

Hydro's PCB-laced oil may be shipped to Alberta

A move to get rid of 1,200 litres of PCB-contaminated oil will soon get under way in Stouffville. Whitchurch-Stouffville council were to be told Tuesday that the town is in receipt of documentation from a private company to dispose of PCB-laced oil.

The plan is to safely decontaminate about 1,200 litres of transformer oil at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Commission

Town may adopt rain barrel plan

The age-old practice of collecting rain water may be on the comeback.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council is expected to give the go ahead for a municipal rain barrel program.

Under the program, local residents will be asked to buy a \$70 rain barrel to be used to collect rain water.

No municipality in the Greater Toronto Area is picking up the cost of the rain barrels, staff has reported.

The rain water will then be used to water the lawn and garden.

The barrels are made of recyclable material. They're child proof, mosquito proof and are built in such a way that they will not collect leaves.

The City of Etobicoke has had a water barrel program in the works for a year, staff is reporting.

Council is being asked to approve spending \$200 to promote the program.

~ Joan Ransberry

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The company doing the job is Transformer and Switchgear Services Company Ltd.

The process involves extracting the PCBs from the out-of-service transformers.

The extracted oil will be sealed in special container or tankers and then shipped to a decontamination facility in Alberta.


The job is done in accordance with the Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Some in the medical community consider PCBs to be a cancer-causing agent. PCBs were banned by the federal government in the '70s.

PCBs used to be used in hydro transformers as a cooling agent. Once the transformers are put out of

service, special care has to be taken to store the PCB oil.

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