

# Clear out your garbage!

## New Clear Garbage Bag Program!

January 1, 2021: The program starts.

Unofficial start to using clear garbage bags for residential waste.

This program applies to curbside collection and all Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Transfer Stations.

July 1, 2021: Clear Garbage Bag Program is mandatory.

Official start to using clear garbage bags for household garbage.

Recyclable material and hazardous waste must be removed from garbage bags.

## CLEAR BAG PROGRAM DETAILS

### 1) Begin!

Begin using clear garbage bags January 1, 2021.

The program will become mandatory July 1, 2021.

### 2) Sort it!

Properly sort your recyclable materials into your blue boxes. Compost when possible. Place all other waste in your clear garbage bag. If your bag contains more than 10% recyclable material, collectors have the right to refuse it.

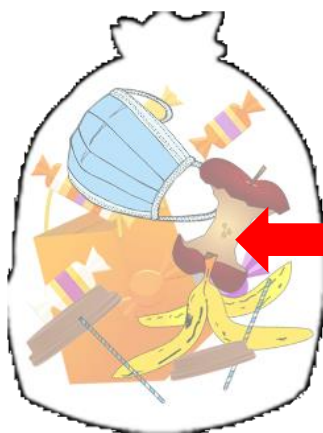
### 3) Place it!

One (1) clear garbage bag (30lbs or less), one (1) grocery sized privacy bag within the clear bag, and recycle bins are to be placed curbside by 7:00 am on collection day, or taken to a Transfer Station.

**\*\* Garbage tags are required for disposal \*\***

**\*\* All recyclables must be sorted and separated into Fibres and Containers \*\***

## SETTING MY MATERIALS CURBSIDE



One (1) clear garbage bag  
(30lbs or less)



One (1) grocery sized privacy  
bag within the clear bag



Unlimited recycle bins sorted  
into fibres and containers

**SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CLEAR BAG PROGRAM**

For more details and information please visit [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca)  
If you have any questions please email [havbelmet@hbmtwp.ca](mailto:havbelmet@hbmtwp.ca) or call 705-778-2308

# CLEAR BAG PROGRAM QUESTION AND ANSWER

**Q. What is a clear garbage bag?**

**A.** A clear garbage bag must be 'see-through'. Curbside collection workers and landfill attendants must be able to easily view the contents within your garbage bag in order to ensure there are no recyclable materials or hazardous waste.

**Q. When does the program start?**

**A.** The program will begin January 1, 2021. Although opaque bags (non see-through) will still be picked up at the curb and accepted at the transfer stations, residents will be required to use clear bags **July 1, 2021**. The program will become mandatory July 1, 2021.

**Q. Do clear bags cost more and where can I buy clear garbage bags?**

**A.** Clear garbage bags typically cost the same as dark bags of the same size and style. Many retailers in Havelock, Campbellford, Norwood and Peterborough already carry clear garbage bags in a variety of sizes.

**Q. What happens if I don't use clear bags after July 1, 2021?**

**A.** **After July 1, 2021** opaque bags will no longer be collected at the curb or accepted at any Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Transfer Stations.

**Q. What is a privacy bag?**

**A.** A privacy bag may be either, one (1) single small grocery bag OR one (1) small white kitchen catcher. You may not have more than one (1) privacy bag within your clear garbage bag.

**Q. I use opaque bags (non see-through) under my sink and throughout my home (i.e. grocery bags or white kitchen catchers), can I tie them up and throw them into my clear bag?**

**A.** A single small grocery bag OR a single kitchen catcher is permitted within your clear bag to serve as a privacy bag. Waste bin contents from around the house can be dumped into larger clear bags or use clear kitchen catcher bags throughout your home; clear kitchen catchers should be available at local retailers. Multiple opaque privacy bags inside the clear bag will not be accepted.

**Q. What if I have a special circumstance and need a larger privacy bag?**

**A.** The Township can accommodate special medical circumstances. Please contact the Municipal Office at 705-778-2308 or visit [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca)

**Q. How do I set my garbage out for collection?**

**A.** Garbage may be set out for collection in the following ways:

- Place a clear bag (30lbs or less) in a garbage can - One (1) privacy bag can be included in your clear bag.
- In a clear bag (30lbs or less) - One (1) privacy bag can be included in your clear bag.
- In a privacy bag: a privacy bag is a small grocery sized bag which may be opaque (non see-through) to shield private items.

If you only produce as much garbage as would fit within your privacy bag, the privacy bag can be left at the curb for collection or dropped off at the Transfer Station without placing it inside of a clear bag. **Garbage tags are required for a privacy bag on its own just as they are for a full-sized (30lbs) clear garbage bag.**