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Termination of Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) Blue Box Collection- January 1, 2026

The Province of Ontario is changing how the blue box program operates. Instead of the government managing recycling, producers of blue box materials (like plastic bottles and cardboard boxes) will now be fully financially and operationally responsible for the blue box program. However, this new model only incorporates blue box material generated through residential sources and excludes blue box material generated through industrial, commercial or institutional sources (IC&I).

All municipalities in Ontario, including Peterborough County will be out of the recycling business as part of this change. Under the new regulations, the potential costs for Peterborough County to manage recycling for all IC&I properties across the County is not viable.

What this means

Peterborough County is discontinuing collection of blue box materials from IC&I properties that are not eligible for participation in the provincial program effective January 1, 2026. You are receiving this letter because your business/organization is considered a non-eligible property.

If your business/organization is currently participating in Peterborough County's blue box program you will no longer receive blue box collection as of January 1, 2026.

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Next steps

You will need to make alternate arrangements to properly dispose of recyclable materials, either independently, in partnership with other businesses and with or without the support of a contractor. Below is a non-comprehensive list of possible service providers. Please call the individual business to learn about their programs and pricing.

Please note that Peterborough County does not endorse or vouch for any of these service providers.

Contractor	Phone Number	Website
Emterra Group	1-888-597-1541	https://www.emterra.ca/
Waste Connections	1-844-708-7274	https://www.wasteconnectionsCanada.com/
Miller Waste	1-800-465-5914	https://millerwaste.ca/
GFL Environmental	1-866-417-2797	https://gflenv.com/

We understand this may be a frustrating change. If you have any questions, there is a frequently asked questions document with this letter for your reference. If your question is not answered you can reach out at the contact information below.

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