyi

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519-990-9549

### Ward 2

**Kim Verbeek**  
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### Ward 4

**Rodney Hammond**  
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519-791-4976

To contact Council Members,  
email **CouncilMembers@essex.ca**  
For the full Council meeting schedule,  
including agendas, minutes and recordings,  
visit: **essex.ca/CouncilCalendar**



# essex ALERTS

Resident  
Alert  
System



## Town of Essex Emergency Alert Program

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Essex Alerts. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as unexpected road closures, evacuations of buildings or neighbourhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages in whatever format you prefer, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. Please note, depending on your mobile phone service provider, some fees may apply for receiving SMS messages.

The Town of Essex will regularly test the system to ensure delivery of messages to residents.

Sign up for free online at [www.essex.ca/alerts](http://www.essex.ca/alerts)



## DOG TAGS

Did you know that dog tags help reunite owners with their pets quickly? Dog owners in the Town of Essex are required to renew their dog tag for each of their dogs (maximum three dogs per dwelling unit) every year. Owners of registered dogs are invoiced in January.



**To avoid a late penalty**, residents are encouraged to purchase their tags by March 31, 2026. Fees increase as of April 1st. The annual fee for renewals and new dogs is \$21.10. Fees increase to \$42.20 as of April 1st.

Dog Owners can now access their registration information and pay for their renewals online from the comfort of their home. Please visit [www.essex.ca/pets](http://www.essex.ca/pets) for more information. Dog owners who do not have internet access can purchase or renew their dog tags at Town Hall, 33 Talbot Street South, Essex or at Harrow and Colchester South Community Centre (Arena), 243 McAfee Street, Harrow.

If you no longer have your dog, please inform us promptly by calling 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101.



# *Escape* **THE ORDINARY**

[ExploreEssex.ca](https://ExploreEssex.ca)



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| harrow

| colchester

| mcgregor





# Report **A** Problem

To help keep our community safe and clean, the Town of Essex encourages residents to report problems related to roadways, ditches, storm and sanitary sewers, water, property standards, and a wide variety of municipal maintenance issues.

## How to report a problem

Citizens may report problems in the following ways:

- Online at **[www.essex.ca/reportaproblem](http://www.essex.ca/reportaproblem)**  
Please review the Report a Problem information page before submitting your problem online.
- In person at any of the Town's facilities.
- Over the phone during our regular business hours  
(Monday to Friday - 8:30 to 4:30) at 519-776-7336, ext. 1100 or 1101.

To report an urgent problem outside of regular business hours or on the weekend, please call 519-776-7336 and select the option for problems affecting property or public safety.






**If the problem is an emergency, please contact 911.**

**[www.essex.ca/ReportAProblem](http://www.essex.ca/ReportAProblem)**



# February 2026

For recycling inquiries, contact GFL at 1-844-415-4351 or [WRecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:WRecycling@gflenv.com)  
 For Green Bin inquiries, contact the EWSWA at 1-800-563-3377 / Customer Support Portal: [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)  
 For all other municipal questions (garbage, yard waste, white goods, etc.) Call 519-776-7336

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1	2 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	3	4  Area 2	5 Water/Wastewater Due Date   Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	6	7  Ward 1
8	9  Area 1	10	11  Area 2	12 	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>
15	16 <b>Family Day</b> Municipal Offices CLOSED	17 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	18  Area 2	19  	20	21
22  Area 1	23	24  Area 2	25 	26	27 Tax Due Date	28

## Ways to pay property taxes:

- Pre-authorized payment plan
- Online and telephone banking
- At any major financial institution
- Drop boxes located at Town Hall and Harrow Arena
- In person at Town Hall, 33 Talbot Street South, Essex
- Online at [my.essex.ca](http://my.essex.ca)

## Water Billing Questions?

Visit [essex.ca/WaterBilling](http://essex.ca/WaterBilling) or call 519-776-7336 ext 3050

**Tax Questions?** Visit [essex.ca/taxes](http://essex.ca/taxes) or call 519-776-7336 ext 3051.



Garbage Collection



Recycling Collection



Green Bin Collection (All Wards & Areas)



