

Residences of the World Trade Centre

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Green Bin Programme

The next phase of the City of Toronto's waste reduction programme will be coming to the Residences of the World Trade Centre in late summer or early fall. This phase is the green bin programme which will allow residents to remove organics from the waste stream. You will be able to place organic items such as fruit and vegetable scraps, paper towels, coffee grounds, meat and fish products, pasta, bread and cereal, dairy products and egg shells, cakes, cookies and candy, diapers and sanitary products, animal waste and house plants including soil into the green bin. The City

will be providing all residents with a small kitchen container which will be placed under the kitchen sink or in some other convenient location for easy disposal of organic waste. You may place organic waste in plastic bags. The organics will be separated from the plastic bags at the City's sorting centre.

The Green Bin Programme was initiated in 2002. Since then the programme has expanded from Etobicoke to Scarborough, East York, York and North York. Single family homes were the first participants in this programme which currently reaches over

510,000 homes. Now comes the challenge of rolling out this programme to multi-residential buildings. We are currently working on the logistics of this initiative following a recycling audit of the site. We want to make recycling easy and convenient for our residents.

On the back page of this newsletter is a copy of the Green Bin Poster which will assist you with the appropriate placement of items into your kitchen container. Please keep this poster handy and participate fully in this programme when it begins.

Special points of interest:

- Recycling...How are we doing?
- Construction Waste...in a word...No.

The City of Toronto Waste Reduction Levy

Did you know that apartments and condominiums only recycle **13%** of waste? Did you know that the condominium corporations are now required to pay what is known as a waste reduction levy based upon how much garbage is set out by residents?

The greater the amount of garbage that the condominiums place out for collection, the higher the levy will be

Currently, our output has been designated "extra large" and that is not good news!

Our goal is to **eliminate** the waste levy which has been budgeted at \$54,552.00 at RWTC. As the old saying goes, "Go big or go home."

All residents need to participate fully in our recycling initiatives to achieve this goal.



STOP! Is what you are tossing down the garbage chute recyclable? Separating recyclable material from garbage will save you money.

Hazardous Waste

What is household hazardous waste?

Paints, pesticides, propane tanks, batteries, syringes, used motor oil and many cleaning products are just some examples of what constitutes hazardous waste. These items contain toxic ingredients and should be used and disposed of with caution.

Household hazardous wastes include those that are: (1) Corrosive such as car battery acid and drain cleaners that

will eat away at material and injure skin. (2) Flammable such as lighter fluid, turpentine and gasoline that can ignite. (3) Explosive such as aerosol containers that may explode if incinerated or stored above 50 degrees Celsius. (4) Poisonous such as cleaning fluids, pesticides and medicines that can be poisonous or even lethal, even in small quantities, to adults, children and pets. (5) Fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps require proper disposal as they contain small amounts of

mercury. You may safely dispose of fluorescent tube and compact fluorescent bulbs by placing them in the special containers located in the Recycling Rooms. (6) Syringes and needles cannot be collected with regular garbage. Please do not place them in garbage bags or with your recycling. On your behalf, our staff will take all hazardous waste to the Waste Depot.



Recycling of Clothing, Shoes, Linens and Soft Toys...

Do you have old clothing and shoes that you and your family never use? Now you can donate old clothing, shoes, purses, linens and soft toys right here at the Residences of the World Trade Centre.

Please put your clothes and shoes in a closed plastic bag and deposit them into the yellow boxes in the Recycling Rooms.

With respect to larger items, you may wish to consider donating old furniture to some of the Women's Shelters in the City of Toronto.

There are also a number of used furniture stores that may accept your furniture on consignment. Please check the Yellow Pages.



No Junk Mail Please

Are you tired of receiving junk mail which you deposit directly into the recycling bin? Would you like to get rid of junk mail once and for all?

We have deposited form letters at the Concierge Desks which we ask that you complete and which we will forward on your behalf to Canada Post's Consumer Choice Programme. This

programme allows you to opt out of the receipt of all unaddressed mail distribution. You will be issued a sticker for your mailbox which simply states "No Junk Mail Please."

Please place the sticker on the rear edge of your mailbox with the signature facing into the Mailroom. That's it!



Our Recycling Audit

Recently, the Corporations retained the services of Spinnaker Recycling Corporation to audit the site and prepare recommendations on how to reduce the Waste Reduction Levy at the Residences of the World Trade Centre.

The audit involved a thorough inspection of the site and the preparation of a report with high priority items for the Corporations to undertake. There are six high priority action items in the audit as follows:

(1) The City of Toronto has decided to phase out all rear end loaded garbage and recycling containers by the end of May 2009. As a result, the Corporations will need to purchase five 4 cubic yard front loading bins at an estimated cost of \$7,000.00. (2) The Corporations will need to install appropriate containers in common areas to facilitate recycling and diversion and the new recycling containers will need

To be consistent throughout the condominium complex with posted signage. Waste receptacles will be removed where they are no longer required. The new recycling containers will be installed in the Courtyard as well as within the towers because you the residents of the World Trade Centre are paying for the pick up of waste throughout the Courtyard area. We will attempt to partner with our commercial neighbours to share the costs of the new tri-sorting recycling bins that we envision replacing the garbage containers. (3) We will be required to “market” our recycling programmes. This will be done via newsletters such as the one you are currently reading, via our website, via notice, via electronic notice boards where applicable and in any other way that is possible. Why? We need all residents to participate in the implementation of our programmes. (4) We will be identifying the bins for billing

Purposes. We cannot manage what we cannot measure! (5) The Corporations will not pay for the collection of commercial waste going forward. The commercial waste will be kept separate from the residential waste. (6) A concerted effort will be made to ensure that containers are not switched from the compactor until they are completely full.

