



## Clear Garbage Bag Program to become Effective January 1, 2017

Trent Lakes Council has endorsed a plan to see the Municipality transition to clear garbage bags therefore it will be mandatory for all residents to use only clear garbage bags starting **January 1, 2017**. This program will help keep recyclables out of the waste stream as well as hazardous materials (i.e. batteries). Together we can make a difference.

Garbage bags must be transparent so the contents within are visible. Residents are permitted a small "privacy bag" within each clear bag to dispose of personal items.

Goals and objectives of the program:

- Increased tonnage of materials diverted from the landfill;
- Increased participation rates for the following Recycling Programs:
  - Blue Box Recycling
  - Backyard Composting
  - Organics (Buckhorn Site)
  - Waste Electronics Recycling (Buckhorn and Bobcaygeon Sites)
  - Textile donation bins at all Sites
  - Household Battery Recycling
  - Seasonal Household Hazardous Waste (Buckhorn Site) Year Round Hazardous Waste on Pido Road in Peterborough
  - Alcohol Containers (beer, wine, liquor)
  - Reuse Centres (April – November)

Digesters, Composters, and Recycling Bins are available for purchase at the Municipal Office.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Frequently Asked Questions regarding this program and a list of some of the retailers who sell clear garbage bags can be found on our website at [www.trentlakes.ca](http://www.trentlakes.ca). If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Municipal Office 705-738-3800 or 1-800-374-4009.

# Recycling Guide

## Fibres

### Paper

- ✓ News/writing paper, magazines, telephone books, envelopes, junk mail and flyers

### Cardboard/Boxboard

- ✓ Corrugated cardboard, file folders, construction paper, food boxes (liners removed), toilet paper tubes, brown paper bags
- ✓ Flattened cardboard

### Plastic Bags and Packaging

- ✓ Grocery, milk, sandwich bags, bread bags and similar packaging – place all in one and tie

### Does Not Include

- ✗ Chip bags, chocolate bar wrappers, plastic stretch wrap
- ✗ Waxed cardboard, frozen food boxes
- ✗ Liners from cracker/cereal boxes



## Containers

### Glass

- ✓ Coloured & clear bottles & jars
- ✓ Plastic
- ✓ Food & Drink containers, tubs & lids

### Metal

- ✓ Pop cans, pie plates & tin foil
- ✓ Food & drink cans & tins
- ✓ Empty metal paint cans, lids removed
- ✓ Empty aerosol cans

### Other

- ✓ Milk cartons & juice boxes

### Does Not Include

- ✗ Broken glass, Pyrex®, ceramic or other dishware
- ✗ Hazardous product contain straws, polystyrene
- ✗ Scrap metal, utensils, pots and pans
- ✗ No Styrofoam of Any Kind!

