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Halton residents increasingly aware of recycling importance

Halton-area residents are recycling more and more used glass.

Colour-sorted Blue Box glass bought by Consumers Glass from Halton region's recyclers during the first six months of 1991 is up 71 percent over the last six months of 1990, to 2468 tons from 1445. It's projected that 4936 tons will be accepted in 1991.

Consumers Glass is the major purchaser of Ontario's Blue Box glass, which it uses to make new glass containers. More glass recycled produces increased revenues for recycling programs in 'the region, which includes Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills.

The trend to greater recycling of used glass containers by householders is a province-wide phenomenon. Consumers Glass figures show that from January to June, 1990, 22,857 tons of glass were accepted for recycling in Ontario. In July to December,

1990, the amount was 43,201 tons. For the first six months of this year, the total was 45,596 tons. If recycling continues at the current rate, 91, 192 tons of Blue Box glass will be recycled in 1991 - 38 percent more than in the previous year. This amount would be sufficient to cover a football field to a height of 187 feet, or 19 storeys tall. In 1390, the comparable height would be 137 feet.

"While some of the increase can be attributed to expansion of the Blue Box system and new communities coming on line, most of it is due to increased participation by Blue Box users," says Jim Bacon, President, Consumers Glass.

"As Canada's major recycler of glass, we would like to say, 'congratulations'. Ontario · householders using the Blue Box deserve a pat on the back."

Mr. Bacon also commends employees of recycling operators, who have become experienced at sorting glass and discarding items that cannot melt in the glass-making furnaces - ceramics such as cups and china, heat resistant glass cookware; and non-container glass such as window and drinking glasses. Currently, 98.7 per cent of glass brought in for recycling by Consumers Glass is rated acceptable for recycling, as compared to 96.4 per cent one year ago.

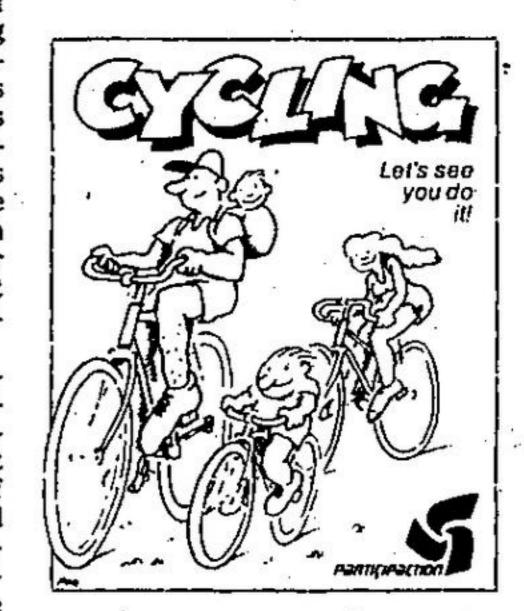
Consumers Glass has assisted recyclers to become more glass knowledgeable about recycling through seminars conducted across the province by its Recycling Coordinator for Ontario, Joe Paradiso. "From our _familiarity with recycling practices in Canada and the U.S., there is no doubt that Ontario is currently the leader in glass recycling," says Joe Paradiso.

"While the quantity of glass collected should increase, quality now is about as close to perfect as it is every likely to be. One result of the higher quality is that in 1991, the average price per ton paid to recyclers for their glass increased by \$6 per ton to over

Glass is a major source of revenues for Ontario's fledgling recycling 'industry. Approximately 98 per cent of Blue Box glass is now color-sorted. Consumers Glass pays \$60 per ton for colorsorted glass, the same amount as for raw materials. It costs the Company another \$7 per ton, on average, to prepare the glass for the furnaces. This additional cost is partially offset by energy savings.

Studies compiled by Consumers Glass, as well as independent consultants and other accredited organizations, show that Blue Box glass consists of roughly equal amounts of food container glass and wine and liquor bottles. One of the most recent of these, a 1991 study of Blue

Box glass performed by the Toronto firm of RIS Consultants in the Barrie area, showed that wine and liquor bottles comprised 46 per cent of Blue Box glass by weight.



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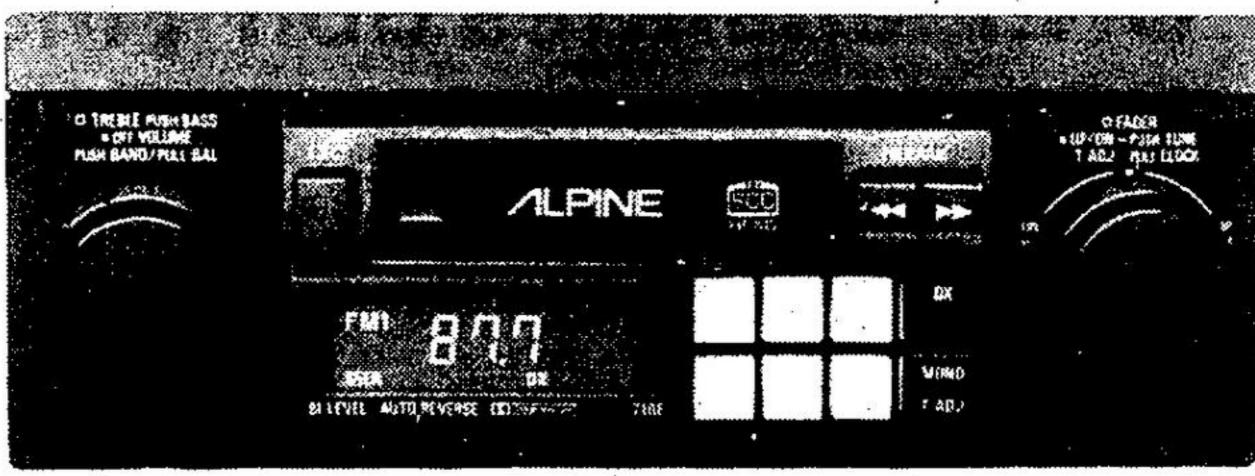
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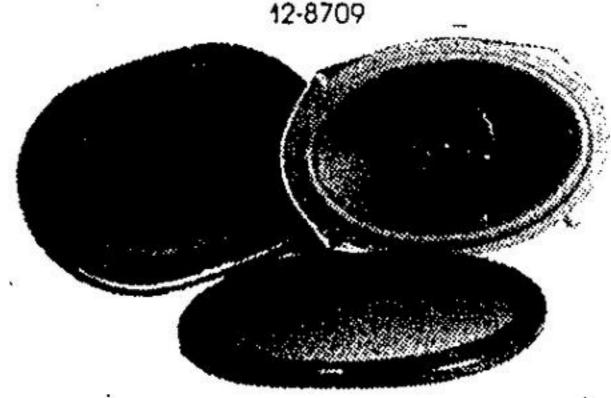


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