



# Clear Bag Program for Garbage

*Thank you for your  
co-operation!*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What will happen if I do not cooperate?

Non-compliant bags will be left at curbside and will not be accepted at the landfill. This includes clear bags that contain recyclables and/or household hazardous waste, and non-clear bags.

### Why do we have to use clear bags for garbage?

We are using clear bags to increase recycling and decrease the material ending up in the landfill. The research conducted by Quinte Waste Solutions on clear bags across North America, clearly indicates that this is a successful method for boosting recycling. Every effort must be made to extend the life of our landfill.

### What are clear bags?

Clear bags are completely transparent or see-through and do NOT include tinted or solid coloured bags including white bags.

### What should I do if I use non-clear grocery bags or non-clear 'kitchen catcher' bags for garbage?

These non-clear bags should be emptied and placed loose into the clear bag. Any size of a non-clear bag full of garbage is not permitted to be placed inside the clear bag because this defeats the purpose of the initiative. The only exception is the 'privacy bag' noted below.

### What is a "Privacy Bag"?

Out of consideration for people's privacy, one opaque or solid coloured 'privacy bag' full of garbage is allowed to be placed in the clear bag. The maximum size of this 'privacy bag' is 20 by 22 inches.

### Is it ok to place clear bags full of garbage (ex. clear 'kitchen catchers') inside the main clear bag?

Yes, because they are clear. However, we encourage people to reuse their 'kitchen catchers' as much as possible.

### I try to reduce my waste as much as possible. As a result, I only have one small bag of garbage per collection period. Will my garbage be picked up if I place it in a 'privacy bag' (no larger than 20 by 22 inches?)

Yes it will be picked up

### Points to remember:

- The size of the clear plastic bag should be approximately 91cm (26 inches by 36 inches)
- The maximum weight for curbside garbage (including the container or clear plastic bag) is 18kg (40 pounds)
- Plastic polyethylene bags (ex. grocery bags) can be placed in recycling if they are cleaned and not soiled.

**For more information, please contact Madoc Township Municipal Office at  
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