White Goods Collection



Compostainer (Ward 1) and Yard Waste Collection (see pg 3)

# March 2026

For recycling inquiries, contact GFL at 1-844-415-4351 or [WRecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:WRecycling@gflenv.com)  
 For Green Bin inquiries, contact the EWSWA at 1-800-563-3377 / Customer Support Portal: [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)  
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8 Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks forward one hour)	9  Area 1	10	11  Area 2	12 	13	14
15	16 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18  Area 2	19 	20 <b>First Day of Spring</b>	21
22	23  Area 1	24	25  Area 2	26 	27	28
29	30  Area 1	31	Reminder, dog tags are now issued for the lifetime of the dog, with fees paid annually. If license fees are not purchased between January 1 and March 31, licence fee will double on April 1. Learn more at <a href="http://essex.ca/Pets">essex.ca/Pets</a>			
				Learn more about property taxes and tax payment options online at <a href="http://essex.ca/Taxes">essex.ca/Taxes</a>		

# BEING GREEN IS ALWAYS IN SEASON

## Use the Green Bin All Year Long

Snow or rain, sun or clouds, putting your food waste in the Green Bin is the right thing to do. Visit [ewswa.org](http://ewswa.org) for both cold and hot weather Green Bin tips.



**ewswa**  
EVERETT-WILSON SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

### ALWAYS POINT-PARK-SPACE

*Green Bin set-out matters, no matter what time of year. Always use P-P-S for proper set-out:*

**POINT** - the arrows on the lid toward the street

**PARK** - the bin about 30 cm from the curb

**SPACE** - the bin 1 meter from other objects



For more information, visit

[www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)



Download the Recycle Coach app  
for your Green Bin collection  
schedule, notifications and  
“What Goes Where?”





# April 2026

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 For Green Bin inquiries, contact the EWSWA at 1-800-563-3377 / Customer Support Portal: [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)  
 For all other municipal questions (garbage, yard waste, white goods, etc.) Call 519-776-7336

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Getting married?</b> The Town of Essex can help! Our Clerk's office issues marriage licenses and can provide additional information about civil ceremonies, marriage certificates, and suitable facilities owned by the Town of Essex. For more information, call 519-776-7336 ext 1100 or 1101.			<b>1</b>  Area 2	<b>2</b>  Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Municipal Offices CLOSED	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> Municipal Offices CLOSED  Area 1	<b>7</b> Water/Wastewater Due Date Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>8</b>  Area 2	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Area 1	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Area 2	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Earth Day</b>  Area 2	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Area 1	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Area 2	<b>30</b> Tax Due Date 	<b>Water Billing Questions?</b> Visit <a href="http://essex.ca/WaterBilling">essex.ca/WaterBilling</a> or call 519-776-7336 ext 3050	



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## LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

**Lithium-ion batteries can be hazardous causing tragic fires/explosions.**

**Drop them off safely at one of the EWSWA's Depots - for FREE!\***

\* free for residents, businesses may be charged a handling fee



Never put lithium-ion batteries in the garbage, yard waste, Green Bin, recycling, etc. **They can overheat, explode and cause fires endangering workers.**



Learn more: [www.chargedforlife.ca](http://www.chargedforlife.ca)  
[www.recycleyourbatteries.ca](http://www.recycleyourbatteries.ca)

**Lithium-ion batteries can explode/cause fires!**



*(Typically they are thin, rectangular, wafer-shaped).*

**Lithium-ion batteries can be found in many electronic devices such as:**

- Personal electronics (tablets, cell phones, smartwatches, laptops, etc.)
- Vaping products (e-cigarettes, etc.)
- Portable power banks
- Baby monitors
- Power tools
- Toys
- E-mobility products (e-scooters, e-bikes, mobility aids, etc.)

