



NEWS RELEASE

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SPRING LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

May 8th, 2020 – Spring collection of large household goods will be happening soon for residents in the Town of Petawawa, City of Pembroke and Township of Laurentian Valley. Acceptable items **must not** be placed curbside earlier than Sunday, May 24th.

Dave Unrau, Director of Public Works wants residents to be aware of some precautions that are in place to protect residents and the collection contractor, Miller Waste. **“Residents are reminded to not approach collection staff in order to respect physical distancing. Scavenging of materials that are set-out for large item collection is not permitted under Municipal By-Laws and the current Provincial Emergency Measures in place.”**

In order for material to be collected it must be properly separated into **four** different piles:

Scrap Metal Items & Non-Freon Metal Appliances

- ✓ BBQ's, stainless steel sinks, bikes, exercise equipment, microwave ovens and non-freon metal appliances (oven, washer, dryer, dishwasher). Small metal appliances (irons, kettles, toasters) should be placed in your yellow bin (remove and discard cords in garbage).

Freon Appliances

- ✓ Fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, dehumidifiers. Freon does not have to be removed. Remove lids & doors from fridges/freezers.

Acceptable Large Items

- ✓ Artificial Christmas Trees (**Remove from cardboard box**)
- ✓ Boxsprings and mattresses
- ✓ Broken garbage cans, plastic totes, etc. (Must be labeled “For Collection”)
- ✓ Carpets and underlay
- ✓ Furniture (desks, couches)
- ✓ Luggage & hockey bags larger than 9” x 14” x 22”
- ✓ Mops, brooms, shovels & rakes (non-metal)
- ✓ Plastic – Large, bulky household plastic items (children’s swimming pools, lawn chairs, outdoor toys)
- ✓ Pool covers

Electronic Waste

- ✓ TV's, computers, radios, speakers

“Set-out of non-acceptable items continued to be a problem during the large item collection in the Fall.” States Mr. Unrau. **“Bags of garbage, materials in cardboard boxes and construction and renovation materials will not be picked-up during large item collection. This collection is intended for larger household items like furniture and mattresses which mean small items will not be collected either. Items like coffee makers, flower pots, shoes and clothing may be placed out with your regular garbage in a bag or container, not during large item collection.”**

Residents are reminded of the other set out requirements for Large Item Collection:

- Items smaller than 9” x 14” x 22” or items that can fit into a standard garbage bag or can **WILL NOT** be collected.
- Material placed out in cardboard boxes or garbage bags or containers **WILL NOT** be collected.



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- Construction and Renovation material such as toilets, wood, windows and doors and wooden pallets **WILL NOT** be collected.
 - Tires and hazardous waste such as propane tanks, paint cans and fluorescent light bulbs **WILL NOT** be collected.
 - Clothing and textiles **WILL NOT** be collected.
 - Acceptable materials must be manageable by two people and cannot exceed 80 lbs, 27 cubic feet or 6 feet long.

A Communications Representative will be working on behalf of all Municipalities to inspect set-outs of materials and provide information on improper set-out of items. Similar to the collection contractor, please do not approach the Communications Representative to maintain proper physical distancing.

DO NOT place items out earlier than Sunday, May 24th. Collection will occur the week of May 25th on your regular collection day. Additional information on Municipal Waste Management programs is available on your collection schedule or at www.ovwrc.com.

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Picture Included.



Scrap metal and non-freon metal appliances, freon appliances, acceptable large items and electronics must be placed in separated piles. Small items and material in garbage bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.



Material incorrectly set-out for Large Item Collection. Material set-out in cardboard boxes, bags or small items will not be collected. Freon appliances, scrap metal and non-freon metal appliances and electronics must be placed in separated piles so they can be collected for recycling.