



## Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre

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### ***The Hot and Cold of It How to Properly Dispose of Wood Stove Ashes***

**Pembroke, ON:** Even though the ashes you've cleaned out of your wood stove may look like they've cooled off there is a good chance there may still be some burning embers. And if not properly disposed of, hot ashes can cause significant damage.

Hot ashes have been know to melt green carts, set garbage collection trucks on fire and even cause significant property damage.

For the safety of yourself and others please dispose of cold ashes in the regular garbage. Ashes must be in a combustible container, like a plastic garbage bag, to ensure the ashes are completely cooled.

**“We ask that residents not dispose of ashes in the green cart for two reasons.”** States Sue Campbell, General Manager of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre. **“Ashes which are not completely cooled may cause damage to your green cart. We have seen a number of melted plastic carts recently. Secondly, when the green cart material is brought to the Centre for Composting and tipped onto our processing floor, the ashes become air borne resulting in possible safety issues related to air quality for our processing staff.”**

Residents can check the collection schedule for their garbage collection day and more information on disposing of ashes.

For more information, please contact Sue Campbell, General Manager, 613-735-7537, ext. 214.

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