

Recycling changes coming to Markham

The Ontario recycling program is transitioning to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). This means that producers of packaging and paper products will become financially and operationally responsible for managing the collection, processing, and recycling of those materials, rather than municipalities. For Markham, the transition begins on January 1, 2026.

What does this mean for Markham?

Although the responsibility for the blue box recycling program is evolving to Circular Materials, there will be no change in how Markham residents continue to recycle in the blue box.

What You Need to Know:

- Your collection schedule will not change.
- Curbside collection: No change.
- Markham will continue to maintain green bin organics, clear bag garbage, bulky items, and yard material.



Recyclable Material List

Starting January 1, 2026, new materials like coffee cups, plastic film, and Styrofoam will be accepted province-wide. To review the complete list of what material will be accepted at curb side collection starting on January 1st, 2026, please visit:

ward5markham.ca/blue-box-material

Small change, same great service!

Starting January 1, 2026 all inquiries related to curb side blue box collection, such as missed collections and requests for new or replacement blue boxes, must be made directly to Miller Waste, instead of Markham.

For questions related to:

- Replacement recycling containers.
- Missed collections.
- What you can recycle.

Please contact:

Miller Waste

area10@millerwaste.ca
1-855-752-3762

For other recycling-related questions, please contact:

Circular Materials

customerservice@circularmaterials.ca
1-877-667-2626

Councillor Keyes in the Community



Snow Clearing Service Levels: What you should know

With more than 3,000 km of roads and sidewalks to maintain in Markham, it's clear our plows can't be everywhere at once. Our top priority is road safety and ensuring access for emergency vehicles, with higher-traffic roads cleared first.

Road Type	When does the City start salting?	When does the City plow?	How much snow is that?	How many hours after the snow stops falling does it take to clear an average storm?
Primary	When snowfall begins	3cm	Paper clip	2 hours
Secondary	When snowfall begins	5cm	House key	3 to 12 hours
Local	When road condition is deemed slippery	7.5cm at the end of snowfall	Bank card	12 to 16 hours

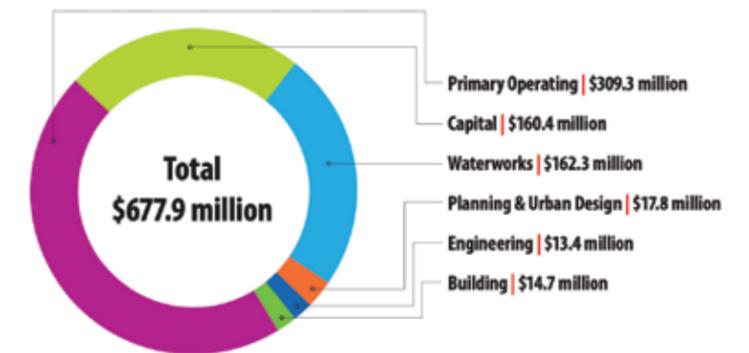
Laneways are cleared last, with front loaders, which takes more time than plows as the buckets must be emptied regularly.

2026 Markham Budget

The City of Markham has announced its 2026 budget. The City's 2026 capital budget is \$160.4 million, alongside a primary operating budget of \$309.3 million.

This budget will include a property tax increase of 3.9%, maintaining the lowest average property tax rate increase in the GTA over two decades.

Learn more at: ward5markham.ca/2026-budget



The budget includes dedicated budgets for Planning & Urban Design, Engineering, and Building, which are funded mainly by development fees and development charges to recover the cost of these services.