

Waste collection & you

Waste Diversion

Newsletter

Winter 2020



Keep calm and recycle on, Kingston!

Recent news about recycling in Canada and globally has sounded grim, but do not stop recycling! Recyclable materials are NOT being landfilled from the City's recycling processing plant. The City continues to maintain North American buyers for the majority of recyclables. Some common products that are created from recycled materials include: fibreglass from glass, brown paper towels from mixed paper and boxboard, receipt cores from Styrofoam, and polyester shirts from plastic water bottles and clam shells. Residents' sorting their recyclables in the proper boxes contributes to higher-quality products that can be sold to North American buyers, so keep calm and recycle on!

Wondering where to send your clothes and other textiles?

Donate your old clothes, curtains, sheets, towels, rags, etc. to give them a second life! Drop off your textiles in one of the bins located at the Kingston Area Recycling Centre, 196 Lappan's Lane, or at one of

several community organizations and thrift stores that accept textile donations. Visit otdc.co for more information on clothing and textile diversion.

Feel bad about throwing in that ripped tee or the sock with the hole in it? Don't! These organizations take items in good condition and resell them, while the rest can be turned into rags, insulation or sound dampening material by textile recyclers!

Don't forget about changes in your collection schedule

Your waste collection schedule will be affected by the following holiday.

 **Family Day** - February 17.

View your collection schedule by downloading the "Kingston Waste" app or by visiting CityofKingston.ca/Collection.

Have questions? Please contact customer service at 613-546-0000 or contactus@cityofkingston.ca.

Stop before you shop! Consider ways to reduce waste

What is better than recycling and composting?

Answer: Creating no waste at all. Reducing any and all wastes that need disposal, recycling or composting is always the best method – that’s why it’s Reduce, Reuse and then...Recycle.

We all know landfilling is bad for the environment. But managing recyclables and compostables takes energy too! Reducing all waste – even waste that gets recycled or composted affects the environment and contributes to climate change. So let’s use the first R-Reduce as much as possible, all the time! **Reduce your waste generation by shopping smart and consider the following purchasing strategies:**



Buy products with minimal to no packaging; favour recyclable or compostable packaging when it is available.



Bring reusable shopping and produce bags. Tip! Keep them in a purse or vehicle to avoid forgetting them!



Avoid purchasing new items. Learn to fix what you already own – YouTube offers great how-to videos to help you make repairs. Borrow

and rent, or get the items you need second hand.



Ditch single-use items (e.g. disposable plates, straws, plastic bags and cutlery, etc.) by investing in durable high-quality goods that can be reused. These will last longer and reduce the volume of items sent to landfill. They may even save you money in the long run!



Find fun recipes online for items in your fridge that are nearing expiry or best before dates.

Show us how YOU reduce your waste this winter by sharing your tips at #WasteNotYGK.

What can I put in my green bin?

Did you know that greasy pizza boxes, used tissues, dryer lint and microwavable popcorn bags all go in your green bin? Soiled paper products are accepted as part of the green bin program and are composted to produce rich soil.

Unsure of where your item goes?

Find it on the Waste Lookup tool at CityofKingston.ca/WasteLookup or on the “Kingston Waste” app.



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