

The Lifespan of Waste

The waste we throw into nature can persist for extremely long periods without decomposing:

- Tissue: 3 months
- Fruit peel: 3–6 months
- Newspaper: 6–12 months
- Cigarette butt: 1–2 years (one butt can pollute up to 500 liters of water)
- Candy wrapper: 5 years
- Chewing gum: 5 years
- Motor oil: 5–10 years
- Tin can: 10–100 years
- Aluminum can: 200–500 years
- Plastic bag: 450 years
- Disposable diaper, sanitary pad, or tampon: 400–450 years
- Plastic bottle: 100–1,000 years
- Glass bottle: 4,000 years

Sources:

Réseau In-Terre-Actif;
Vivacité, 2020 (cited by the Montreal School Service Center)

In the current context of climate emergency, every action matters: limit your waste, sort it, recycle it, and place it in closed bins.

Taking care of the nature around us means taking care of ourselves too!

Thank you for your involvement!

Resources

The collection calendar and other useful information are available here:



What to do with your materials?
When in doubt, download the Recyc-Québec app



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What is the purpose of the waste collection regulation?

The regulation also serves to protect vulnerable people: the elderly, those with visual impairments, people with reduced mobility, and children:

- **Using bins prevents waste from accumulating** on public streets, which can create obstacles for people with reduced mobility,
- **Placing bins out just before collection** and removing them immediately afterward keeps public spaces clear outside of collection times for people with reduced mobility,
- **Removing bins from the streets** provides safe play areas for children. Additionally, when bins obstruct the streets, proper snow removal is hindered, creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians,
- **Ensuring bins are properly closed** prevents waste from spilling out. This creates a healthy environment for children and pets, while also avoiding visual pollution.



The regulation also serves to protect properties against pests:

Using a compliant container, respecting the collection schedule, and not putting food waste in the garbage bin are all measures that help reduce the presence of pests (rats, skunks, raccoons, etc.) around your property.



The regulation also serves to protect the environment:

- **Keep waste in closed bins to prevent it from spreading** and harming the environment.
- **Limit yourself to one 360 L garbage bin** per address to help reduce landfill waste.
- Reminder: At the current rate, Montreal's Lachenaie landfill will reach capacity by 2029.



Get your neighbors together for a clean-up!

Get involved to make your neighborhood cleaner and more beautiful!

Brooms, litter pickers, rakes, dustpans, garbage bags, and gloves are available to borrow at the Outremont Eco-Quarter service point.

Scan here to reserve your equipment :

