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Updates regarding County curbside brush pick-up, temporary drop-off sites

Residents are asked to place brush curbside by May 19 for collection

Midhurst/May 1, 2025 – In the wake of the ice storm in March, the County of Simcoe proactively made adjustments to its waste drop-off facilities, including waiving fees for brush drop-offs, expanding operating days at numerous facilities, and opening three temporary residential drop-off locations in the hardest hit regions of the County. As clean up continues and demand gradually decreases, the following adjustments have been made:

- All County waste drop-off sites will be returning to regular operating hours as of Saturday, May 3
 except for the Oro location, which will be operating regular days plus Sunday, May 4, 11 and 18
 for brush drop-off only.
- Coldwater's Temporary Brush Drop-off (1675 Anderson Line) location last opening day will be Saturday, May 3 after which the temporary site will be closed to the public.
- Temporary sites in Innisfil and Midhurst will be extended to Saturday, May 10 and will remain open from Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The County will re-assess if the sites will be open beyond this date based on demand.
- For all location details and hours, please click here.

Curbside Brush Collection

Curbside brush collection is continuing across the County, with crews prioritizing the hardest-hit communities of Oro-Medonte, Severn, and Ramara. Collection has also begun in Innisfil, Essa, and Springwater, though the large volume of debris will continue to require extended collection time.

- Chipper trucks continue to process brush in these affected communities based on priority needs.
- Residents across the County must place ALL brush materials at their curbs by May 19. While collection timing will vary, all properly placed materials will eventually be collected.
- Residents can utilize this <u>interactive map</u> to see if their home address falls into one of the highly impacted areas currently receiving collection and/or chipper crews.
- If you are not in one of the highly impacted areas, the County will still be doing a one-time collection of larger storm brush in the near future. More information on this one-time collection for the remaining areas will be shared soon.

For up-to-date information and notices regarding collections, download the <u>Simcoe County Collects</u> <u>App</u>. For inquiries and questions, residents can contact the Service Simcoe Contact Centre by phone at 1-800-263-3199 or by email at <u>service@simcoe.ca</u>.

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