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Question #8 – Windy Daze

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Dear Trash Talking Trish & Tabitha:

I just received the new Recycling Guide in the mail and read that I can request a new blue box to be delivered to my house, on my next collection day, for FREE! This makes me SUPER happy because one day I came home to my little house in the country and if you can believe it, my box was gone! Do you know about this blue box thief stealing all the boxes around the County?

- W.Daze., York

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Dear W.Daze:

We have been wondering the same thing! We have been receiving multiple requests for new blue and black boxes which if you can believe, costs us quite a bit of money at about \$5 a box!

You are correct, we do supply these boxes for free because we want to encourage residents to recycle as much as possible. W.Daze - Did you know that the latest landfill capacity report published by the Ontario Waste Management Association states that as of 2017 we only have 14 years of landfill capacity left in Ontario! The more we reduce what we consume, reuse and recycle what we can, the less waste that goes to landfill which will hopefully give us some more time without having to build new landfills. Let's face it – when it comes to landfills NIMBY (Not In My BackYard)!!

We did a bit more research though when we started receiving the influx of blue box requests and we determined that the majority of these calls come in after we get nasty weather. On my way home from work one day, look what I found:



It's sort of hard to make out what those blue objects are but they are actually blue boxes! These boxes in particular were put out on a windy day and blew away from home leaving them without an owner to

love them. W.Daze – have you taken a walk down your road or around the field you’re living next to, to see if you can find your boxes before you call in to request new ones? We encourage residents to do this. If you can’t find them anywhere, as a last resort, give Modern a call and they will happily deliver you a new one (or two) on your next collection day (paint your address right on it!). Although, to be a bit more proactive, avoid setting your recycling out on windy days to ensure your blue box doesn’t grow legs and walk (blow) away on ya, or blow the contents on your neighbours property.

We hope this helps W.Daze and thanks again for the question! Please download the Recycle Coach App for recycling and garbage information (like schedule disruptions, special drop off days, etc). And for others, if you have any burning trash questions, please feel free to send them to our NEW email address: [waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca)!

Sincerely,

Trash Talking Trish & Tabitha