**Dispose of them safely at an EWSWA Depot!**

# May 2026

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 For Green Bin inquiries, contact the EWSWA at 1-800-563-3377 / Customer Support Portal: [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)  
 For all other municipal questions (garbage, yard waste, white goods, etc.) Call 519-776-7336

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If you are experiencing service issues with any third-party utility providers, please contact the appropriate company for support. Visit <a href="http://www.essex.ca/Utilities">www.essex.ca/Utilities</a> for details.			<b>Water Billing Questions?</b> Visit <a href="http://essex.ca/WaterBilling">essex.ca/WaterBilling</a> or call 519-776-7336 ext 3050		1	2
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10 Mother's Day	11  Area 1	12	13  Area 2	14 	15	
17	18 Victoria Day Municipal Offices CLOSED	19 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	20  Area 2	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30
31	 Area 1		 Area 2			

# THE HEAT IS ON!

But You Can Keep Your Cool With These Green Bin Summer Tips



**TIP 1:** Set out the Green Bin **EVERY WEEK** especially in warm temperatures.

**TIP 2:** Keep the Green Bin lid **CLOSED** to keep pests out and odours in.

**TIP 3:** Keep the Green Bin **CLEAN** with regular rinsing, just as you would do with the garbage bin.



## WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN?



*Join your friends and neighbours and help make the Region greener by putting food waste and organics in the Green Bin, not the garbage.*

*Scan the QR code below to see what can go in the Green Bin – and what can't – and to learn more about the Green Bin program.*



[www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)























Download the Recycle Coach app for your Green Bin collection schedule and program updates.





# June 2026

For recycling inquiries, contact GFL at 1-844-415-4351 or [WRecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:WRecycling@gflenv.com)  
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14	15 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	16	17  Area 2	18 	19	20
21 Father's Day First Day of Summer	22  Area 1	23	24  Area 2	25  	26	27  
28	29  Area 1	30	 <p>June is Recreation and Parks month! Enjoy our beautiful; parks and playgrounds, plus our high quality recreational programming. Visit the "Play" section at <a href="http://essex.ca">essex.ca</a> for details.</p>			
				<p>Looking to plan a local staycation? Look no further than the Town's tourism website. Check out some amazing local accommodations, awesome eateries, and incredible activities online at <a href="http://ExploreEssex.ca">ExploreEssex.ca</a></p>		

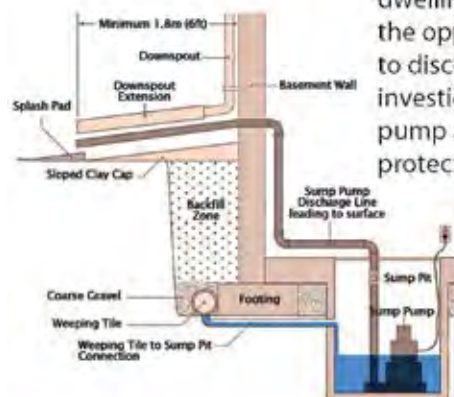


# FLOODING

## SUBSIDY PROGRAM

As a result of the increasingly frequent and severe weather events related to climate change, the Town of Essex has implemented subsidy programs to assist homeowners to reduce the risk of basement flooding on their private property.

The Town is offering owners of residential dwellings (single family and duplex homes) the opportunity to receive a financial subsidy to disconnect downspouts, complete investigative camera work, install a sump pump and/or back-water valve (flood protection devices), and purchase a rain barrel.



For more information and to apply, visit  
[essex.ca/subsidy](http://essex.ca/subsidy)




Download the free Recycle Coach App for your collection schedule, real time updates and notifications (collection delays, etc.) and the "What Goes Where" is also a search feature with disposal/depot/collection information for over 10,000 products.



# July 2026

For recycling inquiries, contact GFL at 1-844-415-4351 or WERecycling@gflenv.com  
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Submit your own events and check out what's happening in Town with our online community calendar at: <a href="http://essex.ca/events">essex.ca/events</a>			1 <b>Canada Day</b>  Municipal Offices CLOSED	2 <b>Essex Fun Fest</b>  Area 2  Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	3 <b>Essex Fun Fest</b> 	4 <b>Essex Fun Fest</b>
5 <b>Essex Fun Fest</b>	6 <b>Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.</b>  Area 1	7 <b>Water/Wastewater Due Date</b>	8  Area 2	9  	10	11  
12	 Area 1	14	15  Area 2	16 	17	18
19	20 <b>Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.</b>  Area 1	21	22  Area 2	23  	24	25  
26	27  Area 1	28	29  Area 2	30 	31 Tax Due Date	<b>Tax Questions?</b> Visit <a href="http://essex.ca/taxes">essex.ca/taxes</a> or call 519-776-7336 ext. 3051.

