

What Gets Collected

The City of Toronto charges the building to collect garbage, but will haul away other types of waste for free.

In an effort to save money and the environment, 40 Homewood supports reducing landfill waste in a number of different ways.

When in doubt about where or how something should be disposed, consult the Waste Wizard. Available at Toronto.ca/wastewizard.

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Type of Waste	Common Examples	How to Prepare	Tips & Tricks
Organic Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food waste (cooked and raw) • animal waste • used diapers • certain types of soiled degradable food packaging like cardboard ice cream cartons and greasy pizza boxes • tissues and paper towels that do not contain cleaners or make up 	<p>Collect organics in a regular, plastic grocery bag. Do not use biodegradable bags.</p> <p>Tie the bag loosely, one twist of the handles will suffice.</p> <p>Place in GREEN bin in recycling room.</p>	<p>Ask the property management office for a counter top collection container.</p> <p>To avoid smells and fruit flies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make sure the lid of your container fits tightly. • keep organics in the freezer until you are ready to dispose of them.
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plastic containers • cardboard • stretchy plastics (e.g. shrink wrap coverings) • plastic grocery bags • cans • glass bottles • paper and envelopes 	<p>Leave items loose.</p> <p>Dump items directly into the BLUE bins in the recycling room. Do not bag them (see exception below).</p> <p>Shredded paper scraps should be placed in a clear plastic bag.</p> <p>Flatten cardboard boxes and cans.</p> <p>Place all stretchy plastics together.</p>	<p>Ask the property management office for a blue recycling collection bag.</p> <p>Rinse and clean items before placing in your bag to avoid spills and insects.</p> <p>Avoid using black garbage bags, as this contaminates the recycling and the building gets charged for the pick-up.</p>
Deposit Bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liquor bottles • beer bottles and cans 	<p>Rinse and place in the designated area in the recycling room.</p>	<p>Beer bottles returned to the Beer Store get reused ~12 – 15 times before they are eventually retired. This helps to reduce bottles.</p>

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Ewaste or Electronic Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> anything with an electric component old appliances, printers, electronic devices 	Place in the light green bins in the designated area of the recycling room.	<p>Tie up cords and tape them to the device to prevent accidents.</p> <p>Donate items that still work.</p> <p>Repair broken items rather than purchasing something new.</p>
Household Hazardous Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> batteries fluorescent light bulbs pesticides house paint household cleaners 	<p>Place in the appropriately labeled bin in the recycling room.</p> <p>Keep lids on anything that is potentially toxic.</p>	
Bulk Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> broken furniture pieces of wood large items 	<p>Place items in storage shed by the rear entrance to the building.</p> <p>Items may be placed there from [find out times]</p>	<p>Place your items in the shed M – F, instead of weekends, to ensure it is picked up asap.</p> <p>Donate any items that are still in good condition.</p>
Landfill (aka Garbage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> anything that doesn't fit into the other categories stiff plastic packaging household paper products soiled with cleaners or make up 	<p>Place items in a small bag.</p> <p>Tie the bag closed.</p> <p>Dispose of in the garbage chute on your floor from [find out times].</p>	Use the garbage chute! Not only is it more convenient, but it compacts the garbage making it more space efficient for the building.