

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:

YOUR GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE WASTE DISPOSAL IN BURLINGTON



Welcome to Reconnect Burlington

We're thrilled to have you join our growing community! As part of Reconnect, you can expect to find a curated calendar of exciting events happening in your city, free guides for everything from the best hiking trails to vegetable gardening, and plenty of ways to get better connected with your community.

We are dedicated to reconnecting you with nature and your neighbours. Visit reconnectburlington.ca to see an interactive map of events happening in your city.

To thank you for joining us, we've—along with our partners from [BurlingtonGreen](#)—created this guide to help you find local options for responsibly disposing of items that Halton Region Waste Management doesn't accept for recycling, like batteries, electronics, paints, clothing, and appliances.

Please share the information in this guide with friends. The more people who are aware of these options, the less waste will be sent to landfill, incinerated, or end up littered in nature.

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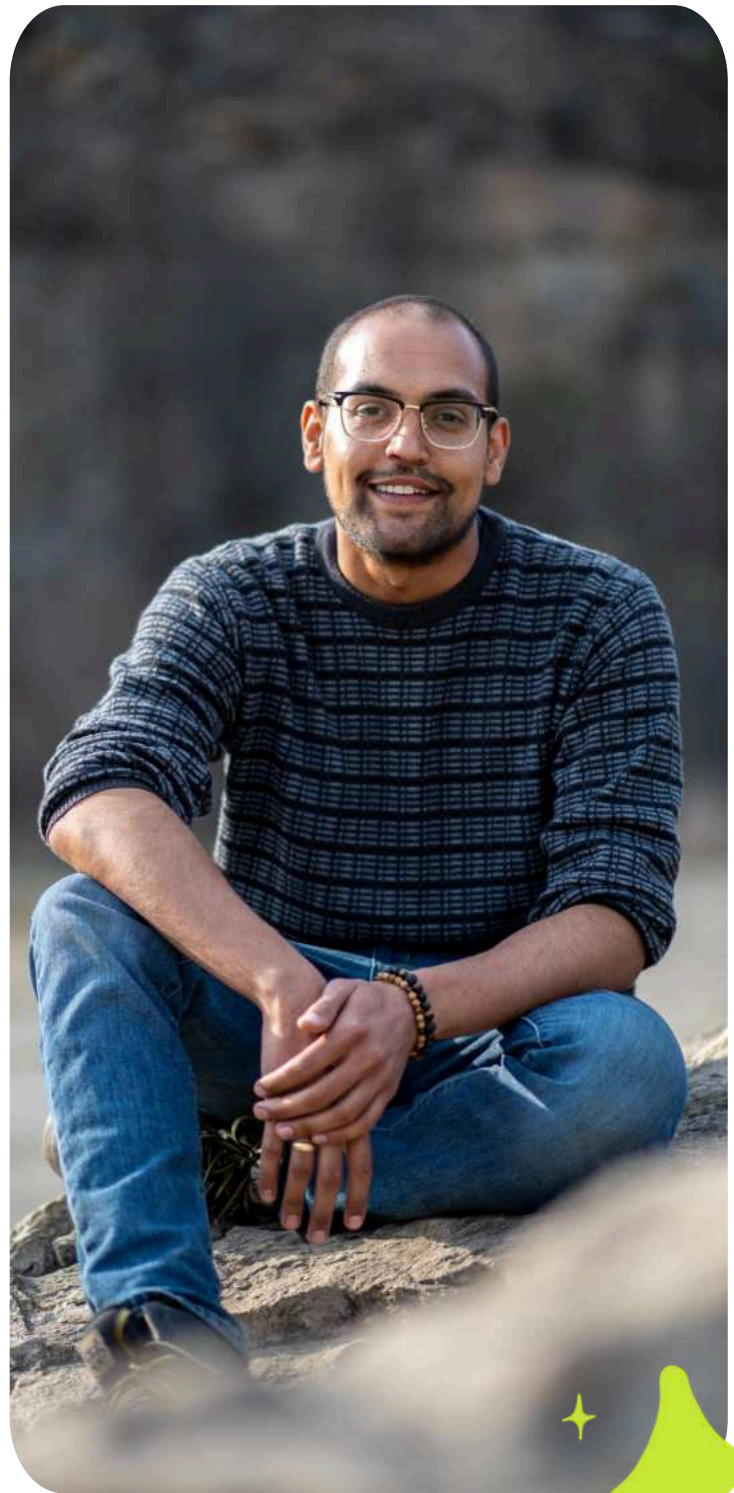


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The Good News

Solid waste diversion per person in Canada is increasing, although at a small average rate of 1% per year (2002 - 2022). It is a start; however, more needs to be done to responsibly manage waste. By cutting our reliance on single-use packaging and products, and scaling up reuse, refill, and repair systems, we can better protect the environment and our health.

