Cottage Closing Timeline

A schedule for a seasonal cleanout that does not rely on curbside pickup

Six weeks out

1. **Sort into three groups**
   Staying for next season, going home with you, and leaving for good.
2. **Walk every storage area**
   Include the boathouse and any outbuildings, not just the main cottage.
3. **Note anything hazardous**
   Flag propane, fuel, or old paint for a dedicated drop off rather than the bin.

Two weeks out

1. **Book hauling for your target weekend**
   Cottage country delivery windows fill up during peak closing season.
2. **Confirm delivery access**
   Measure the driveway or lane the delivery vehicle will actually use.
3. **Plan the loading order**
   Decide which pile goes in first before closing weekend arrives.

Closing weekend and after

1. **Load the leaving-for-good pile first**
   It is usually the bulkiest and benefits from going in early.
2. **Keep hazardous material separate**
   Take it to a dedicated drop off rather than the general bin.
3. **Confirm pickup before you leave**
   Check that hauling is actually scheduled, not just booked.

Sort early, book early, then load the biggest pile first.

binstoronto.ca/book-now/

This guide is general information, not professional advice. Requirements, products, and site conditions vary by property and change over time. Confirm the details that apply to your project with a qualified professional before you decide. Bins Toronto is not responsible for decisions made solely on the basis of this guide.