The Region’s Blue and Grey Cart Program is one of many ways to ensure your waste is reused and not sent to the landfill. Here are some other programs and ways to help.

Household hazardous waste: There are certain wastes that shouldn’t go into the garbage because of the chemicals they contain. They include batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, expired medicines and syringes, leftover paint, cleaners, ink cartridges, used oil filters, pesticides and fertilizers.
• recycle by dropping off, free of charge, at the Region’s special facilities. Check hours and locations at www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste or call our office at 519-575-4400.
• the Orange Drop Program is a free, safe, easy way to dispose of household hazardous waste. Visit www.makethedrop.ca for more information.

Computers, televisions and other electronic waste: There are new recycling programs paid for by the manufacturers of “e-waste”.
• recycle these by dropping them off at depots or special event days as listed on www.dowhatyoucan.ca or call 1-888-646-1820 for details.

Bicycles: Do you have a bicycle you no longer use? The Region works with local agencies who refurbish the bikes and get them to members of our community where the need is greatest.
• recycle bikes by dropping them off at the Region’s Waste Management facility at 925 Erb Street West, Gate 2, Waterloo, Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April to October.
How to recycle

Step 1 Fill your recycling bag with the correct items. Recycling bags are available from your superintendent and are reusable.

Step 2 Carry your recyclables to the Carts. Check with your superintendent for the proper location.

Step 3 Sort your recyclables into the proper Carts.

Step 4 Return your recycling bag to your unit and recycle some more!

What you can recycle

Paper and plastic shopping bags
- Newspapers, magazines and books
- Household paper
- Cereal/tissue boxes, and paper tubes (no liner bags)
- Paper coffee/ beverage cups, egg cartons and take-out trays
- Plastic bread, produce, salt, grocery bags and outer wrap from packages of diapers, paper towels, or cases of pop, juice and snacks (stuff inside one bag and tie handles)

Containers
- Plastic coffee/beverage cup lids
- Plastic bottles and containers and blister packaging
- Aluminum trays, pie plates and foil
- Food and beverage cans
- Milk and juice containers/cartons
- Empty paint cans and aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars

Corrugated cardboard
- Including packing/shipping boxes and pizza boxes.

Place in loose.

Empty, rinse, and remove lids.

Place items in loose, not in bags.

Flatten.

What stays out
- Batteries
- Broken glass
- Cigarette butts
- Electronics
- Food waste
- Garbage
- Hazardous waste
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Plastic wrap, wrap from meat or cheese products, baggies, bubble wrap, crinkle bags, zipper or stand-up pouches, Pots and pans
- Styrofoam
- Syringes
- Waxed paper
- Windows
- Wood e.g. orange crates
- Yard waste

Need more information? Call customer service at 519-575-4400, TTY 519-575-4608 or visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste