



Task Title: Read About Garbage Collection Changes

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Task Description: Read about upcoming changes to a municipal waste collection program.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device

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Learner Information

Most municipalities provide pickup services for household garbage and recycling. Changes to these programs might include additional services, such as organic waste collection, or changes to the day or type of service offered.

Scan “2026 Curbside Collection Changes” for the Region of Waterloo.

2026 Curbside Collection Changes

In March 2026, the Region of Waterloo will be changing to cart-based collection for garbage and organics.

The Region provides curbside collection service to approximately 161,000 single-family homes, duplexes, and 3-to-6-unit buildings, as well as 8,500 multi-family units and townhouse complexes. Currently, most of the collection is done manually, by lifting waste materials and placing them into the collection trucks. By switching to cart-based collection, the Region will improve worker safety, operational efficiency, and cut down on waste collection day litter.

Black and green carts will be delivered free of charge to residential properties before March of 2026. Residents will have the option of choosing either a large or a small black garbage cart.

The large black cart measures 69cm by 68cm by 111cm and fits the equivalent of three full bags of garbage. The small black cart measures 62cm by 48cm by 96cm and fits the equivalent of one full bag of garbage.

The green cart comes in one size and measures 62cm by 48cm by 98cm. A food scraps container will also be provided to each household. This small container can be used to collect kitchen food waste before emptying it into the green cart. The food scraps container comes in one size and measures 30cm by 22cm by 24cm.

Once the new carts are distributed in March 2026, garbage collection will continue to be once every second week. Black and green carts must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

Source: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/2026-curbside-collection-changes.aspx>

Work Sheet

Task 1: List three reasons the Region of Waterloo will be switching to cart-based waste collection services in 2026.

Answer:

Task 2: What are the size options for black carts?

Answer:

Task 3: How many garbage bags will each black cart hold?

Answer:

Task 4: What are the measurements of the green cart?

Answer:

Task 5: How often will garbage be collected once cart-based collection service begins?

Answer:
