



Waste Diversion Task Force 2010



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

March 2001

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

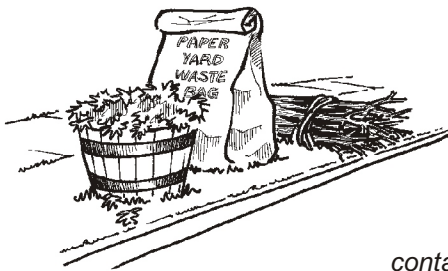
Mailing address:

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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

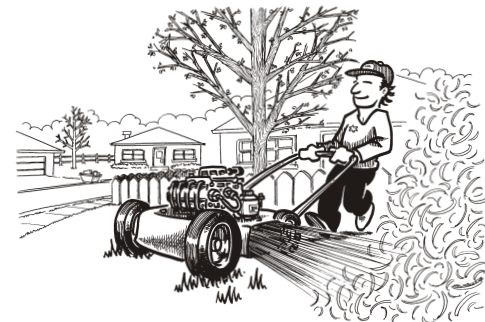
improve compost quality and reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal. When weekly yard waste collection begins April 1, 2001, clear plastic bags will no longer be accepted in our yard waste program. Kraft bags are biodegradable, they decompose with the compost. They're strong, easy to use, hold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

A communications plan, including advertising, will inform residents of these additions to Toronto's Recycling Program.



Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Open Houses

Previously, the City hosted Open Houses at various locations in other wards across the City.

The meetings are listed according to Ward/Community locations for your convenience, however residents may attend any of these meetings.

The following list provides you with information about the remainder of the scheduled meetings:

Date	Location	TTC Directions	Wards
EAST			
Wed. April 4 7-9 p.m.	L'Amoreaux Community Centre 2000 McNicoll Ave at Kennedy Park Lane Room	subway to Finch, Cummer 42B bus, or subway to Kennedy 43 bus	39,40, 41,42
SOUTHWEST			
Tues. April 10 7-9 p.m.	Masaryk-Cowan Community Centre 220 Cowan Ave, just south of Queen St Lobby Room	Queen 501 streetcar	14, 18
Thurs. April 19 7-9 p.m.	Annette Recreation Centre 333 Annette St at Evelyn Ave Games Room	Subway to Jane, then Dupont 26 bus (travels on Annette St)	13
DOWNTOWN			
Tues. March 27 7-9 p.m.	Toronto City Hall 100 Queen St. W at Bay St Committee Room 2	subway to Queen or Osgoode, walk to Bay St	19,20, 27,28
Wed. March 28 7-9 p.m.	East York Civic Centre 850 Coxwell Ave at Mortimer Council Chambers	subway to Coxwell, O'Connor 70 bus north to Mortimer	29,30, 31,32
MIDTOWN			
Thurs. March 29 7-9 p.m.	Broadlands Community Centre 19 Castlegrove Blvd (3 blocks north of Lawrence Ave E on Underhill Dr, east on Broadlands Blvd to Castlegrove Blvd) Auditorium	LRT to Lawrence East, 54 West bus to Underhill, or subway to Woodbine, 91 north bus to Broadlands	25,26, 34
Mon. April 2 7-9 p.m.	North Toronto Memorial Community Centre 200 Eglinton Ave W just west of Yonge Committee Room	subway to Eglinton, walk west 2 blocks	16,21, 22
Think-Tank Meeting (wrap-up event in April) Date, time and location to be announced			

If you have any questions about the Open House meetings, please call the City's Comment Line at 416-397-7777.
For a copy of the Waste Diversion Framework, please call 416-392-7011.

Let's keep our city clean!

Take some time on Saturday, May 12th to pitch in and help clean up a small, public part of your neighbourhood.

Anyone can participate. Homeowners, tenants, businesses, community groups and clubs can all contribute. Clean up a neglected lane-way or rake a small patch of a park.

Staff from the City's Works and Emergency Services Department will schedule special pick-ups to haul any garbage and recyclables away.

Call 416-392-9808 for more information on how to become involved in the community clean-up day. The deadline for sign-up is Tuesday, May 4th.

Community Clean-up Day is part of an overall campaign to reduce litter and keep our city clean.

