

### **2008 Residential Diversion Rates**

A total of 388,188 metric tonnes of residential waste was diverted from landfill during 2008 through such programs as the Blue Bin (formerly known as Blue Box Program), Green Bin, leaf/yardwaste and Christmas trees, backyard composting, Community Environment Days, household hazardous waste depots, grasscycling and large appliance/scrap metal pick-up. This is an increase in diversion of approximately 20,000 tonnes from 2007 and has resulted in an overall combined diversion rate of 44% in 2008, an improvement over the 2007 diversion rate of 42%.

The City's combined diversion rate factors in the diversion tonnage achieved by both single family homes and multi family buildings (those with more than nine units). In 2008, residents living in single family homes had a diversion rate of 59% and those living in multi family buildings achieved a rate of 15%. This 15% diversion rate is an improvement over the 2007 rate of 13% for multi family homes and has helped increase Toronto's overall diversion rate by 2% up to 44%. Congratulations and keep up the good effort everybody. Every little bit moves us forward to our committed goal of diverting 70% of waste from landfill by 2010.

The various diversion programs that make up the City's Plan, "Getting to 70% Waste Diversion by 2010" continue to be implemented across the City. These efforts allow Toronto to reduce dependence on landfill, thereby preserving the long term capacity of the Green Lane Landfill.