

**Editor's Mail**

# Households should be able to cut waste in half

Dear Editor,

Blue box programs are not perfect. No doubt there is room to make this service more efficient and we should continue to look for ways to improve it, such as the move to biweekly pickup.

Hopefully the blue box can evolve into a more efficient solution involving the packaging industry as well. However, to eliminate the program altogether, as has been suggested here and in other municipalities, would be a giant step backward.

The blue box program is an important start. For many households, it's the most important contribution made toward the environment, and the awareness it generates, particularly in the younger generation, is just as significant as

the waste diverted. To lose that would be a big mistake. Agreed, there have been problems with recycling industries — the recession hasn't spared anyone — but markets remain stable and are still accepting material. Our recyclables do NOT end up in landfill, despite problems experienced in other municipalities, and net recycling collection costs per tonne are not higher than waste collection costs. Consider as well the cost of siting a landfill which this town has experienced both financially and emotionally. It is apparent that waste collection is more than a "bottom line" issue, and while the need for landfills is not solved by recycling, it reduces residential waste by 25 per cent and represents a step in the

right direction. The three bag limit imposed by council will increase the efficiency of the blue box program as participation goes up.

With the availability of the blue box, composters, yard waste pickup,

the York Region Composting Yard, and the volunteer recycling depot, there is no reason why the average household can't cut its waste by half. As individuals, we have to assume responsibility and do what

we can if there is any chance of making progress on the waste situation.

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