

GREEN BIN PROGRAM

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



What is the EWSWA Green Bin Program?

It is a weekly, residential curbside collection to keep food waste and organics out of the Essex-Windsor Regional Landfill.

Can I participate if I live in a multi-residential building?

Currently, residents living in multi-residential buildings with seven or more units are not included in the EWSWA Green Bin Program. As a result of provincial policy, the program currently serves single-family homes and buildings with fewer than seven units that meet the established criteria. For alternative sustainable solutions, please visit [ewswa.org](https://www.ewswa.org).

Why are multi-residential buildings not included in the Green Bin Program?

Common challenges identified in Ontario include:

- **Logistics and Space Constraints:** Space can be a concern for this program, both inside a dwelling and outside, when being collected. Designing proper storage and ensuring accessibility for collection trucks to service can be challenging.
- **Cost and Lack of Participation:** The Cost and effort to manage an additional waste stream are a challenge for owners, and they may think it's not worth it if participation is low.
- **Infrastructure Challenges:** Older buildings may not have the infrastructure to support, and retrofitting them can be costly and complex.



YOU TOO CAN BE A **GREEN SUPERHERO**

* EVERY DAY CANADIANS WASTE:

- 130,000 heads of lettuce
- 1,300,000 tomatoes
- 2,600,000 potatoes
- 650,000 loaves of bread
- 1,300,000 apples
- 640,000 bananas

63% of the food Canadians throw away could have been eaten. On average, each household wastes **140 kg** of food a year, which adds up to more than **\$1,300** lost annually. That's **2.3 million tonnes** of edible food wasted every year, costing Canadians over **\$20 billion**, according to the National Zero Waste Council (2022).*

Tips To Reduce Food Waste And Save Money

- 🌿 Take inventory of your pantry, fridge, and freezer to avoid needless buys.
- 🌿 Repurpose leftovers for creative dishes (soups, stir-fry, smoothies, etc.).
- 🌿 Organize your fridge to easily see and access items.
- 🌿 Use clear containers to store leftovers for easy viewing.
- 🌿 Create a weekly meal plan and grocery list.
- 🌿 Stick to Your Shopping List – and Never Shop Hungry!
- 🌿 Store food properly to extend its shelf life.

Food Waste is Too Good to Waste

For sustainable ways to manage food scraps or spoiled foods, visit:

www.ewswa.org/composting-food-waste/



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Ontario Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/food-and-organic-waste-policy-statement>



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