While correctly *Recycling* our household products is a great step towards reducing how much waste ends up in landfills, *Reducing* and *Reusing* are the most effective of the three R's. Be sure to explore [BurlingtonGreen's Shop Local Buy Green Directory](#) for a growing list of locations for reusing, refilling, repurposing, and repairing your items.

Halton Region Waste Disposal Tool

The Halton Region website has an incredible waste disposal tool, where you can look up how to properly dispose of your household items and divert them from landfill.



Put Waste In Its Place

Need help? Share

Welcome to Put Waste in its Place. Please search for an item to dispose of:

Search

Featured Searches

 [Electronic waste](#)

 [Furniture](#)

 [Mattress](#)

 [Styrofoam](#)

While, this tool is useful for finding alternatives to the landfill for many items, Halton Region doesn't accept some common household items for recycling—**that's where this guide comes in!** Keep reading for donation/recycling/repurposing locations across Burlington for everything from household cleaning supplies to chopsticks!

Recycling Common Household Items

Textile & Clothing

Textile Recycling:

- [Canadian Textile Recycling](#)
- [Goodwill Retail Store & Community Donation Centre](#)
- [H&M Clothing Retailers \(info\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Thrift Store](#)

Clothing Drop-Off Locations:

- [The Compassion Society](#) (a non-profit, distributing donated items to those in need throughout Halton)
- [Animal Attic / The Loft](#) (Burlington Humane Society)
- [Diabetes Canada Donation Bins](#)
- [Freecycle](#)
- [Goodwill Retail Store & Community Donation Centre](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity - The Restore](#)
- [Mission Thrift Store](#)
- [Salvation Army Thrift Store](#)
- [Value Village](#)

Local Consignment Stores:

- [A Renaissance Woman](#)
- [Bungalo Beach](#)
- [Kid to Kid](#)
- [My Girlfriend's Closet](#)
- [Once Upon a Child](#)
- [Plato's Closet](#)
- [Posh Couture](#)
- [Revolver](#)
- [Style Encore](#)
- [Treasures & Trends](#)
- [Wish Boutique](#)



Did You Know? Canadians dispose of nearly 500 million kilograms of fabric each year. Unfortunately, most of these textiles—about 85%—end up in landfills.

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Metal Clothing Hangers

If they're still functional, try giving them away before recycling—post a note in your building or by your complex's mailboxes or list them on Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, Freecycle, Nextdoor, Craigslist, or Buy Nothing groups.

If they're in poor condition, you can recycle them at these two Burlington locations:

- [AIM Recycling](#) (you may want to gather some other items they accept to make your trip worthwhile) (4350 Harvester Rd)
- Green Terra Dry Cleaners (1940 Appleby Line)

Batteries

For safety, tape the terminals (+ & - points).

If you have a less typical battery type, it doesn't hurt to check with the location in advance of your drop-off to make sure it will be accepted.

Drop-off Locations:

- [AIM Recycling](#)
- [Apple Store \(Mapleview Mall\)](#)
- [BestBuy \(Brant st\)](#)
- [Canadian Tire \(Burlington Centre, Appleby\)](#)
- [CompuMobilite](#)
- [Creekway Village](#)
- [Dr. Phone Fix](#)
- [Etecpro](#)
- [Giant Tiger](#)
- [Grace United Church Burlington](#)
- [Home Depot](#)
- [Home Hardware \(Appleby\)](#)
- [IKEA](#)
- [Milton Hazardous Waste Facility](#)
- [Rexall \(Appleby Mall\)](#)
- [Staples \(Fairview, Davidson Ct\)](#)

Local Collection Events:

- [BurlingtonGreen's Zero Waste Drop-off Events](#): events are held in the spring and fall for convenient opportunities to drop off batteries and more!

To date, **BurlingtonGreen** has diverted over 32 tonnes of e-waste from the landfill with their Zero Waste Drop-off events.

Visit www.burlingtongreen.org for details about their next event & a full list of acceptable items.



Lightbulbs

Disposal Locations:

- [City Electric Supply Burlington](#)
- [Gerrie Electronic \(lightbulbs, fluorescent tubes\)](#)
- [Home Hardware \(Aldershot\)](#)
- [IKEA \(incandescent, LEDs, halogen, CFLs \(non-tube shaped\)\)](#)
- [Milton Hazardous Waste Facility](#)
- [Rona \(CFLs, fluorescent tubes\)](#)
- [Milton Hazardous Waste Facility](#)

Need your electronics looked at? These local businesses offer repair services:

- [Burlington Computers](#)
- [Canada Computers & Electronics](#)
- [CompuMobile](#)
- [Mobile Klinik](#) (Mapleview Mall)
- [Modern PC Repairs](#)
- [Tech Emporium](#)
- [Tech Genius Burlington](#) (R2 Certified E-waste Recycler & BurlingtonGreen's partners for their Zero Waste Drop-off events)

Electronics

Did you know that only 17% of e-waste is properly collected and recycled?

