

December 4, 2019

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Re: Waste Collection Limits

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Waste collection, storage and disposal is one of the most expensive services provided by the Municipality. We are fortunate to have a weekly collection system in our Municipality which is provided by a local and reliable company – Ridge Road Waste Management.

For the most part, the users of our service adhere to the rules and regulations as set out in *By-Law #8 Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste*. However, there are occasions where habits have been enabled due to the lack of enforcement which have caused undue hardship on our waste collector and municipal staff. Examples of this is the collection of more than the allowable limit of bags (including broken down boxes), the collection of bags which exceed the allowable weight and the distribution of commercial waste on multiple residential properties.

Our By-Law states that “*garbage collection service shall be limited to five (5) plastic bags per household and twelve (12) plastic garbage bags per commercial, industrial and institutional establishment. One (1) green cart per household and two (2) green carts per commercial, industrial and institutional establishment.*” (Section 8a)

Also, our By-Law states that “*All residual waste deposited at roadside for collection shall be separated with waste being deposited in a securely tied, plastic, waterproof bag and shall not exceed a weight of 35 lbs.*” (Section 8b)

In the past, our collector has collected more than the allowable limits however this is not good practice and is not in accordance with our agreement. For this reason, we are communicating with you today to advise you that, effective January 1, 2020, we will be strictly enforcing these limits. This means that in the event you, as a commercial, industrial or institutional establishment, put

more than 12 bags for collection, put any bags that are over the 35 lbs limit or are suspected of distributing commercial waste on residential properties, they will not be picked up and you will be required to find an alternative disposal method.

We hope that you can appreciate our position on this matter, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Chris Frotten
Chief Administrative Officer

