

Municipality of the District of Chester

WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR



2026

January - March



Why is this a shorter calendar?

This calendar only includes the collection schedule up until March 2026 because there will be some collection route changes in the spring that we aren't quite ready to share yet!

Rest assured, you will receive another calendar for the months of April - December 2026.

Stay tuned for more information about these changes in the new year!



THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CHESTER

An enhanced recycling system.

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New Recycling Program has Begun!

Provincial regulations for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) are now in effect across Nova Scotia. These regulations shift the operational and financial responsibility for recycling packaging and paper products to the companies that produce, import or sell them.

The Municipality of Chester has opted into the program and will continue to provide the same level of curbside recycling collection. Residents will have the same contracted service provider, curbside collection, and customer supports available through the Municipality and the R6Recycles app. The Municipality provides these services for Circular Materials.

Circular Materials

Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit organization, is responsible for managing the collection and processing of materials under the new system. The administrator, Divert NS, oversees the program to ensure compliance with provincial regulations.

Recycling Changes

Residents are now able to recycle a consistent list of materials no matter where you live in Nova Scotia, including some new items!

Along with more materials added to your blue recyclable bags ([see page 10](#)), participating Enviro-Depots™ will now accept:

- **foam packaging** (such as meat trays, takeout containers);
- **flexible plastics** (such as coffee or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, vacuum packaging, candy and snack wrappers and cereal liner bags); and
- **non-hazardous aerosol cans** (food spray, hair-spray, air fresheners, shaving cream).

**LOOK FOR THESE SYMBOLS
THROUGHOUT THE CALENDAR!**



No waste collection



Alternate collection
day

Kaizer Meadow

The Kaizer Meadow Environmental Management Centre is comprised of a waste management facility that actually improves the environment and an Eco-Park for green businesses. We are located at 450 Kaizer Meadow Road, Route 14, approximately 17 km North from Exit 8, Highway #103. Look for the sign!



Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

902-275-2330

Message from the Warden

This is an abridged version of the waste calendar for 2026 as there will be some changes to the collection schedule in the spring. We will share more information about this soon, and you can expect to receive another calendar reflecting the changes in the new year.

Another change for 2026 is that Nova Scotia is shifting to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for paper and packaging. We hope this calendar is helpful to you, and we appreciate the continued support of our residents in helping us to achieve our waste diversion goals.

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December 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026 AT KAIZER MEADOW

This year, Kaizer Meadow will be closed on **CHRISTMAS DAY** (Dec. 25), please place your waste out for collection on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.**

If your collection falls on **Boxing Day** (Dec. 26), please place your waste out and it will be **COLLECTED AS USUAL.**

If your collection falls on **NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026** (Jan. 1), please place your waste out on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.**

In addition, Kaizer Meadow will be closed on **NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026.**

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR AND LOOK FOR THE ICONS TO SEE WHEN YOUR COLLECTION WILL BE.



Questions? Call 902-275-2330 or email solidwaste@chester.ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEEK B	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
WEEK A						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 
WEEK B						ALTERNATE COLLECTION
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27 
WEEK A				CHRISTMAS DAY NO COLLECTION SITE CLOSED	BOXING DAY REGULAR COLLECTION SITE CLOSED	ALTERNATE COLLECTION
28	29	30	31	January 1, 2026	2	3
WEEK B				NEW YEAR'S DAY NO COLLECTION SITE CLOSED		

DID YOU KNOW...

Most wrapping paper is recyclable and can go in your bag with other recyclable paper? Bows, ribbon, and **FOIL** wrapping paper belong in the **GARBAGE.**



TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE?

No problem! Place it out on your next waste collection day and it will be collected as your bulky item!



The Municipality of Chester would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season!



WASTE COLLECTION

A few tips and guidelines to remember about waste collection:

COLLECTION OF WASTE

ALL WASTE must be within 10 feet of the curb or it will not be collected.

ALWAYS place your waste at the end of your own driveway and **NOT** across the street.

Waste is collected every two weeks, on your scheduled collection day. On your collection day, garbage, blue bag recyclables, recyclable paper, green cart and **ONE** bulky item will be collected. Questions? Call Kaizer Meadow.

THE START TIME for waste collection is **7 A.M.** Please be sure to have your waste curbside for **7 A.M.** Breakdowns, weather, new drivers and route changes may affect when your waste is collected. Having your waste curbside by **7 A.M.** ensures you won't be missed. Trucks **WILL NOT** return to collect waste that was put out late.

DO NOT place your waste with your neighbour's waste unless both civic addresses are posted. If the waste collectors only see one civic number posted, they will only collect the allowable bag limit and will reject the rest.

BAGS, BAGS & MORE BAGS

INDUSTRIAL SIZED BAGS (larger than 31' x 42") **CANNOT** be collected at the curb. First, they are too heavy for one person to lift into the hopper of the truck, which is 3 feet from the ground. Second, these bags are too big to fit into the hopper of some of the collection trucks. Please do not use them.

