



Community Newsletter

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Breaking Records During Waste Reduction Week

Thank you for diverting waste

The Ottawa Waste Management Facility hosted its ever-popular free eCycle depot, and this year coupled its efforts with a free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop off at its Westbrook office location. About 1800 cars and vans dropped off electronic waste. "People are actively seeking services to help them recycle electronic waste responsibly and economically," said Ross Wallace, Site Manager for Ottawa's Waste Management Facility. "We continue to collect as much recyclable material as possible through this free event. It is our way of demonstrating a shared commitment with the community to waste diversion and environmental stewardship."

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The Ottawa community shares that commitment. Approximately 3500 vehicles passed through the Westbrook gates, ensuring safe and proper disposal of everything from paints and pool chemicals, to batteries and bleach. City of Ottawa officials say Waste Management reached Ontario records for having the largest drop off of waste at a one-day depot. "The fact so many residents have made an effort to recycle and keep hazardous materials from being buried is testament to this city's commitment to the environment," said City of Ottawa Director of Solid Waste Services Albert Shamess. "We are encouraged by the turnout and look forward to shattering more records."

With a tripling of electronic waste collected, and nearly double the participation of previous household hazardous waste drop offs, Wallace is looking forward to more of these events. "I live in this community and am proud to see people not only caring about our environment, but doing something about it too."

Waste Management is pleased to see residents safely diverting waste from being landfilled.

In addition to increasing results of both HHW and eCycling services in Ottawa. Waste Management looks forward to developing both a public drop off and a construction and demolition recovery centre in the Spring of 2009.



Wildlife Habitat Program Re-certification

Waste Management's landfills provide more than 19,000 acres of protected habitat for wildlife



Wildlife at home at the Ottawa Waste Management Facility.

At a November ceremony in Baltimore, Maryland, Waste Management received recognition for its contribution to wildlife habitat conservation at its Ottawa Waste Management Facility.

The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), a non profit organization, assists large landowners, particularly large corporations such as WM, in managing their unused lands to restore and enhance wildlife habitat.

Since 2006, the company's wildlife team has applied barley straw to pond areas to reduce algae growth, installed mallard nesting tubes, owl nesting platforms, bird houses, bat boxes, a purple martin house and planted over 24,000 poplar trees. The facility is now home to deer, hawks and other wildlife.

Due to the ongoing success of its onsite wildlife habitat projects, Waste Management is nearing the 50% mark of its sustainability goal in having 100 Wildlife Habitat Certified sites by the year 2020.



Gas Engines have arrived

Construction nears completion for Landfill Gas to Energy

Construction of the gas to energy plant is well underway and nearing completion. In November, the facility received delivery of five engines and began installation of them. These engines will have the ability to take gas from the landfill, convert it, and produce approximately 6.4 MW of clean, green renewable energy. That's enough to power 6,400 homes in the Ottawa region.

Already the electrical duct bank, interior painting, siding, motor control centre, transformer, pole line, piping and stack installation is complete.



One of five engines arriving at the facility, which will convert landfill gas to electricity.

For more information about how we at Waste Management Think Green®, please visit www.thinkgreen.com.

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