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Sorting It Out

Learn how to save money on your garbage disposal fees

Pembroke, ON: Landfill space is precious in many communities throughout Ontario, including our own. In order to save valuable landfill space the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre is implementing a two tiered tipping fee. Effective, May 1st landfill loads that contain recyclables, organics or construction and demolition material will be charged at \$100 which is \$30 more than the regular landfill fee of \$70 per tonne.

“Since the Centre opened in January 2002 we have encouraged local commercial operations to implement diversion programs that help keep valuable recyclables out of the landfill.” Comments Steve Bennett, Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Chairman. **“To encourage more recycling within the commercial sector we are raising tipping fees on loads that are not sorted. If they are required to pay more, they will see the value in implementing a diversion program.”**

A two-tiered tipping fee is practiced in many Municipalities throughout Canada. Often, the fee for unsorted loads is actually much higher.

“In speaking with Municipal colleagues, many charge up to twice the base landfill tipping fee for unsorted loads.” Comments Sue Campbell, General Manager of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre. **“At this time we will be introducing a differential tipping fee that is \$30 above the base landfill tip fee. We are hoping this will encourage more businesses to separate recyclables, organics and construction and demolition materials. We will continue to evaluate whether this rate provides sufficient incentive to encourage waste separation.”**

Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre staff are available to help commercial operators implement diversion programs. They assist with the planning, training and implementation of waste diversion programs at no charge.

“We have been providing assistance to the commercial sector since the Centre opened.” States Elizabeth Graham, Communications Supervisor. **“We’ll give them information on the proper waste diversion tools, show them how to set-up a program and how it can lower their tipping fee costs.”**

Some options for the commercial sector include bi-weekly curbside collection thru the residential program, a cart based collection program with more frequent collection options or for larger generators, divided or separated bulk bins dedicated to specific materials.

For more information, please contact Sue Campbell, General Manager, 613-735-7537, ext. 214 or 613-401-3998.

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