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# CHELSEA SWITCHES TO MECHANIZED COLLECTIONS

**Chelsea, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – The Municipality of Chelsea wishes to inform its residents that the modernization of its residual material collection system is set to take effect on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Throughout the territory, compost, recycling and waste bins will now be collected by a truck equipped with a mechanized arm.

This change follows Chelsea's joining the *regroupement intermunicipal pour la gestion des matières résiduelles*, alongside the municipalities of La Pêche, Cantley and Val-des-Monts. This decision is part of a collective effort to modernize selective collection systems in line with the new standards put in place by the Government of Quebec in 2023.

The Municipality invites residents to take note of the changes and new collection instructions that will be effective in February, to ensure efficient bin collection.

## Highlights

- Collection days will now be Tuesday through Friday. It's essential to consult the new list of collection days at [chelsea.ca/residual-materials](https://chelsea.ca/residual-materials) now.
- Bins placed by the curbside must comply with specific instructions to ensure collection:
  - Lids must be closed, unobstructed and unattached;
  - There must be a clearance of at least 1-meter around the bins;
  - Wheels must be positioned towards the residence;
  - There must be no obstacles around the bins;
  - Only materials placed in compliant wheeled bins will be collected. The limit of bins per resident can be consulted at [chelsea.ca/residual-materials](https://chelsea.ca/residual-materials).
- Surplus of compost, waste and recycling will no longer be accepted if placed next to the bins. Special collections are scheduled in May and October for surplus of green waste.
- Collections of bulky items and metal bulky items will be reduced to one per season. It will be possible to dispose of a maximum of six items (bulky waste or bulky metal) in these collections.
- To assist residents in adjusting their habits, there will be a transition period for waste collections lasting a few weeks. If the bin is not collected, the resident must inform the Municipality. The contractor will arrange for collection within 48 hours or on the following Monday.

This significant change will take time for all parties concerned to adapt. Public understanding and patience are essential. To help residents through this transition, it is strongly suggested to register to the PIVOT, *portail citoyen*, to receive personalized alerts concerning residual materials, such as collection reminders, delays or cancellations, directly to their phones.

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