



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**-COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS-**

Start date: December 26, 2020

End date: Until Further Notice

In response to the recent announcement stating Ontario will enter Grey Lockdown as of December 26<sup>th</sup>, in order to ensure the health and safety of our collections and sort line staff, Quinte Waste Solutions is asking that residents who are required to self isolate, to either store recyclables until the isolation period has ended or carefully place all material into garbage bags and utilize their regular garbage collection day for disposal.

At this time, our Material Recovery Facility located at 270 West Street, Trenton remains open for public use (depot only). We do ask that if you have been sick, displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, or have travelled outside of the country, please do not visit our facility. If you must visit, please note the following:

- All visitors must wear a mask covering that covers their nose, mouth and chin,
- All visitors will be asked to wait outside if there is already someone in the reception area being served. The entranceway to our facility will not accommodate the recommended 6 feet apart social distancing, and;
- All transactions for purchasing of blue boxes or backyard composts will be completed by DEBIT ONLY. No cash will be accepted.

Our Electronic Waste program at our Material Recovery Facility will also be closed until further notice. For more information regarding blue box recycling and proper disposal of household hazardous waste and electronic recycling, head to [quinterecycling.org](http://quinterecycling.org).

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*Quinte Waste Solutions (QWS) is the municipally operated organization responsible for blue box recycling and hazardous and electronic waste diversion programs throughout Centre and South Hastings County and Prince Edward County. We have been working with our nine member municipalities since 1990 to keep recyclable material, including hazardous waste, out of the landfill.*