Area 1 – Zone 1

2025/26 Collection Schedule

## City of Thunder Bay

## Solid Waste & Recycling Services

**Garbage & Recycling must be at curb by 7 am.**

Collection time/schedule is subject to change.

**Tree Recycling Depots open:** December 26, 2025

**Leaf & Yard Waste pickup:** October 14 & November 10, 2025, and May 12 and June 9, 2026

DATE CHANGE: Monday, June 30 – Garbage

Tuesday, July 8 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, July 15 – Garbage

Tuesday, July 22 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, July 29 – Garbage

Tuesday, August 5 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, August 12 – Garbage

Tuesday, August 19 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, August 26 – Garbage

Tuesday, September 2 – Garbage, Recycling, Third Item

Tuesday, September 9 – Garbage

Tuesday, September 16 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, September 23 – Garbage

DATE CHANGE: Monday, September 29 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, October 7 – Garbage

Tuesday, October 14 – Garbage, Recycling, Leaf & Yard Waste

Tuesday, October 21 – Garbage

Tuesday, October 28 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, November 4 – Garbage

DATE CHANGE: Monday, November 10 – Garbage, Recycling, Leaf & Yard Waste

Tuesday, November 18 – Garbage

Tuesday, November 25 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, December 2 – Garbage

Tuesday, December 9 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, December 16 – Garbage

DATE CHANGE – Monday, December 22 – Garbage & Recycling

DATE CHANGE – Monday, December 29 – Garbage

Tuesday, January 6 – Garbage, Recycling, Third Item

Tuesday, January 13 – Garbage

Tuesday, January 20 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, January 27 – Garbage

Tuesday, February 3 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, February 10 – Garbage

Tuesday, February 17 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, February 24 – Garbage

Tuesday, March 3 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, March 10 – Garbage

Tuesday, March 17 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, March 24 – Garbage

DATE CHANGE: Monday, March 30 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, April 7 – Garbage

April 14 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, April 21 – Garbage

Tuesday, April 28 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, May 5 – Garbage

Tuesday, May 12 – Garbage, Recycling, Leaf & Yard Waste

Tuesday, May 19 – Garbage, Third Item

Tuesday, May 26 – Garbage & Recycling

Tuesday, June 2 – Garbage

Tuesday, June 9 – Garbage, Recycling, Leaf & Yard Waste

Tuesday, June 16 – Garbage

Tuesday, June 23 – Garbage & Recycling

DATE CHANGE Monday, June 29 – Garbage

# GENERAL INFORMATION

* Dumping on streets or public property is illegal
* Householder is responsible for clean-up of improperly set out garbage

# GARBAGE COLLECTION

* At the curb before 7 am collection day or after 4 pm on the previous day
* Maximum 2 items:
  + 1 item = 1 can or bag of garbage;
  + 3rd item collected only if tagged
* Wrap broken glass/sharp objects
* Wrap, double bag & seal animal waste
* No item tag is required for 3rd item of waste on the first collection day after New Year’s Day, Victoria Day, and Labour Day
* For garbage cart details, refer to thunderbay.ca/waste

# LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

* Leaves, bundled branches and garden waste collection (spring & fall)
* No grass clippings
* Kraft (paper bags) only – no bag limit
* Bundle branches with rope – must be less than 1 m/39” long; less than 61 cm/24” diameter

# CONTAINER BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS

* Maximum weight per item 18 kg/40 lbs
* Cardboard boxes may NOT be used for waste

## Bags:

* Black or green only
* 1.5 mm thick
* Tied to prevent spillage

**Minimum Size:** 66cm wide x 91 cm high (26” x 36 “)

**Maximum weight**: 18 kg (40 lbs.)

## Cans:

* Durable plastic/metal containers with handles & tight-fitting lid (not secured to can)
* Maximum combined weight of can & contents: 18 kg (40 lbs).

**Maximum volume:** 135 L (30 gal)

**Maximum height:** 81 cm (32”) without lid

# SAFETY TIPS

* No liquid waste, medical sharps (needles)
* Construction waste (plaster) not accepted
* Place garbage at ground level (not on snowbanks)

# COLLECTION REMINDER SERVICE

* Download the app or sign up for email, phone or tweet reminders
* thunderbay.ca/Recollect or call 807-625-2195

# CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND TIPS

* Sort your recyclables before placing them in your recycling cart. Place paper/cardboard materials in your grey lid and containers in your blue lid.
* Flatten and break down cardboard boxes. For excess cardboard that does not fit in cart, place in bundles beside cart (3 ft x 2 ft x 1 ft) broken down flat and tied with string.
* Place cart out by 7 am, on a flat surface, clear of snow and ice, at least 3 feet from fences, vehicles, or garbage.
* Place cart at the curb so that the wheels are away from the curb (toward your home).
* \*Check circularmaterials.ca/thunderbay for an update in 2026.

## BLUE LID - CONTAINERS

* Glass, metal food & beverage containers
* Pop cans
* Clean aluminum foil containers
* Plastic containers with #1 to #7 symbol
* Tetra Paks & milk cartons

## GREY LID - PAPER

* Newspapers, flyers, magazines, catalogues
* Household fine paper
* Paper egg cartons
* Boxboard boxes (e.g. cereal)
* Corrugated cardboard

# THUNDER BAY SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FACILITY

5405 Mapleward Road

Vehicles are charged based on weight of load. $10 for less than 120 kg. Subject to change. Loads must be secured and covered. Before leaving home, sort your load so materials can be taken off in these laydown areas:

* Recycling depot\*
* Household Hazardous Waste Depot
* Electronic waste bin
* Metal bin
* Garbage bin
* Tire bin
* Leaf & yard waste compost area

**Landfill Site Hotline: 807-623-5756**

WEEKDAYS: 8 am to 6:30 pm

SATURDAYS: 8 am to 4:30 pm

SUNDAYS: CLOSED

**FOR MORE INFO:**

Garbage Collection: 807-625-2195

Recycling (GFL): 844-870-4351