

Recycling tips from Warwick WI

— the five R's!

Here are some tips gleaned from a hand-out prepared by Warwick Women's Institute, Lambton.

RECYCLE

aluminum — used for cans, lawn chairs, window frames, castings for car parts clothing and toys — have a garage sale or donate them to charity; sell them in a second hand store

eyeglasses — donate to Canadian National Institute for the Blind for Third World Countries

glass — used for new bottles, for asphalt in street paving, in bricks, tile, and reflective paint for road signs

magazines and books — donate to hospitals, seniors' homes, halfway houses, childrens' clubs for cutting up

paper — used for game boards, record jackets, egg cartons, boxes, puzzles, game/show tickets. Office paper can be recycled as well as newspaper

plastic — for fiber filling in jackets and

pillows, flowerpots, "plastic lumber", plastic strapping for shipping boxes

REDUCE

- buy as much as you can use
- serve leftover food from hotels, catering, restaurants in soup kitchens, mission homes, or other places that serve the hungry and homeless
- get rid of hazardous wastes carefully

REJECT

- excessive packaging, such as styrofoam trays, blister packs and plastic wrapped fruits and vegetables. Buy bulk products. Do you know that for each \$1,000 of sales in a supermarket, 100 pounds of corrugated cardboard and about 65 pounds of other packaging are thrown out?
- non-refillable containers
- disposable products, such as paper plates, razors, eating utensils, diapers

- and cigarette lighters
- junk mail

REQUEST

- biodegradable garbage bags
- recycled paper products
- cleaners that don't kill creatures other than mold
- fluorescent screw-in light bulbs that use only 11 watts and last forever
- a local recycling program for glass, paper, aluminum
- bone meal, blood meal, and feather meal instead of commercial fertilizers for your lawn

REUSE

- vegetable and fruit peelings, peanut and nut shells, leaves, straw, hay, grass clippings, egg shells, sawdust in limited quantities, cardboard in compost

Guidelines for use of special logo

Re-refined motor oil, insulation made from recycled paper, and products made from recycled plastic are the first product categories proposed under the federal government's Environmental Choice logo.

Draft guidelines, developed by the Canadian Standards Association Technical Committee and recommended to the Minister of the Environment propose that to qualify for the use of the Environmental Choice logo:

* oil must be manufactured using over 50 per cent by volume re-refined oil.

* insulation material must contain 100 per cent post-consumer fiber and be produced using a dry process (which is less demanding in energy and does not produce effluent).



* plastic construction materials must contain over 60 per cent of weight of post-consumer plastic.

* plastic products including horticultural supplies, produce and non-food containers, office supplies, recreational equipment and outdoor furniture must contain over 90 per cent by weight of post-consumer plastic.

In order to qualify for the logo, plastic and insulation products must also be packaged in recyclable material.

An added condition of all product categories is that the disposal of waste products arising from their manufacture is handled in a manner consistent with federal and provincial regulations.

If you would like more information on this program, contact Environmental Choice, c/o Canadian Standards Association, 178 Rexdale Blvd., Toronto, M9W 1R3, 416-747-2697.

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