

Community Newsletter

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Clean Out your Electronic and Hazardous Waste Make it a Habit

The fastest growing stream of waste today is consumer and institutional electronics waste (e-waste) and Waste Management is leading the charge to find solutions to this complex environmental problem. eCycling old electronics is an important and effective way to reduce that waste, and the Ottawa Waste Management Facility is once again inviting all City of Ottawa residents to drop off their e-waste on October 18th for safe recycling.

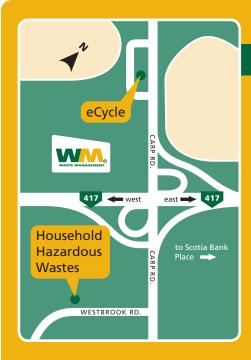
Last spring over 625 vehicles dropped by to drop off electronic trash. "We were able to divert over 26 tonnes of material away from the normal waste stream, and all of that material is stripped down and recycled," said Jody Falls, Community and Municipal Relations Representative. "This will be our fifth year to hold an eCycle event," Falls emphasized. "We're thrilled so many residents are making the effort to divert and recycle."

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City residents have an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous wastes, such as used paints, cleaning products and chemicals. Improper disposal of household hazardous waste can pose a threat to both the environment and to sanitation workers.

From the region's first recycling program, to introducing new ideas to reduce waste, Waste Management has long been a committed proponent of diversion programs. Plans are in the works to introduce a new construction and demolition drop off centre in Ottawa in the spring of 2009. These facilities will become part of Waste Management's sustainability initiative to nearly triple the amount of recyclables it manages by 2020.



eCycle

Saturday, October 18th, 2008 9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Rain or Shine Ottawa Waste Management Facility 2301 Carp Road

We accept: keyboards, computers, laptops, printers, phones, light electronics including toys and Game Boys, alarm clocks, PDAs, VCRs, DVD players, and heavy electronics including photocopiers.

Please note we are unable to accept televisions at this time.

This free eCycle drop off is open to all City of Ottawa residents.

Household Hazardous Waste

Saturday, October 18th, 2008 9:00 am to 4:00 pm – Rain or Shine Waste Management Offices 254 Westbrook Road

We accept acids, aerosol cans, dry cell, lead-acid and rechargeable batteries, chemistry sets, flammable liquids, lightbulbs, art supplies, transmissions fluid, used motor oil, turpentine, paint, poisons, pool chemicals, and radiator flush.

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Converting Landfill Gas to Energy

Landfill Gas to Soon Generate Energy for up to 6,400 Homes in Ottawa and region

Landfill gas to energy projects provide an important contribution to our renewable energy portfolio.

Landfills also offer a clean, renewable energy resource generated continuously through the decomposition of waste in landfills. This resource is known as landfill gas, or methane.

Waste Management is a leader in landfill gas to energy (LFGTE) facilities. Construction of the new facility in Ottawa is well underway. Concrete works is complete. The steel structures and deck have been erected and the masonry walls are under construction. Five engines to convert the methane gas into electricity will be delivered and installed later this fall. Waste Management Ottawa will be able to generate up to 6.4 megawatts (MW) of renewable electrical power- enough to power 6,400 homes in the region.

"This project will help offset the need for non-renewable resources such as coal, natural gas and oil," said Ross Wallace, Site Manager for the Ottawa Waste Management Facility. "Combined with our other waste management operations, our commitment to and experience in landfill gas to energy demonstrates our company's dedication to the environment."

The Ottawa facility will be the company's second landfill gas to energy facility in Canada after the one in Ste. Sophie, Quebec, which delivers gas to the nearby Cascades paper mill.

"As a long-time resident of this community, I am pleased this proven technology will bring environmental and economic benefits to the region," said Wallace. "Landfill gas to energy projects provide an important contribution to our renewable energy portfolio."



Construction of Waste Management Ottawa's Landfill Gas to Energy Facility is well underway.

For more information about how Waste Management Thinks Green®, please visit **www.thinkgreen.com**.

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