

Acton woman hopes to curb runaway trash

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An Acton woman has come up with a solution to windy trash pickup days that end with recycling items scattered on lawns and in ditches—a net that fastens securely over the Blue Box.

Andrea Stewart calls the product she developed Green-Net and is currently attempting to market it to municipalities through her company, Finalli.

The stay-at-home mother of two was frustrated by the recycling items left strewn around following gusty days and back in April decided what was needed to solve the problem was a “glorified hair net.”

She set out to try and make one.

Stewart went to a dollar store and bought a paddle ball game that included netting and elastic to make the cover. She put one together and could see the potential, but determined the product wasn't strong enough, so she set out to find a manufacturer who could make a better one.

She found one company that could provide the netting, but couldn't do the sewing. She found another company on-line that stated it could do both, but when she went to check it out they were no longer in business.

It wasn't until a friend in town suggested she contact another Halton company (that wishes to remain anonymous) that she finally found her manufacturer.

Green-Net is made of heavy-duty washable mesh material, with an elasticized shock cord that won't lose its strength when it freezes or



Andrea Stewart of Acton has devised a way to keep Blue Box items from blowing away on trash pickup days with a device called Green-Net that she is attempting to market.

Photo by Ted Brown

thaws and a marine grade snap fastener that can be simply installed into the box with a household screwdriver.

Stewart is targeting municipalities. She's sent off several samples of the product, made several contacts and generated a lot of interest at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference held in Quebec earlier this year.

To date, two small municipalities— one in Ontario, the other in Manitoba— have ordered small quantities of Green-Net to launch pilot projects within their communi-

ties. She is also working with three large municipalities that are very interested.

“It's been a real blessing the way this has happened,” said Stewart.

Her goal is to sell the Green-Net to municipalities, which will then get them to their residents.

The nets are also available on-line for \$14.95 at www.green-net.ca.

Feedback from family and friends, who are using prototypes of the Green-Net, has all been positive she says.

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