# ewswa

## WHAT GOES WHERE ...

It's free\* to drop off  
used motor oil, spent  
fluorescent bulbs,  
leftover paint or  
any other unused or  
expired hazardous  
special products at  
one of EWSWA's  
three Depots.

\* free for residents,  
businesses will be charged



USED MOTOR OIL



LEFTOVER PAINT



FLUORESCENT BULBS



### Used Cooking Oil

Free residential drop off at an  
EWSWA Depot!



### Empty / Expired Mini Propane Tanks & Batteries

Free residential drop off at an  
EWSWA Depot!





















Learn more: [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)



# August 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
See a problem? Report it online at <a href="http://essex.ca/ReportAProblem">essex.ca/ReportAProblem</a>			Want to learn more about our community's incredible history? Check out the activities, resources, information and more online at <a href="http://essex.ca/LocalHistory">essex.ca/LocalHistory</a>			1
2	3 <b>Civic Holiday</b> Municipal Offices CLOSED	4  Area 1	5 Water/Wastewater Due Date  Area 2	6   Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	7	8  
9	10 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	11	12  Area 2	13 	14	15
16	17  Area 1	18	19  Area 2	20 	21	22  
23	24  Area 1	25	26	27	28	29
30	31  Area 1		 Area 2			



Garbage  
Collection



Recycling  
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Green Bin  
Collection  
(All Wards & Areas)



White Goods  
Collection



Compostainer (Ward 1) and  
Yard Waste Collection (see pg 3)

# Town of Essex Facilities

The Town of Essex owns and operates a wide range of indoor and outdoor facilities to meet your needs.

From the stunning Colchester Community Centre, overlooking the Colchester Beach and Shores of Lake Erie, to the expansive Shaheen Community Room at the Essex Centre Sports Complex, there's room for every occasion.



















Contact our knowledgeable Parks & Facilities Staff to discuss your needs at 519-776-7336 or visit the link below to learn more about the what we have to offer.

**[www.essex.ca/Facilities](http://www.essex.ca/Facilities) or call 519-776-7336**



# September 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Booking a party?</b> The Town of Essex can help. Check out our community rooms at <a href="http://essex.ca/Facilities">essex.ca/Facilities</a>		1	2	3 Harrow Fair   Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	4 Harrow Fair Water/Wastewater Due Date	5 Harrow Fair  
6 Harrow Fair	7 <b>Labour Day</b> Municipal Offices CLOSED	8 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	9  Area 2	10 	11	12
13	14  Area 1	15	16  Area 2	17  	18	19  
20	21 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	22 <b>First Day of Fall</b>	23  Area 2	24 	25	26
27	28  Area 1	29	30 <b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b>  Area 2	Reminder, do not blow leaves or grass clippings onto roadways. Leaves and grass can be hazardous to motorists and cyclists. All yard waste should be disposed of in yard waste bags or a proper container.		



# CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

**Thank you** to the thousands of Essex-Windsor residents who have embraced “Growing Green” by using the Green Bin regularly.

By placing food waste in the Green Bin instead of the garbage, residents help the Region to “Grow Greener “ by creating fertilizer and renewable thermal and electrical energy. This supports a greener region and preserves the lifespan of the Region’s only landfill.

It’s never too late to become a Green Superhero! For anyone not yet using the Green Bin for food waste and organics, consider giving it a try. “Growing Green” is easier than one might think.




