



Waste Diversion Task Force 2010



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Working towards a 'made in Toronto' solution for waste diversion

We need your help!

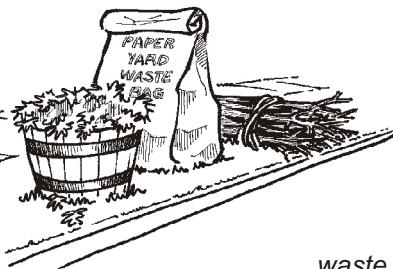
A message from Co-chairs, Mayor Mel Lastman and Councillor Betty Disero

We are very pleased to announce the newly formed Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 comprised of all Toronto City Councillors. Charged with finding a 'made in Toronto' solution for waste diversion, the Task Force will consult with Toronto residents, environmental organizations and industry, as well as hold open discussions with senior levels of government and the private sector. We expect to recommend a comprehensive waste diversion plan to Toronto City Council by June 2001. The goal of Task Force 2010 is 30% diversion by 2003, 60% by 2006 and 100% by 2010.

Have your say! Help us find the best solutions - here's how to get involved:

- Attend one of our Open Houses (see reverse for a list of dates and meeting locations)
 - Call, fax, e-mail or mail us your comments: Tel: 416-397-7777 1-800-465-4056
- TTY: 416-397-0831 Fax: 416-392-2974 E-mail: taskforce2010@city.toronto.on.ca
- Mailing address: Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 (Att. Nancy Martins)
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Spring forward: Garbage down ↓ Diversion up ↑



Kraft paper yard waste bags

We're making the switch to kraft paper bags or rigid open-top containers for yard

waste to improve compost

quality and reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal. When weekly yard waste collection begins April 1, 2001, clear plastic bags will no longer be accepted in our yard waste program. Kraft bags are biodegradable, they decompose with the compost. They're strong, easy to use, hold a lot and stand up in wet weather.

No more contamination and litter from plastic bags means we can reduce operational costs, landfill less and offer you a much better quality compost.

For more benefits about kraft paper yard waste bags:
www.city.toronto.on.ca/compost/faq.htm

Grasscycling

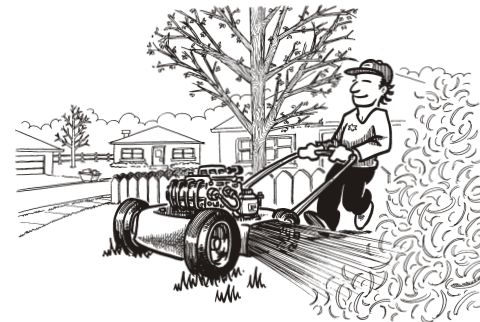
The City has always encouraged residents to "grasscycle" (leave grass clippings on the lawn), use them as mulch or compost them in their backyard bin.

By not raking and bagging you save 30 minutes per mowing. Clippings reduce the need for fertilizer by 30%, recycling nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus back to the soil to build a deep, healthy root system. Being 90% water, clippings return moisture to your lawn reducing your water bill. Plus, grasscycling conserves landfill space.

That's why, this past January, it was a natural choice for Toronto Council to vote to stop collecting grass clippings from garbage collection beginning April 1, 2001.

Collection crews still pick up leaves, brush, and other yard waste for composting by the City.

For more information, call the Lawn Improvement Helpline at 416-397-LAWN (5296) or visit this City web site:
www.city.toronto.on.ca/compost



for your "blue"



Beginning March 1, 2001, residents will be able to place empty paint cans, empty aerosol cans, drink boxes and milk and juice cartons in their Blue Boxes. In addition, we're telling residents to put all plastic bottles and jugs in their Blue Boxes so the City can capture more of the marketable plastics for recycling (previously, we asked only for bottles and jugs marked with a 1 or a 2). A communications plan, including advertising, will inform residents of these additions to Toronto's Recycling Program.



Solid Waste Management Services

Please turn over...
Share with a friend and recycle.

For further information about Task Force 2010, visit the City's web site at www.city.toronto.on.ca/taskforce2010