



Q&A

UNDERSTANDING WINDSOR'S NEW GARBAGE BYLAW

When do these new regulations take effect?

The new bylaw goes into effect July 1, 2014.

Why is the City of Windsor imposing these new regulations?

The new regulations were created to discourage the proliferation of urban rodents and other animals (i.e. skunks, raccoons, opossums, rats etc.) by eliminating a major food source. Doing so also reduces messy litter from torn garbage bags.

Can I still put garbage bags at the curb (or alley) for pickup after July 1?

No, all garbage must be placed in approved containers for collection.

What happens if I don't put my garbage in a hard-sided container?

Garbage not placed in a hard-sided container will not be collected and property owners may be subject to fines.

Does this new bylaw only affect garbage at the curb?

No. Under the new bylaw, garbage stored outside your residence must also be placed in a hard-sided container.

Is the City of Windsor providing hard-sided garbage containers to residents?

No. Residents and businesses are responsible for obtaining their own approved hard-sided garbage containers.

Where can I get a "approved" hard-sided garbage container?

Many local hardware stores, department stores or other retailers provide various types of hard-sided garbage containers. Containers can also be rented from independent local suppliers for a small monthly fee.

Do hard-sided containers need lids?

Yes, it must have a secure lid. The main purpose of the new bylaw is to prevent rodents and other animals from getting into garbage. Only a hard-sided container with a secure lid can ensure this.

Does my garbage container need to be compatible with the new lifts on City garbage trucks (i.e., with a bar and upper lift attachment)?

Only if the container is larger than 125 litres (30 gallons).

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What kind of containers are approved under the new bylaw?

A garbage pail made of plastic or metal, with a capacity of 125 litres (30 gal.) or less, with handles and a water tight lid, all in good repair; --- OR --- A cart (pail with wheels), with a capacity greater than 125 litres (30 gal.), and with a lower bar configuration 18" from the ground, and an upper lift attachment 33" from the ground; all in good repair. To see what these containers look like, visit our website or ([click here](#)).

How much do these hard-sided containers cost?

Prices will vary by retailer and by type of container. They can also be rented from independent local suppliers.

Where can I get a "lift-approved" garbage container (over 30 gallons)?

Several local vendors and waste collection companies provide "lift approved" hard-sided containers for sale or for rent.

Can I use a container with wheels that doesn't have a bar for a lift?

Yes, but only if your container is smaller than 125 litres. Most containers with wheels are larger than that and, if so, must have a bar 18" from the ground and an upper lift attachment 33" from the ground.

Can I put loose garbage into my hard-sided container?

No. All garbage placed into hard-sided containers must be in a sealed or tied garbage bag. Loose garbage will not be picked up.

Is there a weight limit on what I can put into my hard-sided container?

If you use a container that is 125 litres (30 gals.) or less, the total weight including contents must be 44 lbs or less. While there is no weight limit for lift-approved containers, we strongly recommend following the manufacturer's weight specifications as exceeding the weight limits could damage your bin.

City-approved bins:



APPROVED
LIFT TYPE
OVER 30
GALLONS
(125 Litres)



UP TO 30 GALLONS
(125 Litres)