

## More Frequently Asked Questions

Here are more frequently asked questions and answers:

### **What can I do with Pet Waste?**

Pet waste, such as cat litter, can be placed loose in a clear bag or in one of two allowed privacy bags. Small dog waste bags can be placed directly in your clear bag and will not be considered a privacy bag.

### **Concerned about privacy?**

Orillia's new clear bag program allows two opaque privacy bags, such as a regular sized grocery bag, to be used in each clear bag to hide items they do not want others to see. For added privacy residents can still place their clear bag in a rigid garbage container up to 133 litres in size.

### **Where to buy?**

Local retailers have been notified to stock up on clear bags. Please see the [Clear Bag Store Inventory](#) for a list of local retailers that are carrying clear bags. Please note transparent coloured bags will not be accepted.

### **What goes where?**

Not sure what is recyclable or compostable? Find a list of accepted materials in the [Solid Waste Collection Guide](#), available at [orillia.ca/recyclingtips](http://orillia.ca/recyclingtips). Green bins and recycling boxes can be purchased at the Waste Diversion Site located at 100 Kitchener St., Orillia.

### **What do I do with old bags?**

If you do end up with leftover bags, it is recommended they be used for storage or to hold donation items to local charities, non-profit groups and churches. The bags themselves can also be donated to willing charities that may have opportunities to reuse them (for clothing storage, etc.)

### **How do I set out waste in a rigid container?**

Waste can be placed loose in a rigid container up to 133 litres in size without bags, but if it is lined, it needs to be lined with a clear bag. If someone is using an opaque kitchen bag, they could empty the contents of the kitchen bag and the used kitchen bag itself into the rigid container. Waste placed in clear plastic kitchen bags does not need to be opened and emptied into the rigid container. Up to two opaque privacy bags can be used per container.

### **Why can't I use transparent blue bags for garbage set-out?**

Transparent blue bags are not accepted in the City's new clear bag program for garbage because this can lead to confusion among the collection drivers. At a quick glance, the garbage collection driver may think the blue bag is recycling while the recycling driver will see that it is garbage, and neither will end up collecting it. Please only use clear plastic bags when setting garbage out in bags.

### **Can the transparent blue Diaper Genie® bags still be used for setting out disposable diapers?**

Yes. Please place these bags next to your garbage and not with your recycling or green bins.

**How will this be regulated for apartment dumpsters?**

The clear bag program applies to apartments on the City's garbage bin service. Apartment bins will be inspected from time to time to ensure residents are using clear bags and that the complex is maintaining a recycling and green bin program.