

Hello Neighbours!

I am distributing this information bulletin to you for two purposes: first, to provide an update on Target 70, the new City of Toronto waste management program, and second, to provide clarification on what constitutes illegal dumping and the remedies available. I trust you will find this information useful.

BLUE BIN & GARBAGE BIN UPDATE

1. If you have not received either your grey garbage bin or your pink tags, call 416-392-BINS (2467) or call my office. For more garbage tag information, go to www.toronto.ca/target70.
2. Please note that Solid Waste Management will not collect garbage unless it is in the new grey garbage bin or in a tagged bag.
3. If you are facing storage or set out issues with blue or grey bins, please request a site visit from Solid Waste Management to resolve the difficulties. In some cases, permission has been granted to put out recycling in clear plastic bags and garbage in tagged bags rather than bins.
4. For some residents, a solution is to use a single bin, taking garbage to the curb in it one week and recycling in it the next week. A sticker is applied to the garbage bin to indicate to collections staff that the bin is serving two purposes. To move to the one-bin solution, contact Solid Waste Management.
5. Out of Sight. The objective of Target 70 is that 70% of material be diverted from landfill into the recycling stream. It is not the intention of this program to force residents to store bins in their front flower gardens. If you cannot reasonably accommodate your blue and/or grey bin, you have a storage and placement issue and should contact Solid Waste Management.

6. To arrange a site visit to resolve storage and placement issues, please call 416-392-BINS (2467), or contact my office at 416-392-7916 or by e-mail at councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca

ILLEGAL DUMPING

1. Illegal dumping is a growing concern and thus it is important that we all understand what constitutes illegal dumping and are aware of the consequences, and the method of reporting it.
2. Municipal Code - Chapter 608 prohibits the disposal of household waste in City Parks. Recycling and garbage bins are provided in parks to discourage littering. They are not for waste which is properly disposed of in household's collection bins.
3. The By-law enforcement team from Parks, Forestry and Recreation regularly monitors dumping in our parks and has the authority to levy fines. Fines begin at \$365 per offence and can range up to \$10,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for corporations. To report any illegal dumping in parks, please call 416-392-5326, or contact my office.
4. The Waste Enforcement Division of Municipal Licensing and Standards monitors and enforces illegal dumping in all circumstances other than parks (streets, laneways, etc.). To report any illegal dumping in these locations, please call 416-392-0873, or contact my office.

Starting in mid December our recycling stream will begin to accept plastic bags and polystyrene (Styrofoam) placed out in your blue-bins. In addition, the City has begun the daunting task of expanding recycling and organic collections to multi-residential buildings. With these initiatives and your cooperation, we can ensure that Toronto remains a clean and beautiful city and that we move towards our goal of diverting 70 percent of our waste from landfill by 2010.

Thanks as always for your support,

Sincerely,

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