



North Kawartha Residential Bear Bins

Bear Bins have proven to be an effective, safe and convenient method of allowing seasonal and permanent residents to participate in the Curbside Garbage and Recycling Program.

Bear Bins are steel constructed garbage receptacles, that are generally placed at the end of a driveway, to not interfere with the road, maintenance, or snowplowing. These bins vary in size, but are generally not longer than 6' or wider than 3'. They are all about 30" high, and generally have two steel lids that can lock.

Following are a few tips to further enhance the effectiveness of the program:

1. Ensure the location of the bin is approved by the Waste Contractor and the Township of North Kawartha.
2. If not already equipped, install 2 flags for the contractor. One for garbage (green) and one for recycling (blue). This will allow recycling to be collected from the bin.
3. Recycling is unlimited, however must be separated into 2 streams (containers and fibres).
4. As with all Township Curbside collection, residents are permitted 1 garbage bag without a bag tag sticker, and up to 4 additional bags with bag tag stickers affixed.
5. You can exchange the 20 punch holes on your waste pass for bag tag stickers, at the Transfer Stations or the Municipal Office. These punch holes are located on the bottom of each Waste Pass tear-off end, and have 10 punch holes per side.
6. Share the bin. When sharing, make sure all the addresses using the bin are recorded on the underside of the bin lid. This notifies the collector the number of bags he/she can collect without bag tags.
7. Lock your bin. Keys are available through Waste Connections (705-742-4268).
8. Keep Your Bin Clean. Making sure there is no loose garbage in the bottom of your bin and clean the bin out every spring with a bleach/water solution. This will not only reduce the attraction of unwanted animals (bears) and/or insects (wasps), it will also reduce unpleasant odours for those neighbours out on a leisurely stroll.
9. If the Contractor misses emptying your bin, please contact Waste Connections (705-742-4268) as soon as possible. Reporting without delay will ensure that any concerns are addressed as they occur.

Thank you for your co-operation in making this program a success.