We have discovered that the present participation rate in our recycling programmes will need to increase by 10% in order for our current rate of garbage collection which is classified “extra large” to be brought down to the next lowest category which is designated “large.” With that reduction, we can lower the waste levy by \$21,000.00! This can be done with little effort.

So... if you aren't recycling, you are literally tossing money down the chute in the Refuse Room.

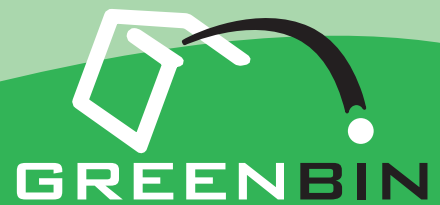
Please separate your garbage from recyclables.

Please participate in our recycling initiatives.

We have ordered recycling bags to facilitate recycling for all of our residents. Watch for notices as to how to get your free recycling bag.



What goes in the green bin?



YES



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Meat and fish products



Pasta, bread and cereal



Dairy products and egg shells



Coffee grounds/filters and tea bags



Soiled paper towels and tissues



Soiled paper food packaging – ice cream boxes, sugar and flour bags



Cake, cookies and candy



Diapers and sanitary products



House plants, including soil



Animal waste, bedding and kitty litter

NO



Plastic – wrapping, containers, trays and milk bags



Dryer lint/sheets



Styrofoam and meat tray liners



Hair, pet fur and feathers



Fireplace or BBQ ashes



Wood scraps



Vacuum bags and contents



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Call 416-338-2010

www.toronto.ca/greenbin

The green bin made easy...

1. Store or mount your indoor container in a convenient location.
2. Line your indoor or outdoor green bin with a plastic bag. Please line one or the other – not both. A special bag is not required for either collection container. Do not include any other plastic (e.g. wrapping, containers and milk bags).
3. Empty the contents of your indoor kitchen container (plastic bag included) into your outdoor green bin.
4. Place your green bin at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
5. Wash both bins with soap and water. Do not put your indoor container in the dishwasher.
6. Place your overflow green bin material in a see-through plastic bag beside your bin, or buy a second bin. We recommend that you put non-food waste (e.g. tissues, diapers, animal waste) in the see-through overflow plastic bag.



YOU CAN recycle your

Clothes and Shoes

in the building!



Do you have clothes and shoes that you and your family never use?

Now you can donate it here in the building!

Please put your clothes and shoes in **closed PLASTIC BAGS** and deposit them in the yellow donation bin.

You can donate:

Clothes, shoes, bags, purses, linen and soft toys.

For more information ask the Management



www.planetaid-canada.org

TORONTO RECYCLES

GO AHEAD! Mix containers (e.g. bottles and cans) and paper products together in your Blue Bin.

Rinse all containers to remove residue.

Cardboard cans

such as refrigerated dough, frozen juice, chip, nut, powdered drink mix and powdered cleanser containers. Put loose metal end inside cardboard can and pinch closed. Discard plastic pull-off strip and/or peel-off seal.

Plastic food jars, tubs & lids

such as margarine, yogurt, ice cream, cottage cheese and sour cream containers.

Plastic bottles & jugs with lids securely fastened.

Milk/Juice cartons.

Empty paint cans & lids.
Lids must be separated from the can.

Metal cans.

Put lid inside can and pinch closed.

Glass bottles & jars.

Remove and discard lids.

Rigid aluminum trays, pie plates & roasting pans.

Drink boxes.

Remove and discard straws.

Corrugated cardboard.

Clean, unwaxed, flattened and placed in bin.



Plastic grocery & retail bags

without drawstrings, metal detailing or hard plastic handles. Remove receipts and put bags in one bag and tie handles closed.

Foam polystyrene

such as protective packaging, meat trays, takeout food containers, plates, egg cartons and coffee cups.

Household paper.

Includes junk mail, writing paper, computer paper, flyers and envelopes. Shredded paper – put in clear plastic bag and tie closed.

Paper gift wrap & cards.

Remove ribbons and bows.

Paper egg cartons, rolls & bags.

Empty aerosol cans.

Remove and discard lids.

Boxboard boxes

such as cardboard, cereal, tissue and detergent boxes. Remove liners, plastic windows and flatten boxes.

Newspapers & telephone directories.

Magazines, catalogues & books.



hazardous waste:

gas cylinders, batteries (Must not be put in garbage. Take to Drop-off Depot.)

plastic: toys, make-up jars, caulking tubes, food storage containers, pails with metal handles, motor oil jugs, plant trays, flower pots, CD/DVD cases, plates, glasses, cutlery, packing peanuts (i.e. popcorn)

plastic (clear): egg cartons, fruit and vegetable containers, takeout food containers, molded bakery item trays

plastic (bags/wrap): plastic over wrap (on pop cartons, water bottles, toilet paper, etc.), bags holding flyers, dry cleaning, milk (outer and inner), produce, bread, sandwich and plastic food wrap

glass: drinking glasses, dishes, cups, crystal, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pottery, pots and pans, make-up jars

metal: coat hangers, pots

aluminum: foil food wrap, potato chip bags, metallic gift wrap

fibres: tissues, waxed paper, foil gift wrap, waxed cardboard

Note: Some of these items can be recycled at a Drop-off Depot or a Community Environment Day event.

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