

EWSWA Green Bin Program

INFORMATION

*** This is not a Town of Essex Program.**
The Town of Essex is only responsible for collecting the user fee from residents and remitting it to EWSWA.

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Billing Information:

The County of Essex Green Bin Program, approved by County Council on March 16, 2022, was implemented in October 2025 for Phase One municipalities, including the Town of Essex. The associated fee is designed to recover the costs of delivering the program, including collection services, processing, contractual commitments, and program administration.

On your final property tax bill, the 2025 and 2026 Green Bin Program charges will be listed separately under the "Special Charges" section and identified by the codes **CTYBIN 2025 and **CTY BIN 2026**.**

**Green Bin User Fee Per Household
for the Town of Essex: **\$186.11****

The 2026 charge will cover the service fees for the 2026 year, as well as the service received from October to December 2025.



For Green Bin billing inquiries, contact the County of Essex:
Email: coeinfo@countyofessex.ca | Call: 519-776-6441

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is responsible for this program?

The County of Essex is responsible for establishing the level of Green Bin service.

The Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) is a Joint Board of Management created by the County of Essex and the City of Windsor to establish, operate, and manage the Regional Landfill, public drop off depots, and all waste diversion programs.

What is a Green Bin Program?

It is a residential curbside collection program that is used by many municipalities across Ontario to successfully keep food waste and organics out of the landfill. The Green Bin is collected weekly, helping to reduce odors and increase participation, making it easier to keep food waste and organics out of the landfill.

Did the Province provide funding for this program?

No, the Province made the collection of food/organic waste mandatory in certain local municipalities but did not provide any funding to help pay for it. The County of Essex and the City of Windsor, through user fees, are responsible for the costs of this provincial mandate.

Where and when will I see this user fee charge?

The charge will appear as “CTYBIN” in the “user fee/other” section of your residential tax bill.

Residents of the Town of Essex will see the charge for the first time in 2026 and be billed for service that began in Oct 2025 through to Dec 2026 (approximately 15 months). Beginning in 2027, the annual user fee will represent 12 months of service.

Why is the cost of the program being handled in this fashion?

County Council reviewed a range of funding models for taxpaying residents and approved a hybrid user-fee approach to recover costs from only those County residents who have access to the Green Bin Program.

Under the current approved hybrid user-fee approach, each municipality's tonnage/use of the Green Bin program is used to calculate a unique user fee, on a “per-residential-property” basis for that municipality. The user fee will then appear on the property tax bill for each residential property with access to the service.

Will I pay this every year?

Yes, this is a new annual cost.

Why can't I opt out of the program?

Councils of both the County of Essex and City of Windsor approved a regional program that supported residential homes and multi-residential buildings under six units having access to the Green Bin program.

This is also how the Blue Box program was administered. So, even if a resident chooses to put food waste in the garbage and not the green bin, they still have access to the organics program and still pay for the service.

Do the benefits of this program justify the cost?

There are costs to this new program, yes, but it is important to focus on the benefits of putting food waste and organics in the Green Bin. Instead of sending the material to the landfill and using valuable airspace, it is diverted to an anaerobic digester, where the material breaks down and is used to create renewable energy and fertilizer for farmers' crops. This process is also different than incineration, which simply burns waste to generate heat.

Who do I contact if I do not have a Green Bin or have an issue with my Green Bin?

If you do not have a Green Bin and believe you should have one, or if there is an issue with your current Green Bin, you can contact EWSWA at ewswa.org or call **1-800-563-3377**.

Where can I submit questions about the program or billing structure?

If you have questions about billing for the organics program, please email coeinfo@countyofessex.ca.

If you have questions about the Green Bin program, please contact EWSWA at ewswa.org or call **1-800-563-3377**.



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CountyofEssex.ca/GreenBin

