

the Cottage Kit



Helping take the guesswork out of GARBAGE & RECYCLING in Minden Hills

Welcome to Minden Hills!

We are happy that you have chosen to visit our area and hope that you have a great vacation. We understand that your time is valuable and that you want to make the most of every minute that you are here. We have created this Cottage Kit to simplify and help take the guesswork out of managing your garbage and recycling while you are here. It's not difficult, but there are a few rules and regulations that you'll need to know, and our recycling program might be a bit different from what you are used to at home. Everything you need for the week is in this Kit. Please take a moment to read through this letter and the contents of the Kit. If you have any questions, you can always give us a call — we'd be happy to help.

Minden Hills Landfill Sites & Transfer Stations

The Township of Minden Hills provides **depot service** for the collection of all waste, including garbage and recycling. There is no curbside pickup, so you will need to take your garbage and recycling to a landfill site or transfer station.

We operate two landfill sites and three transfer stations throughout the Township. Your cottage kit includes the hours of operation for each site and a list of disposal fees and what materials are accepted where. There is no charge to dispose of household garbage (less than 1 cubic yard) or blue box recyclable materials.

The Cottage Kit Landfill Pass

Your Cottage Kit includes a Landfill Pass that will allow you a one-time admission to one of our landfill sites and recycling centres. You are required to give this to the Attendant when you arrive.

Clear Bags for Garbage

All household garbage brought to a Minden Hills landfill must be in a clear bag or open container, so that the waste is visible and easily identified by the Attendant. The purpose of this regulation is to help ensure that recyclable or hazardous waste materials do not end up in our landfills. If any recyclable materials or prohibited waste are found within the clear bags, the bags will be refused or the Attendant will ask you to remove and properly sort the waste. One clear bag (for garbage) is included in your Cottage Kit. Clear bags are sold at many retail outlets around Haliburton County.

Blue Box Recycling

In Minden Hills, **blue box recycling is mandatory**. Our program is separated into two streams: fibres and containers. Recycling Depots are located at each of the Township waste management sites. See the Haliburton County Recycling Guide, included in your Cottage Kit, for list of what is and is not recyclable. To help you manage your recyclables, two clear recycling bags (for containers) and one sturdy paper bag (for fibres) are included in your Kit.



Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the dumping of waste anywhere except at an approved waste disposal site. This includes in the woods, along the side of the road, on private property, in someone else's dumpster without permission, or at the gate of a waste management site. Illegal dumping is costly to taxpayers and damaging to the environment. Incidents of illegal dumping are investigated by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

You are in Bear Country

Minden Hills is bear country and bears love garbage. But with careful management of your waste, you can reduce the chance of attracting bears to your property:

- Do not stockpile garbage. Take it to the landfill frequently.
- Keep meat scraps and cooked food waste in the freezer until you are ready to take it to the landfill.
- Store garbage in a bear-resistant container, secure shed or garage.
- Never put meat, bones, fish or dairy products in a compost bin.

For more information on what you can do to reduce the chance of attracting bears to your cottage, check out the [BearWise brochure](#) included in your Cottage Kit or visit the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Bear Wise website.

To report a bear problem, contact the MNR Bear Reporting Line at 1-866-514-2327, TTY 705-945-7641. In an immediate emergency, call 9-1-1.

Household Hazardous Waste

Minden Hills hosts five Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events each year, between the May long weekend and Thanksgiving. With the exception of the items listed below, **household hazardous waste materials can only be disposed of at HHW events**. Check our website for upcoming events and a list of what is and is not accepted.

The following items may also be deposited year-round at the Scotch Line landfill site:

- Household batteries – single-use/disposable and rechargeable
- Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- [Empty](#) aerosol cans
- Propane tanks – BBQ size and single-use/disposable cylinders — ask your Attendant where to place them.



Enjoy your stay in Minden Hills

