





Put Waste in its Place

Waste Diversion / Reduction / Recycling at Fairlawn



What's been happening ?	Last year, we sent 86 trucks per day to Michigan carrying 750,000 tons of garbage (1.5 billion pounds of solid waste). And we're contributing too much garbage at Fairlawn – e.g., a survey of SIX bags of Fairlawn garbage revealed 2/3 of the contents could have been recycled or sent to the green bin.
What's up now ?	Building on the existing recycling program at Fairlawn, our waste diversion improvement is in effect as of Nov. 25, 2007 with an improved system of clear labels, signs and waste containers always nearby – to make it easy to put each waste item in its proper place.

What goes where?

Green Bin 	All food waste, fruits and vegetable scraps, meat, shellfish and fish products, pasta, bread, cereal, dairy products & egg shells, candies, cookies, cake soiled paper towels and tissues, paper coffee cups, paper plates, serviettes, wax Dixie cups, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, soiled paper food packaging, fast food paper packaging, ice cream boxes, muffin paper, flour and sugar bags, diapers, sanitary products, animal waste, bedding, kitty litter, pet food, baking ingredients, herbs, spices, household plants including soil
Recycling 	Household paper, junk mail, writing paper, computer paper, flyers, envelopes, bulletins, plastic food jars, tubs and lids plastic bottles & jugs with lids securely fastened, milk and juice cartons, drink boxes (no straws) metal cans with lids securely pinched inside, glass bottles & jars (no lids), rigid aluminium trays and pie plates, cardboard cans such as refrigerated dough, frozen juice, chip, nut, powered drink mix and powdered cleanser containers (put lid inside and pinch closed – note that the pull off strip or peel-off seal is garbage), empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans with lids separate, paper bags, newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories and books, paper egg cartons, paper rolls, paper gift wrap and cards (no ribbons), boxboard boxes – cardboard, cereal, tissue and detergent boxes (remove liners, plastic windows and flatten), corrugated cardboard (clean, unwaxed and flattened).
Coffee Cup Lids 	Although polystyrene items are NOT accepted in the usual city blue boxes, we have a special collection for them and we'll deliver them to a depot.
Garbage 	The items not in the category above are garbage (keep it minimal!) For more information: http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/programs.htm

Note: There are 3 locations for diaper recycling:

1. in the women's washroom, upper level, outside the Birtch Room
2. in the washroom between the Gym and the Assembly Hall in the basement
3. by the washroom outside the Assembly Hall near the lower kitchen

We need your help!

The signs list everything that goes into each container. It may take a little extra time at first but with everyone doing their bit we can reduce the number of garbage bags and trucks to reduce our impact on the world!

Please put the right waste item in the right container!

Send us your feedback and suggestions:

- Via the feedback form at the church office
- By email to FairlawnGreenTeam@gmail.com
- Or, speak to us on Sundays at Coffee Hour