Electronics are part of our everyday lives; in fact, you are probably reading this on a digital screen right now! These products take a lot of resources to create (an iPhone takes about 13,000 litres of water to produce! [\[source\]](#)) and, when they are not disposed of properly, they can leak dangerous materials into our air, soil, and water ([source](#)).



Drop-Off Locations:

- [Best Buy](#)
- [BurlingtonGreen's Zero-Waste Drop-off Event](#)
- [Burlington Camera](#)
- [Burlington Firefighters Stations](#)
- [Electrobac \(Burlington Centre - outside of Gamestop\) - small electronics only](#)
- [Staples \(2 locations\)](#)

Drop-Off Locations for Chords & Lights *(Christmas Lights, Power Cords/Extensions, Ethernet Cables, Insulated Copper Wires):*

- [AIM Recycling](#)
- [BurlingtonGreen's Zero-Waste Drop-off Event](#)



Furniture

Drop-Off Locations:

- [Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#) (get a tax receipt for donations with a value of over \$300)
- [Mission Thrift Store](#)
- [Rotary Furniture Bank](#) (pick-up offered 1 day per month. Must submit form)
- [Salvation Army](#) (no pick-up, coupon for 20% for purchases over \$25 provided)
- [Value Village](#) (no pick-up, coupon provided for 20% off up to \$50)
- [Freecycle](#)

Personally, almost every piece of furniture I own is second-hand, and I'm grateful to the people who donated the items I now enjoy in my home. Give your items another life—don't let them end up in the garbage!

Household Appliances

This includes dishwashers, refrigerators, A/C units, water heaters, snowblowers/lawnmowers, radiators, and more.

- [AIM Recycling](#)
- [Metal & Appliance Collection from Halton Region](#)

Household Metals

Tire Rims, Pots and Pans, Aluminum Siding, Sports Equipment, Powertools, Trampoline Frames, Metal Fencing, Exercise Bikes, Gym Weights (free of concrete), Metal Sports Nets, Treadmills, and Metal Bike Components.

- [AIM Recycling](#)
- [Metal & Appliance Collection from Halton Region](#)

Note: Halton Region offers a pick-up service for household appliances and metal. No bulk waste or electronics will be accepted for pick-up.

Tires

There are almost 40 locations that accept tires for recycling in Burlington. We have selected a few locations to highlight that are spread throughout the city and a full list is available by searching the RPRA website, [here](#).

Tire Recycling Locations:

- [Beverly Tire & Auto](#) (490 Guelph Line)
- [OK Tire](#) (545 Plains Rd E)
- [Staang's FAB](#) (2238 Harold Road)
- [Ted's Service Centre](#) (1176 Howard Road)
- [The Auto Station](#) (1240 Plains Road E)

Bicycles

Rolling Horse Community Cycle:

This shop will accept any bike for donation, as long as the frame is not bent and it is not covered in rust. They will even take bike repair tools you no longer need. They offer pick-up services, but you must provide one week's notice.

Basic bike repair available on site for a fee.

School/Office Supplies



Staples (2 locations) has a great recycling program for the following items:

- Writing utensils (*mechanical & wooden pencils, coloured pencils, pens, markers, crayons*)
- Backpacks, lunch bags, and pencil pouches
- Binders & zipper binders NEW
- Glue sticks & bottles (empty) NEW
- Rulers & drafting tools

Ink/Toner:

- [BurlingtonGreen's Zero-Waste Drop-off Event](#)
- [Burlington Centre](#) (Zero Waste Zone)
- [Staples](#) (2 locations)

Hazardous Waste

Paints & Stains:

- [Dulux \(Fairview & Appleby\)](#) (up to 4 cans)
- [Habitat for Humanity Restore](#)
- [Home Hardware](#)
- [Milton Hazardous Waste Facility](#)
- [Rona](#)
- [Sherwin Williams \(two locations\)](#)

Cleaning Products, Pool Chemicals, Pesticides, Garden Chemicals, Fertilizers, Acids, Solvents, Glues:

- [Milton Hazardous Waste Facility](#)

Did You Know? Many of our household cleaners contain chemicals that are hazardous to us and the environment. Check out [this resource](#) from the David Suzuki Foundation, which outlines some facts about hazardous chemicals, ingredients to look out for, trusted eco-labels, and how to create your own cleaners!

