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2007 Tonnage Numbers

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre is pleased to announce that our partner municipalities are choosing to “walk lightly on the environment” by practicing to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost! 2007 saw significant increases in the amount of material set-out for recycling and composting. Revenue generated from the sale of recyclables in 2007 was \$876,000. That's \$265,000 more than in 2006. Revenues for 2008 are expected to reach \$1 million.

What does it take to generate \$876,000 in revenue? A lot of paper and container recyclables. In fact, the Centre received and processed 4,228 tonnes of paper recyclables and 1,840 tonnes of container recyclables in 2007. That is an increase of over 300 tonnes from 2006.

The Centre's Organics Facility processed over 4,439 tonnes of organic material consisting of food and leaf & yard waste; and recently received approval from the Ministry of Environment to amend our Provincial Operating License to allow us to receive up to 6,000 tonnes of organic material yearly.

The Centre also received almost 3,000 tonnes of bulky C&D materials including wood, shingles, brush and drywall (an increase of 600 tonnes from 2006) saving significant landfill space.

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?

Dog & Cat Food Bags

Dog & Cat Food Bags are **not recyclable** and must be placed in regular garbage.

Empty Aerosol Cans

Empty Aerosol Cans such as: spray paint, hairspray, room deodorizer, cooking spray, etc. can be placed in the Yellow Triple R Can along with other **Container Recyclables**.

Please Note: Aerosol Cans with product remaining are hazardous waste and must be brought to the [HSW Depot](#) for proper disposal.

LCBO BAG IT BACK Program

The LCBO is celebrating its 1st year anniversary with the [Bag it Back Program](#). The Ontario Deposit Return Program introduced in February 2007 is on track for meeting all of its goals in the first year. Nearly 200 million wine and spirit containers have been diverted from Ontario landfills. Containers that are brought back to the Beer Store are being processed to their highest possible end use, saving both landfill space and reducing the amount of energy needed to create new products. Although these containers are acceptable with your container recycling, the OVWRC encourages you to [Bag It Back](#) to the Beer Store to receive your refund.

Battery Recovery Program

Household Batteries...we use them daily in: remote controls, watches, clocks, cameras and children's toys and don't think much about it until they stop working and need to be replaced. A lot of people just toss them into regular garbage and don't give it another thought, but the damage that these household batteries can do to the environment over the course of time is immense.

So do you know the proper way to dispose of old batteries? The OVWRC accepts household batteries at the [HSW Depot](#) or at HSW Mobile Events; but we are going a step further and working with our partner municipalities to setup a Battery Recovery Program to begin this Spring. Central drop-off bins for household batteries will be placed in various Municipal facilities such as offices and libraries for more convenient disposal. Also, at our [HSW Mobile Events](#) in 2008 we will be giving-away Mini Battery Containers to residents for collecting old batteries until you can bring them to the HSW Depot or to one of the Central Drop-off Bins for proper disposal.

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