Learn more at [ewswa.org](http://ewswa.org)





# October 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Place yard waste, like leaves, tree trimmings, and other vegetation in paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes, or garbage cans for easy collection.		Don't forget to stay safe this Halloween! Wear brightly coloured costumes and bring a flashlight to increase visibility.		1  Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	2	3 
4	5 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	6 Water/Wastewater Due Date	7  Area 2	8 	9	10 
11	12 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Municipal Offices CLOSED	13  Area 1	14  Area 2	15 	16	17 
18	19 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	20	21  Area 2	22 	23	24
25	26 <b>Municipal Election Day</b>  Area 1	27	28  Area 2	29  	30 Tax Due Date	31 <b>Halloween</b> 



# ewswa

## PUBLIC DROP OFF DEPOTS

**The EWSWA encourages residents to take advantage of the three Depots in the Essex-Windsor region.**

### **Windsor Depot**

3560 North Service Rd.  
(E.C. Row & Central)

### **Kingsville Depot**

2021 Albuna Townline  
(County Rd. 31)

### **Essex Depot**

7700 County Rd. 18  
(located at the Essex-Windsor  
Regional Landfill)

This Recycling Depot doesn't accept  
garbage, and Garden Gold Compost is  
not available for purchase.

*Garbage User Fee: There is a user fee to drop off garbage at the Windsor and Kingsville Depots.  
(Charges may apply for small businesses and double axle trailers in Windsor and Kingsville)*



**Learn more at: [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)**

## **DROP OFF**

### **Residents / Free to Drop Off**

- Bicycles
- Household Hazardous and Special Products (HSP)  
(includes lighting, batteries)
- Electronics
- Recycling
- Metals
- Tires
- White Goods (without compressors)
- Yard Waste

### **Charges Apply**

- Garbage
- Grass Clippings

### **Purchase**


















- Garden Gold Compost



Scan for more depot information.

# November 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time ends (turn clocks back one hour)	2 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	3	4  Area 2	5 Water/Wastewater Due Date  Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday	6	7
8	9  Area 1	10	11 Remembrance Day  Area 2	12 	13	14 
15	16 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Area 1	17	18  Area 2	19 	20	21
22	23  Area 1	24	25  Area 2	26 	27	28 
29	30  Area 1	 The Town of Essex proudly remembers and honours our veterans for the sacrifices they've made to defend our freedom and values we cherish. Please join members of Royal Canadian Legion Branches 201 (Essex Centre) and 338 (Colchester-Harrow) on November 11 for Remembrance Day parades and services.				 Booking a party? The Town of Essex can help. Check out our community rooms at <a href="http://essex.ca/Facilities">essex.ca/Facilities</a>

# WINTER GREEN BIN TIPS

## Using the Green Bin all year makes a big difference.

*Winter can be tricky, but following a few simple tips will help you stay green during the colder months.*



### WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

Scan the QR code for the Acceptable Materials list.



[www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)

## TIPS TO PREVENT FREEZING

### The Bottom Line? Line The Bottom!

Line the bottom of the Green Bin with food-soiled paper products or packaging such as egg cartons, takeout cartons, etc.

### The Early Bird Doesn't Freeze.

If possible, set the Green Bin out **the morning of collection day by 6 a.m.**, not the night before.

### Protect Your Bin - Bring It In.

Store the Green Bin in a garage or shed - or place it against an outside wall - to protect it from snow, ice and extreme temperatures.

## TIPS FOR SET-OUT

### Don't Bank On It!

Snowbanks can make it harder to set out the Green Bin. Be sure to place the Green Bin on a cleared, level area on your property along the street— never on top of snowbanks. Remember: always try to use **Park-Point-Space**.



Download the Recycle Coach app for your Green Bin collection schedule, notifications and updates.





# December 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7 Water/Wastewater Due Date	8	9	10	11	12 Santa's Village at Heritage Park
13	14 Regular Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 First day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Happy Holidays! We'd like to wish all citizens a safe and happy holiday season, from Council and staff of the Town of Essex.	
Municipal Offices CLOSED • December 24 to January 1, 2027						



Garbage Collection



Recycling Collection



Green Bin Collection (All Wards & Areas)



White Goods Collection



Compostainer (Ward 1) and Yard Waste Collection (see pg 3)

# Tree Recycling & Snow Removal

## Christmas Tree Recycling Depots:

Residents may drop off live Christmas trees at one of the designated municipal locations identified below, starting Dec. 26th and ending Jan. 31st:

- **Co-An Parking Lot**

11071 Concession 11, McGregor Centre

- **Harrow & Colchester South Community Centre**

243 McAfee Street, Harrow Centre (south end of parking lot)

- **Kinsmen Field House Parking Lot**

120 Fairview Avenue West, Essex Centre



## Snow Removal:

During heavy snowfalls, when snowplowing of roads is required, residents are asked to park vehicles off of the road. If a vehicle is creating a problem for the snowplows, it will, **UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS**, be towed. The owner will be required to pay the towing and storage charges.

