Waste Diversion Services to Community Events
Resources Guide

Purpose

The purpose of this Resource Package is to support public community organizations/event organizers using Halton Region's Waste Diversion Services to Community Events.

Guidelines

On June 2, 2010, Halton Regional Council approved PW-12-10 Guidelines for Halton Region to Provide Waste Diversion Services to Community Events.

The purpose of these guidelines is to specify the services that Halton Region is able to provide to public community events in order to ensure consistent service levels are provided to all events and to specify the roles and responsibilities of the Region when providing waste diversion assistance to public community events.

Dishware & Food Packaging, Cutlery and Cups

As per the Guidelines, the public community organization/event organizers are to encourage all vendors to use food or drink packaging that is accepted in the Blue Box and GreenCart programs.

Dishware & Food Packaging

☑ Fibre-based dishware and food packaging is accepted in the GreenCarts and Green Totes. These materials can be purchased from:

- Al-Pack, www.mycompost.com
- Bioplastics Canada, www.shop.bioplasticscanada.com
- Genpak Harvest Fibre, www.genpak.com
- Huhtamaki - BioWare Products, www.huhtamaki.com
- International Paper Inc., www.internationalpaper.com
- Pactiv, www.pactiv.com
- Seeker Green Products Ltd., www.seeker.com.hk
- Royal Chinet, www.royalchinet.com

☒ **Poly-lactic acid (PLA) plates and food packaging, plastic plates and food packaging, Polystyrene and Styrofoam plates and food packaging will only be accepted in the Garbage.**

Cutlery

☑ Wooden cutlery is accepted in the GreenCarts and Green Totes. This cutlery can be purchased from:

- Aspenware, www.aspenware.ca
- Bioplastics Canada, www.shop.bioplasticscanada.com
- Greenware Products, www.greenwareproducts.com

☒ **Poly-lactic acid (PLA) cutlery, corn or potato starch cutlery, BPI certified compostable cutlery, and regular plastic cutlery will only be accepted in the Garbage.**

Cups

☑ Poly-lactic acid (PLA)-lined **paper** cups are accepted for use in the GreenCart or Green Totes. Paper cups are not to be stacked, as stacking causing challenges at the composting facility.

Poly-lactic acid (PLA)-lined paper cups can be purchased from:

- Al-Pack, www.mycompost.com
- Eco-Packaging, www.ecopackaging.ca
- Georgia-Pacific Professional Food Service, www.productcatalog.gp.com
- International Paper, www.internationalpaper.com
- Solo, www.solocup.com
- The Green Supply Company, www.mygreensupply.com

If a public community organization/event organizer chooses a vendor not listed above, the material must be verified by Halton Region staff before purchasing as this material may not be acceptable in the Blue Box or GreenCart.

☒ **Poly-lactic acid (PLA) plastic cups, PET and PP plastic cups, and Styrofoam cups will only be accepted in the Garbage.**

GreenCart or Green Tote Liners

As per the Guidelines, the public community organization/event organizers are responsible for ensuring GreenCarts and Green Totes are clean upon return. This can be partially accomplished

through the purchase of acceptable Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable bags for the GreenCarts or Green Totes.

The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo looks like this:

☑ Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable bags can be purchased from:

- Al-Pack, www.mycompost.com
- Eco-Life Products Inc., www.ecolifeproducts.ca

☑ Paper food waste bags are also acceptable for use in the GreenCarts or Green Totes (they do not have a BPI logo) and can be purchased from:

- Bag to Earth, www.bagtoearth.com

☒ **EPI bags, oxo-biodegradable bags, blue or green recycling bags, garbage bags and other plastic bags are not accepted in the GreenCart or Green Tote.**

Bin Cleaning

As per the Guidelines, bins must be returned in the same condition as when they were delivered. If the Region is required to clean the Tools, the public community organization/event organizers will be invoiced for the service.

Public community organizations/event organizers can “power wash” the bins or they can pay to use a bin cleaning service which can be set up through the Region:

- VIP Bin Cleaning, www.vipbincleaning.ca

Volunteer Training

As per the Guidelines, the public community organization/event organizers are required to host a waste diversion training workshop for its volunteers. Halton Region staff deliver this volunteer training, which takes approximately twenty minutes and reviews all aspects of acceptable materials at the event.

Private Waste Haulers

If required, private waste haulers can be hired to provide collection services. Before contacting the private waste hauler, speak with Halton Region staff to determine what level of service your event might require.

- Advantage Waste Solutions, 905-518-1825
- Bennett's Waste Disposal, 905-873-4808
- BFI Canada Inc., 905-312-9222
- Efficient Waste Management Services, Inc., 905-844-8888
- Emterra, 905-336-9084
- FDS Disposal Services Inc., 416-746-7200
- Miller Waste Systems, 905-693-1029
- National Waste, 905-664-9009
- Waste Management, 1-866-933-9696
- Waste Services (CA) Inc., 905-791-3555
- Waste Systems Ltd., 905-845-9991

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