Toronto's Recycle Right Campaign

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City of Toronto's Waste System





Collection Customers



Collection

Solid Waste Management Services collects from approximately 1 million residential and non-residential customers.



Residential – 873,000
Single family households and Multi-residential units



Commercial – 7,600
Bin and bag-only small commercial locations



Non-Residential – 3,500 Schools, charities, religious institutions, City facilities



Public Space and Events
Parks, litter bins, special
events



Services and Assets

Services

- Garbage
- Blue Bin Recycling
- Green Bin Organics
- Yard Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Electronic Waste
- Drop-off Depot
- Community Environment Days

1M Tonnes

- 497,000 tonnes of garbage
- 203,000 tonnes of recyclables
- 159,000 tonnes of organics
- 85,000 tonnes of yard waste

Assets

- 7 Transfer Stations
- 1 Open Landfill + 160 Closed
- 1 Organics Processing Facility + 1 under expansion
- 5 Collection/Litter Yards
- 600+ Vehicles & Equipment
- 1.5M+ Waste Bins



Recycle Right





Recycle Right – Edu-tainment





Recycle Right – Multi-tactic







Recycle Right - Videos







Recycle Right - Direct Mail



LEARN WHAT DOESN'T GO IN YOUR BLUE BIN.



FOOD & ORGANIC WASTE

Food scraps, pet waste, diapers, eggshells and expired leftovers



CONTAINERS WITH FOOD

Peanut butter jars, takeout containers and squeeze bottles



CLOTHING & TEXTILES

All clothing items, shoes, blankets, towels and curtains



ALL BLACK PLASTIC

Packaging, garbage bags and VHS tapes



COFFEE

Hot drink cups and black plastic lids

To learn more about why these items don't belong in recycling, visit toronto.ca/recycleright



Complimentary Activity



- Curbside bin inspection
- •Single Family 4%
- •Multi-Residential 16%
- Monitoring, education and follow up

Media Coverage

Toronto targeting recycling contamination With bin inspections RADIO By Kerri Breen Digital Content Coordinator AM640

Toronto steps up bin in ... to fix multimillion-dollar

contamination problem



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Live Eye

What you should and shouldn't recycle

Adam is live with Jim McKay, General Manager of the Solid Waste Management Services for the city of Toronto to know everything about recycling.



Recycle Right – 2.0

NOT WANTED IN YOUR BLUE BIN



CULPRIT: FOOD WASTE

DESCRIPTION: Rotten food and scraps. Coffee grounds.

CRIME: Ruining loads of paper and sending it to landfill.

SENTENCE: Confined to the Green Bin.

Learn what goes in your Blue Bin and what doesn't at toronto.ca/recycleright



Call 211



NOT WANTED IN YOUR BLUE BIN



CULPRIT: COFFEE CUP

DESCRIPTION: Paper cups lined with plastic or wax.

CRIME: Identity theft; posing as an item that can be recycled.

SENTENCE: Confined to the Garbage Bin.

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"Get that garbage outta here!"

Jack Armstrong repeatedly yells "get that garbage outta here" in hilarious new commercial

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TSN's own Jack Armstrong has taken his signature catchphrase to a new level.



Recycle Right – Campaign Results

- 9M+ digital media impressions
- 5M+ Facebook impressions
- 1M+ video views
- Contamination rate dropped to ~ 25%
- 87% corrected behaviour at 2nd visit



Recycle Right - Insight

- Contamination is caused by a number of factors
- Lot of education around what can be recycled but more education is needed on why not
- Change requires a long-term and multipronged approach
- Be clever and unique to capture attention and break through the clutter of competing messages



Thank you!



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