Medicines & Vitamins:

There are over 65 locations in Burlington where you can bring your old and unwanted medications and vitamins for proper disposal. See a full list of local drop-off locations [here](#).

Did You Know? Flushing or tossing medications in the trash can pollute our water, soil, and ecosystems. Pharmaceutical chemicals can leach into our environment if not disposed of correctly, and water treatment plants can't remove all pharmaceutical chemicals.



Art Supplies

Drop-Off Locations:

- [Art Gallery of Burlington](#) - The Art Cart is a program where folks can donate their gently used and new art supplies. AGB asks that things are in relative working order and that they're appropriate for a family audience.

Eyeglasses



There are 25 locations in Burlington where you can recycle your old glasses. Check out [this resource](#) put together by the [Burlington Lions Club](#) to find a location nearest you. Donations received are distributed by [Medical Ministries International](#).

SodaStream CO² Cannisters

Why use Carbonating Cannisters for Sparkling Water?

1. Plastic bottles are made from fossil fuels and break down into microplastics in our environment. ([source](#))
2. Producing ONE single-serve plastic bottle uses about 3x the amount of water that is in the container, *just* to make the container. ([source](#))
3. One carbonating cannister can replace thousands of single-serve plastic bottles over its lifetime.

Drop-Off Locations:

- [Best Buy](#) (1200 Brant St)
- [Canadian Tire](#) (777 Guelph Line or 2070 Appleby Line)
- [Food Basics](#) (1505 Guelph Line, 5353 Lakeshore Rd, or 3365 Fairview St)
- [Fortinos](#) (2025 Guelph Line)
- [Metro](#) (2010 Appleby Line)
- [Rexall](#) (2201 Brant St, 2400 Guelph Line or 5061 New St)
- [Shoppers Drug Mart](#) (2311 Brant St or)
- [Sobeys](#) (1250 Brant St)
- [Rexall](#) (2201 Brant St, 2400 Guelph Line or 5061 New St)
- [Walmart](#) (2065 Fairview St or 4515 Dundas St.)

There are also options for mailing your empty cylinders back in. See [here](#).

Cannabis Packaging

Drop-Off Locations:

- [Value Buds Appleby Crossing \(2485 Appleby Line Unit G1\)](#)
- [Value Buds Maple Mews \(1235 Fairview St Unit 2\)](#)

Note: Must be 19+ to enter the store and use recycling drop-off.

Did You Know? Most cannabis packaging ends up in landfill due to the size of their containers and the strong adhesive used for the labelling.

Candy/Snack Wrappers

- [BurlingtonGreen's Zero-Waste Drop-off Event](#)
- [Burlington Centre \(Zero Waste Zone\)](#) - Located beside Bentley & Conspiracy Comics, their Zero Waste Zone features a collection box for candy/snack wrappers (think granola or chocolate bar wrappers, chip bags, fruit snack packets, or anything of a similar material that *crinkles*)

Pro Tip: Collect your smaller wrappers in a larger chip bag and bring it to the Zero Waste bin when full. Personally, I use a Costco-sized bag, which takes me a bit longer to fill!



Chopsticks

Drop-Off Locations:

- [Burlington Centre](#) (Zero Waste Zone) - Located beside Bentley & Conspiracy Comics

Disposable Masks

Drop-Off Locations:

- [BurlingtonGreen's Zero-Waste Drop-off Event](#)
- [Burlington Centre](#) (Zero Waste Zone) - Located beside Bentley & Conspiracy Comics, their Zero Waste Zone features a collection box for disposable masks

Plastic Cards:

Drop-Off Locations:

- [Burlington Centre Zero Waste Zone](#) - Located beside Bentley & Conspiracy Comics, their Zero Waste Zone features a collection box for plastic cards (*think ID cards, empty gift cards, membership cards, etc.*)

Musical Equipment:

Drop-Off Locations:

- [BurlingtonGreen Zero Waste Drop-offs](#) (anything with an electrical component, such as keyboards, amps, cables, and audio recording equipment is accepted)





Photo: BurlingtonGreen's Zero-Waste Drop-off Event

Thanks for Reducing, Reusing, & Recycling!

Using packaging and products for a longer time, through reuse, refill, and repair systems, is a great way to reduce waste, save money, and create local jobs.

Canada is on a good path to address the harms caused by plastic, including banning some harmful and unnecessary single-use products. But we must do more!

Thank you so much for reading and for being a part of our growing [Reconnect Burlington](#) community. Stay tuned to our newsletters for more resources, info, and fun ways to explore your city and meet new friends!

Your neighbour,
Kale Black



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