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County's Textiles Collection program runs June 6 to 17

Midhurst/May 31, 2022 – Between June 6 and 17, the County is running curbside clothing and textiles collections to collect clean, dry, and odour free clothes from households, including those that cannot be re-used.

Simcoe County residents will have received pink plastic bags for clothing and textiles in the mail throughout May. The collection will occur on either week one, between June 6 and 10, or week two, between June 13 and 17, depending on your household's location/zone (each household will have one pick up only). Pick-up will generally take place on residents' regular collection day during the household's designated clothing collection week. Pink clothing bags or clear plastic bags containing clothes and textiles should be placed a minimum of 2 feet from your carts at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day, regardless of the time that your regular waste is normally collected, as clothing will be collected by a different truck.

To determine your collection date, download the Simcoe County Collects app. The app is available free of charge from the App Store and Google Play. Information is also available on <u>www.simcoe.ca/waste</u> or within your Waste Calendar.

To ensure collection, bags must be sealed and weigh less than 20 kgs. Items must be clean, dry and odour free. Acceptable materials include:

- Clean clothing
- Towels and pillows
- Coats and outerwear
- Hats, belts and scarves
- · Purses, backpacks, sleeping bags and luggage
- Shoes, socks and mittens in pairs (wrap with elastic to hold together)

Collected clothing and textiles are sent to a facility for sorting/grading. Most materials are reused in Canada, and some are reused/recycled as rags or acoustic fill or sent overseas. Ninety-eight per cent of material collected is able to be reused/recycled. For more information on our clothing collection, visit www.simcoe.ca/clothingcollection.

Curbside electronics collection will run from June 20 to July 1. Please note that households are assigned collection on either week 1 or week 2 for both clothing and electronics collection periods. Your assigned week for each collection program is consistent.

Please note, this program does not apply to residents of the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia.

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at **simcoe.ca**.

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