



“Walk Lightly on the Environment” Day a Great Success!

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre’s (OVWRC) first ever “Walk Lightly on the Environment” Day, held October 3rd, was a huge hit! We’d like to thank everyone who helped make the day such a great success. Close to 200 people took advantage of the sunny weather and came out to visit the Centre. Visitors went on tours of our composting and recycling facilities and state of the art leachate treatment facility, dropped off e-waste free of charge for recycling, swapped their broken blue boxes for new ones, purchased compost, bought backyard composters and rain barrels, witnessed the signing of the Centre’s new Inter-Municipal Agreement, and participated in kids activities all the while enjoying free refreshments, timbits and local apples. Click here to see our E-Day photo gallery.

Waste Reduction Week

Canada’s 9th annual “Waste Reduction Week” will take place this year from October 19th to the 25th. The theme of Waste Reduction Week is “Too Good to Waste”, and the goal of this national campaign is to inform Canadians of all ages about the environmental and social ramifications of wasteful practices. The Waste Reduction Week Canada website is a great resource for individuals, schools and businesses looking for ways to shrink their ecological footprint through waste reduction. Visit www.wrwcana.com for green tips and suggestions. The OVWRC will be celebrating Waste Reduction Week by setting up a display at the Pembroke Mall, as well as running our annual “Walk Lightly on the Environment” Contest open to schools within our partner municipalities. Click here for more information on our 2009 “Walk Lightly on the Environment” Contest.

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?

Printer Cartridges

Empty printer cartridges can be recycled – but should NOT be placed in your Yellow Container or Blue Box. Instead, bring your empty printer cartridges to conveniently located cartridge drop-off boxes in office supply stores like Staples or Runges.

Candy Wrappers

Snickers and Mars Bars and Comets, oh my! Halloween is a scary time for us recyclers. This is because the small, individual candy wrappers that are so common during Halloween are GARBAGE. Small chip and cookie bags are also GARBAGE. A better option for waste reduction would be to purchase candy in small recyclable cardboard boxes (think Smarties or raisins) for your “trick or treaters”.

Re-Use It!

The OVWRC is pleased to be able to offer our community the opportunity to purchase rain barrels with which to “contain your rain” for reuse. Rain barrels can be purchased from the Centre for \$60.00, cash sales only.

Rain water can be reused for a number of purposes. The naturally softened rain water contained in rain barrels can be used to water indoor and outdoor plants, or to wash cars, windows and even house siding. Reusing rain water is an easy and important way to conserve water and “walk lightly on the environment”. Residential irrigation can account for up to 40% of water usage in any given municipality. To download the OVWRC rain barrel flyer, click here.

A Parting Note

This is the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre’s last e-newsletter until the New Year. We wish you all a very safe and happy couple of months. See you in 2010!