Please help keep our collection team safe by not piling garbage, recycling boxes, or Christmas trees on top of snow banks. Instead, dig out an area beside your driveway.

Snow and ice are potential hazards to everyone - whether on public or private property. Thank you for complying with town by-laws that require residents to clear away and remove snow and ice from all sidewalks adjoining their property. Learn more about property standards and other by-laws which might impact your property at [www.essex.ca/bylaws](http://www.essex.ca/bylaws)

**Have A Happy New Year!**



# ewswa

Stay connected with the  
EWSWA on social media for  
the latest information on  
new programs, collection  
schedules, etc.



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www.ewswa.org



# January 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Snow and ice are potential hazards for everyone. Residents are reminded to remove snow and ice from sidewalks alongside their property.  Council returns to regular business after the holidays. For 2026 Council Meeting dates, please visit: <a href="http://essex.ca/CouncilCalendar">essex.ca/CouncilCalendar</a>					1 New Year's Day	2
					Municipal Offices CLOSED	
3	4  Area 1	5 Water/Wastewater Due Date	6  Area 2	7  Call 519-776-7336 ext. 1100 or 1101 before noon on Wednesday  	8	9 
10  Area 1	11	12	13  Area 2	14 	15	16
17  Area 1	18	19	20  Area 2	21  	22	23
24	25	26	27  Area 2	28 	29	30
31  Area 1						



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## TOWN OF ESSEX DIRECTORY 2026

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

33 Talbot Street South, Essex, ON N8M 1A8

Telephone: 519-776-7336 • Fax: 519-776-8811

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Website: [www.essex.ca](http://www.essex.ca)



### ESSEX-WINDSOR SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

360 Fairview Ave. West / Suite 211

Essex, ON N8M 3G4

Telephone: 1-800-563-3377

Website: [ewswa.org](http://ewswa.org)

Email: [ask@ewswa.org](mailto:ask@ewswa.org)

TTY: 1-877-624-4832



This calendar is  
available in alternate  
formats upon request.



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Arena (Essex) . . . . . ext 1301

Arena (Harrow) . . . . . ext 1124

Building & By-law Enforcement . . . ext 1400

Colchester Marina . . . . . ext 1056

Drainage Division . . . . . ext 1407

Economic Development . . . . . ext 1135

Essex Recreation Complex . . . . . ext 1351

Essex Fire & Rescue Services

Administration . . . . . ext 1200

Planning Services . . . . . ext 1128

Tax Department . . . . . ext 3050

Water Division . . . . . ext 1425

If no answer . . . . . 519-776-5291

Water Billing . . . . . ext 3051

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[Twitter.com/EssexON](https://twitter.com/EssexON)

[Instagram.com/TourismEssex](https://www.instagram.com/TourismEssex)

### Third Party Service Providers

E.L.K. Energy . . . . . 519-776-5291

Enbridge . . . . . 1-877-362-7434

Essex OPP Detachment . . . . . 519-738-3796

GFL Environmental Inc . . . . . 519-944-8009

Hydro One . . . . . 1-800-434-1235

Municipal Building . . . . . 519-776-7336

Fax . . . . . 519-776-8811

### Recycling Collection

GFL . . . . . 1-844-415-4351

Green Bin Program (EWSWA) . . . 1-800-563-3377

Circular Materials . . . . . 1-877-667-2626

To learn more about reporting a problem,  
visit page 5.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 6 p.m.

Council Meetings will be held in-person and  
broadcast to [YouTube.com/EssexOntario](https://www.youtube.com/EssexOntario).

Holiday Monday meetings will be on Tuesday.

For the full Council meeting schedule, including  
agendas, minutes, and recordings, visit:

[essex.ca/CouncilCalendar](http://essex.ca/CouncilCalendar)