

WASTE DIVERSION INITIATIVES

*What we all need to know and do
to protect the environment
and improve our community.*



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*(Visit the municipal website or verify local
newspapers for other and future waste diversion
activities.)*

General Information

The Municipal Council, last year, decided to export its municipal waste to the Laflèche Landfill Site. Although this has resulted in additional costs to our waste management initiative, the Municipal Council took this decision since the Laflèche Landfill Site is a fully-engineered landfill site with innovative systems and technologies in order to better protect the environment.

Bag Limits Per Week

To further promote waste diversion (*Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*) the Municipal Council has implemented a bag limit per week for each residential unit. The bag limit will be done progressively in order that home owners and tenants may begin practicing the 3R's of waste diversion. As such, disposal of garbage beyond the limit will not be permitted.

Effective date of Bag Limit Per Week:

Monday, May 22 nd , 2006 -	3 bag limit per residential unit
Monday, May 21 st , 2007 -	2 bag limit per residential unit

We encourage all residents, home owners and tenants alike, to begin immediately to practice these limits. By doing so, we are all doing our part for the environment as well as avoiding increases in waste disposal costs.

Garbage Bags and Containers

The maximum size of garbage bags shall be 30" by 38" (76.2cm by 83.8cm) and equivalent in volume to 77 litres. Residents with containers or a "roll-out" bin who do not use bags will still be required to respect the volume of the bag limits that will be in effect. Inspections of containers and "roll-out" bins will be completed weekly by sanitation workers to determine conformity of these new limits and non-compliance will result in the application of the penalty provisions.

Regulations, Penalties and Enforcement

The limits imposed will be enforced and failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$100 being imposed. Your co-operation is therefore requested.

Blue Box Recycling Program

The residential blue box recycling program has been operating since 1992 and we are presently diverting less than 15% from landfill sites. We need to increase our recycling effort if we are going to meet the provincial objectives of waste diversion.

A list of recyclable material is available from the municipal website. We encourage all residents to make use of this service which will help you meet the bag limits that will be in effect.

Champlain Landfill Site

The Champlain Landfill Site is located at 1897 Cassburn Road and is opened the last Saturday of each month from May to October. A small tipping fee is charged in order to cover a portion of the operational costs. Any resident wishing to bring branches, trees, cedar clippings, leaves and other yard wastes will not be charged access to the Champlain Landfill Site. These materials will be converted into compost for municipal use.

Composting

Composting is another initiative that can be used to protect our environment and we encourage every resident to participate in this activity, either individually or with the Township. As such, residents may deliver their composted material directly to the Champlain Landfill Site, during its opened days, **at no expense.**

To encourage residents and to take a proactive approach in waste diversion and reduction, the Municipal Council will organize special curbside collection of branches, cedar clippings and leaves twice during the year, being in the spring and in the fall. Advertisements will be placed in the local newspapers during these periods for you to prepare. We need your participation in order to make it a success and to ensure that it becomes an annual event!

This material will be picked-up and delivered to the Champlain Landfill Site for "chipping" and used as mulch on municipal properties. We ask that branches be tied together in bundles no longer than six (6) feet. Also, that the cedar and grass clippings including leaves be placed in clear plastic or paper bags in order to identify them separately from the regular garbage.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NECESSARY. OUR
SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOUR INVOLVEMENT.**