Deadline to choose waste collection carts is Tuesday

 Time is running out for residents to choose their new garbage and recycling carts.

Peel residents who receive curbside waste collection have the opportunity to choose the size of carts that work best for them ? but they only have until this coming Tuesday (March 31) to make up their minds.

?As of today more than 176,000 households have chosen or confirmed their carts,? commented public Works Commissioner Dan Labrecque Tuesday. ?That's more than 64 per cent of the affected residents, which is a phenomenal response. But we really want everyone to have a say, so we're encouraging all residents to choose their carts and remind their neighbours that the deadline is fast approaching.?

In January the Region launched a campaign to inform residents of the changes that are coming to waste collection services in 2016 and encourage them to choose carts that work best for their home. The garbage and recycling carts come in three sizes; small, medium and large. The organics cart comes in one size only. Those residents who do not choose their carts will receive the recommended default cart sizes that are determined based on housing style.

At peelregion.ca/carts residents can learn about the carts and bi-weekly waste collection and view an introductory video that takes them step-by-step through the upcoming changes. They can then enter their address, view the cart sizes recommended for their housing type, and make any necessary changes to the size of the recycling or garbage carts. Residents can also sign up to receive program updates such as when carts will be delivered and tips for storing their carts.

Bi-weekly, cart-based collection will start Jan. 4, 2016. Garbage and recycling will be picked up every other week (one week garbage, the next week recycling) but organics will continue to be picked up weekly; and residents will be required to use carts (rather than bags and bins) for their waste.

Carts will be delivered to residents' homes between September and December.