ONLY ONE black bag will be collected per collection. Any more than that will be rejected.

WASTE THAT IS PLACED in garbage cans/containers **MUST BE** bagged. Loose waste will not be collected.

THE CLEAR BAGS FOR GARBAGE PROGRAM is not just for curbside collection. The **SAME** clear bag rules apply when delivering waste to Kaizer Meadow **AND** when bagging up waste for bulky item collection. Using clear bags encourages people to recycle and compost, and it also makes it safer for the people who handle your waste.

BLACK BAGS are subject to inspection. These bags are not meant to conceal unsorted waste. The bag is meant for any type of garbage, including "personal" garbage, that you do not want your neighbour to see.

THIS & THAT

IF YOU HAVE OR USE a waste collection box, be sure it's free of loose debris. The collector is not responsible for picking up loose waste. Also, if you share a box with other neighbours, remember that only **ONE** black bag is permitted per household. Civic numbers need to be posted so that the collector knows how many bags to collect.



January 2026

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Productcare Recycling - Light Recycling Nova Scotia

The product stewardship program, Light Recycling, allows residents and Businesses to recycle bulbs instead of disposing of them in Nova Scotia landfills.

Drop-off depots around the province now accept a wide range of bulbs and lamps for recycling, free of charge.

Some of these bulbs include:

- Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
- Fluorescent tubes
- Halogen & incandescent bulbs
- Light emitting diodes (LEDs)

For more information on this program, visit www.productcare.org.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEEK B				1  NEW YEAR'S DAY NO COLLECTION SITE CLOSED	2	3
4 WEEK A	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 WEEK B	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 WEEK A	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 WEEK B	26	27	28	29	30	31

WINTER WASTE COLLECTION

Listen to CKBW or call Kaizer Meadow at 902-275-2330 in the event that waste collection has been cancelled. You can also check our Facebook page or go to www.chester.ca. If cancelled, collection will be held on the **MONDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** your regular waste collection.



WEEKDAY	WEEK A	WEEK B
Monday	Starting at the intersection of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 329 at East River, including part of Northwest Cove, Aspotogan, Bayswater, Blandford, Upper Blandford, Deep Cove and part of East River , and ending at 2400 Hwy. 329 and including Tilley Point Road.	Starting at the abandoned rail line where it intersects with Hwy. 3 in Hubbards and ending at and including Leeward Point Rd Hwy 329. This includes part of Northwest Cove, The Lodge, Birchy Head, Mill Cove, Fox Point and part of Hubbards to the abandoned rail line where it intersects with Hwy. 3 in Hubbards <u>including</u> Fox Point Front Rd.
Tuesday	<p>Starting at the intersection of Pig Loop Rd. and Valley Rd. turning South onto Duke St. to the intersection of Duke St. and Regent St. <u>including</u> Regent St. and all streets in the Village of Chester lying South of Regent St. including the Peninsula.</p> <p>Starting at the intersection of Haddon Hill Rd. and Hwy. 3 including all of Haddon Hill Rd., all of Robinsons Corner (including Robinsons Corner Rd.) and including part of Marriotts Cove to and including Marriotts Cove Rd East and Marriotts Cove Rd West. Also, including Hwy. 3 to Douglas Avenue.</p> <p>Starting at Pig Loop Rd. and ending at the intersection of Duke St. and Pig Loop Rd. <u>including</u> all of Pig Loop Rd., Zinck Rd., Golf Course Rd., Chandler Rd., and Nauss Point.</p> <p>Starting at the East Chester Recreation Association building on Hwy. 3 and ending at Chester Shore Rd., including Stevens Rd.</p>	<p>This also includes all streets in the Village of Chester lying North of Regent St. including Walker Rd. and Walker Cut.</p> <p>From Chester Shore Rd. to the Old Train Station, <u>excluding</u> Chester Shore Rd.</p> <p>Starting at the East Chester Recreation Association building traveling along Old Trunk 3 to the intersection of Hwy. 3 and Haddon Hill Rd. (next to the Old Train Station). This includes all of Old Trunk 3, Chester Downs, Islandview Subdivision, all of Stanford Lake Rd. (to where it intersects with Hwy. 3), Chester Commons Rd., Maplewood Dr., and Target Hill Rd.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Starting at the intersection of Route 14 and Hwy. 3 to the Landfill including Chester Grant Rd. to Route 12, Wake Up Hill Rd. and all of Route 14.</p> <p>Starting at the intersection at Marriotts Cove Rd. and Hwy 3 ending at Marina Rd., including Marina Rd., Shaw Island, and part of Marriotts Cove.</p>	Starting at Marina Rd. and ending at the old Gold River School (6200 Hwy 3), including part of Marriotts Cove, Middle River, Chester Basin, Croft Rd., Beech Hill Rd., Bridgeview Drive, Gold River Rd. and all other roads along Hwy 3. Also including part of Route 12 where it intersects with Hwy 3 to Hwy 103 (Exit 9 carpool).
Thursday	Starting at Hwy 103 (Exit 9 carpool) along Route 12, including Lacey Mines Rd., Clinton Rd., North Lower Grant Rd., to New Ross where Route 12 intersects with the Forties Rd., <u>including</u> all of the Forties and over to the county line at Franey Corner, <u>including</u> Sefferville, Forties, Lake Ramsay, Glengarry and Fraxville to the intersection of Route 12 and Forties Rd.	<p>Starting at the county line at New Russell over to the junction of Lake Lawson Road, <u>including</u> Lake Lawson Road and also including Mill Rd. and Leville.</p> <p>Starting at the county line in Aaldersville to the intersection of Route 12 and Forties Rd.</p>
Friday	Starting at East Chester Recreation Association building and ending at the abandoned rail line in Hubbards and all roads in between. This <u>includes</u> Simms Settlement, Dauphinee Mill Lake Rd. & Otter Point.	Beginning at the bridge in Martins River and ending at the old Gold River School (6200 Hwy 3) in Gold River. This <u>includes</u> all roads in Martins Point, Western Shore and part of Gold River between the old Gold River School (6200 Hwy 3) and Martins River Bridge.

