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Fall “Bulky Item” Clean-Up

Getting ready to do some Fall clean-up around your house? Just a reminder that *Petawawa, Pembroke & Laurentian Valley* offer a Bulky Item Pick-Up that provides residents with curbside collection of large household items such as: appliances, mattresses, furniture, carpets, computers, tvs, etc. Please refer to your 2007/08 Collection Schedule for a complete list of acceptable items, size and weight restrictions or check our website at www.ovwrc.com. Your collection schedule also has the dates of bulky item pick-up for your area. Items that are NOT acceptable for the Bulky Item Pick-Up include household hazardous waste (see below for how to dispose of these items), construction, renovation and demolition material, leaf and yard waste, propane tanks, tires or regular garbage. [Click here](#) for specific pick-up dates and times for your location.

The OVWRC’s New Demonstration Garden

This summer OVWRC staff members worked very hard to create our new environmentally friendly Demonstration Garden in front of the Administration Building. The garden pathway is made up of hundreds of “crumbed” recycled tires which are 100% metal free. Recycling tires saves large amounts of landfill space. Our garden bed is covered with Riverstone, a natural by-product of local gravel quarries. This durable and long lasting stone mulch is an environmentally sustainable way of controlling weeds. Our garden is also “[Xeriscape](#)” designed which refers to the conservation of water through creative landscaping - all our plants in the demonstration garden are drought resistant, eliminating the need to water. Our garden also contains a 100% recycled plastic bench and “Gerome the Garden Gnome” who was made of scrap metal by the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club. We are very proud of our achievements in the garden and we look forward to using it as a tool for educating student groups. [Click here](#) to see photos of our garden.

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?

Yogurt Containers

We have great news! Now many individual plastic yogurt containers have the recycling symbol on them and can be included in your container recycling. Remember to always check for the recycling symbol.

Lottery Tickets

Assuming you didn’t get the winning numbers, where does your unlucky lottery ticket go? Well, if it is a scratch type ticket it should go in the garbage. However, if it is the ‘tear away’ type of ticket it can go in your blue box for paper recycling. Remember to check if it is a winning ticket first!

Got Hazardous Waste?

Don’t worry if you missed our mobile hazardous waste event in your area. You can still bring any hazardous or special waste to the OVWRC to be disposed of free of charge during our regular operating hours. For information on the Centre’s location and hours [click here](#).