

## **Parks, Forestry and Recreation Permit Guidelines: Waste Diversion**

The City of Toronto is strongly committed to diverting waste from landfill. As a permit holder, we ask that you do your part to **REDUCE**, **REUSE** and **RECYCLE** your waste when in our parks or recreation facilities.

Here are some guidelines for you to follow:

### **REDUCE**

- Avoid using products that are disposable, like single use plastic wrap or polystyrene containers.
- Reduce the amount of hazardous waste you use, e.g. paints, solvents, batteries. Remember to take home any hazardous waste you have brought with you, as it requires special disposal. For more information on disposal contact 311.
- Ensure that all handouts and flyers are printed double-sided.
- Use bulk containers (e.g. milk jugs) instead of single-serving ones (e.g. creamers)
- Reduce energy waste by turning off lights when the last person leaves the room.
- Use City of Toronto tap water where available, instead of drinking bottled water. Note that bottle water can no longer be sold or distributed in City of Toronto public squares or parks.

### **REUSE**

- Use re-usable containers to carry lunches or snacks instead of paper, foil, or plastic wrap.
- Serve food with reusable dishware and cutlery.
- Ask participants to bring their own reusable mug or water bottle for drinks.
- Reuse the back side of paper that has been printed on one side for notes or art activities.
- Reuse old bottles and jars to hold event supplies or art activities.

### **RECYCLE**

- You will see recycling bins, alongside litter bins, in our parks and facilities. Ensure your participants use these recycling bins to dispose of paper products, juice/milk cartons, metal cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic food tubs and bottles, yogurt containers, drink boxes, aluminium rigid trays and pie plates and cardboard. For details on what else can be recycled see: <http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/single/calendars/pdf/info.pdf>
- Take your leftover picnic food scraps or your pet's waste home and compost them in your green bin, where feasible.
- Carry out any recyclable items you carry in where recycling facilities don't exist and dispose of them in the blue box at home.