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Exciting News about E-Waste!

Electronic waste, also known as e-waste, is filling up our landfills at an alarming rate. In our high-tech, high-speed world e-waste is the largest growing component of garbage. Environment Canada estimated that in 2003 over 140,000 tonnes of computer equipment, phones, TVs, stereos and small home appliances were ending up in municipal landfills across the country. The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre is pleased to announce that we are now able to accept certain types of electronics for recycling! Residents from Petawawa, Pembroke, Laurentian Valley, North Algona Wilberforce and Ward 3 Bonnechere Valley can drop off Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) materials including computer monitors, CPUs, laptops, printers, keyboards, mice, and TVs less than 40" in size at the OVWRC's Hazardous or Special Waste Depot free of charge. [Click here](#) for a complete list of the e-waste currently accepted. Businesses can also drop off their e-waste free of charge; however we require 24 hour notice for quantities greater than 10 units. Instead of taking up precious landfill space, the steel, glass, copper, aluminum, plastics and precious metals in your unwanted electronics can be recovered and reused to make new products. Together, WEEE can "walk lightly on the environment".

Hazardous or Special Waste Mobile Event

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre's next Hazardous or Special Waste (HSW) Mobile Event is being held June 20th, in the KI parking lot in Pembroke. From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain or shine, residents of Petawawa, Pembroke, Laurentian Valley, North Algona Wilberforce and Ward 3 Bonnechere Valley can dispose of hazardous waste including old paint, batteries, and propane tanks, free of charge. Commercial and Industrial Waste and flares, bullets and explosives are not accepted. [Click here](#) for more information, including a list of acceptable materials and the dates of future HSW Mobile Events.

Facebook Page

OVWRC's mascots, Toby the Triple R Can, Blue Box Betty, and Curby the Green Cart invite you to join them on facebook! Toby, Betty and Curby have a new facebook page and are looking for clever recyclers and loyal composters to add to their list of friends. Friends of the mascots can look at photos of them out and about in the community, post ideas about how to "walk lightly on the environment", and stay informed on the latest OVWRC events. Type ovwrcmascots@hotmail.com in the facebook friend finder engine, or send us an email at info@ovwrc.com with "facebook" in the subject heading to become a friend.

Do You Know Where it Goes?

Some materials make us think twice before we throw them away. Is it recyclable? Can it be composted? Or is it garbage?

Garden Soil Bags

June is a busy time for gardeners. But where do the empty plastic soil bags go? Unfortunately, the plastic in these bags is not recyclable and they must go in the garbage.

Flower Pots

The small green and black flower pots that your garden plants come in are garbage. Although they are made of plastic, they are not recyclable. Before throwing your flower pots away, you may want to consider contacting a local high school greenhouse program or horticulture society to see if they could reuse them.

Re-Use It!

With the beautiful summer weather comes weekly lawn mowing. Did you know that you can re-use your grass clippings? Grasscycling is the natural recycling of grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn after mowing. Nutrients and moisture are returned to the soil as clippings decompose. [Click here](#) for tips on how to grasscycle.

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