February 2026

Questions? Call 902-275-2330

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE NS HERITAGE DAY WASTE COLLECTION

This year, if your collection day falls on the **HERITAGE DAY** (Feb. 16), please place your waste out for collection on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.**

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR AND LOOK FOR THE ICONS TO SEE WHEN YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL BE.



WINTER WASTE COLLECTION DELAYS

During the winter months, slippery roads are a given. Slippery roads equal delays. When we have inclement weather, waste collection trucks may not show up at the time you are accustomed to. Play it safe and always have your waste out for **7 A.M.**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WEEK A	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8 WEEK B	9	10	11	12	13	14 ALTERNATE COLLECTION
15 WEEK A	16 NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY NO COLLECTION SITE CLOSED	17	18	19	20	21
22 WEEK B	23	24	25	26	27	28
SEE PAGES 16 –18 TO FIND OUT YOUR COLLECTION DAY						HAVE WASTE CURBSIDE FOR 7 A.M.

COLLECTION OF GREEN CARTS IN THE WINTER

Having issues with your cart freezing during the winter months? Be sure to place your cart out for collection every two weeks, even if it isn't full. Straining material and using **PAPER BAGS** will also help.



Things to know about the EPR Recycling Program

Manufacturers of packaging (producers) are now responsible for the collection and management of materials that go in **recyclable bags**.



This is part of the new **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) recycling program** for packaging, paper products, and packaging-like products (PPP). It applies to all of Nova Scotia.



Now, even more materials can be recycled!

You can now drop off even more items for recycling at participating Enviro-Depots™.

Recycle these items at a participating drop-off location



What are the changes?

NEW

More materials for recyclable bag:

- Multi-layer paper containers (ice cream, frozen juice, coffee cups)
- Plastic tubes (toothpaste, deodorant, hand cream)
- Plastic packaging (candy dispensers, bottles/pumps, garden pots)
- wire hangers



NO CHANGE

Collection:

Residents will continue to sort their recyclables into blue or clear bags and place them at the curb for municipal collection on the same day/schedule.



NEW

Responsibility:

Circular Materials is responsible for managing recycling facilities for material collected by the Municipality or its contracted service providers.



NO CHANGE

Contact:

Residents will continue to contact the Municipality for recycling questions and service concerns.



Stay tuned for more information on our Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as on our website at chester.ca.

March 2026

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HOW SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AFFECT YOUR ROAD

Call Kaizer Meadow at 902-275-2330 or Public Works at 902-275-1312 to determine if waste collection on your road is affected by the spring weight restrictions imposed by the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works. Or, visit www.novascotia.ca/tran for road updates.

If your road is affected, a smaller truck is used for collection. Garbage bags, blue/clear bags, paper, corrugated cardboard AND green carts **CAN BE COLLECTED AS USUAL. GREEN CART MATERIAL NEEDS TO BE BAGGED.**



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8 WEEK B 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 WEEK A	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22 WEEK B	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 WEEK A	30  ALTERNATE COLLECTION	31	April 1	2	3  GOOD FRIDAY NO COLLECTION SITE CLOSED	4

IS YOUR WASTE ACCESSIBLE? IS YOUR PRIVATE ROAD PASSABLE?

Do you have a collection box that you use for your waste? Do you know that it needs to be accessible in order for you to receive waste collection? Please be sure that your box or collection area is clear of snow so that your collection service isn't interrupted.

Also, if you live on a private road, plow & salt/sand it BEFORE collection. If your road is not plowed, the collection truck may not collect your waste.

Kaizer Meadow

Environmental Management Centre

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Department of Solid Waste

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