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City of Toronto and Home Hardware team up to sell recycling containers

Toronto residents who want to purchase new City recycling containers now have 37 additional ways to do it—an improvement in service likely to save them time, effort and frustration.

Home Hardware has signed a deal with the City, effective May 1, 2004, to be the sole supplier of five official curbside recycling and organic collection containers at their 37 city-based retail stores. Residents who previously wanted to buy new containers had to visit one of the City's 11 depots, with their often-inconvenient locations and hours of operation, or wait for an Environment Day.

“The City isn't in the retail business,” says Angelos Bacopoulos, General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, “but Home Hardware certainly is. That fundamental difference is what makes this deal so good for our residents. People will be able to find a Home Hardware store close by and ready to serve customers at times that are better suited to busy schedules. It's a partnership designed to make life—and recycling—a little easier for everyone. We are pleased that Home Hardware has chosen to express their commitment to the environment by carrying our containers, and we welcome them on board.”

A Canadian company, Home Hardware has built its reputation on its commitment to serving its many neighbourhoods with high-quality products and service.

“We have a long-established tradition of social responsibility,” says Ray Gabel, Vice President, Merchandise and Marketing—Hardlines. “Partnering with the City of Toronto as a one-stop shop for our customers' recycling containers is a unique role that allows us to integrate our social and environmental beliefs with our core business operations. We are proud to be part of the solution in terms of helping the City of Toronto meet its waste diversion goals.”

Residents will pay the same low amount for each of the five official containers as they have at City depots. The prices, inclusive of all taxes, are as follows:

- Blue box: \$6
- Grey box: \$6
- Yard waste bin: \$7
- Green bin: \$18 (sold only in Home Hardware stores in areas serviced by Green Bin collection, which is currently Etobicoke and Scarborough)
- Green bin kitchen container: \$5 (same as above)

Home Hardware is also the sole supplier of Yellow Bag bags and tags for the commercial sector.

Residents can still purchase containers from the City's 11 depots and at Environment Days. See www.toronto.ca/recycling for depot and Environment Day locations and hours.

Home Hardware will not replace lost or broken containers, or provide containers to residents who have just moved to Toronto. Residents must continue to visit one of the City's depots to obtain replacement or first-time bins.

More information at www.toronto.ca/recycling

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