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Tire Recycling

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre has been able to make some changes to our Tire Recycling Program. **Effective September 1st, 2009, residents and businesses within our partner municipalities can bring up to 9 tires per day for disposal at the Centre FREE OF CHARGE. For 10 or more tires the current tipping fee of \$375 per tonne (first 40 kgs FREE) will apply.** Also, you will no longer be required to keep different size tires and tires with rims or without rims separate - so it is now easier than ever to recycle your tires. We are able to introduce these changes thanks to Ontario Tire Stewardship's (OTS) new provincial Used Tire Program which is being officially launched September 1st, 2009. For more information on OTS and the provincial scrap tire initiative, visit www.ontariots.ca.

Litterless lunches

Did you know that children who bring a disposable lunch to school can generate up to 67lbs of waste annually?ⁱ While it may not seem like much at the time, all those disposable lunch wrappers, juice boxes and sandwich bags do add up. Also, litterless lunches aren't just for the kids! Parents can "green" the lunches they bring to work too. Litterless lunches are an easy way the whole family can "work together to walk lightly on the environment". Below are some tips on how to prepare a quick and easy litterless lunch. For more on the importance of litterless lunches visit www.wastefreelunches.org.

- Pack lunches in a reusable lunch box or bag – no more "brown-bagging it"
- Pack sandwiches, leftovers, etc., in reusable containers instead of non-recyclable plastic wrap, aluminum foil and Ziploc bags
- Include a drink in a reusable drink container (metal water bottle, BPA-free plastic bottle)
- Replace disposable cutlery with reusable cutlery
- Include cloth napkins instead of paper napkins
- Label all of your reusable containers, cutlery and napkins before they leave the house
- Buy in bulk to reduce cost and packaging
- Separate bulk snacks like trail-mix into individual sized serving reusable containers

"Walk Lightly on the Environment" Day!!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 3rd, the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre will be officially launching its new electronics recycling program, as well as offer residents a chance to SWAP YOUR BLUE BOX. From 7:30 am to 4:00 pm visitors can:

- Drop off select electronics for recycling FREE OF CHARGE (*computers, CPUs, lap tops, monitors, TVs less than 40", closed circuit displays, keyboards, mice, cables, drivers, printers*)
- Bring in a broken or damaged blue box in exchange for a new one (one per family, first 250 families, partner municipalities only)
- Purchase a rain barrel (\$60) or backyard composter (\$45) – Cash Only Sales
- Tour the OVWRC's waste management facilities
- Purchase some compost
- Enjoy Kid's Activities, Light Refreshments, and a Display by *EcoPulse: Renfrew County's Youth for the Environment*

See you there!

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?

Bubble wrap

Bubble wrap is GARBAGE. Although bubble wrap cannot be recycled, it can be reused. Next time you come across the puffy packing material, resist the temptation to pop all of the bubbles and reuse the wrap to protect any fragile items you wish to send in the mail.

Foil snack food wrappers

All foil snack food packages, including chip bags and granola bar and candy wrappers, are GARBAGE. To reduce the amount of waste you create, try purchasing snacks with less packaging or whose packaging can be recycled - like chips in cardboard cans.

Reuse It!

Don't throw out your used dryer sheets – reuse them! Freshly scented dryer sheets can be reused in a number of different ways. You can wrap used sheets around hangers to freshen up your closet or put them in your gym or hockey bag to keep your equipment smelling clean. Used dryer sheets are also great for dusting around the house.

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