

DUFFERIN COMPOSTS! – Pre-Survey Summary of Comments and Questions

- Excellent idea!! I was very surprised at the amount of compostable material collected over a short period of time and its really no additional work involved.
- I was glad to be included in this project. Environmental protection and waste management is very important to our family. We didn't have much garbage before – now it's down to one IGA bag per week and that is all packaging e.g. Chip bags, saran and other types of product wraps. Thanks.
- Having a large family, we found it very difficult to keep our garbage down to the 2-bag limit. Composting has definitely made that easier.
- I am extremely excited about this project. I had saved up five large bags by Nov 1st, which would have otherwise gone to the garbage dump. Would it be possible to have smaller green bags to pick up dog poop in, as it seems a waste to use the garbage cupboard unit ones?
- Love the program. Happy to be a part of this pilot project.
- Organics collection is good for people that do not already use a composter, although I do use my compost on my garden.
- I think this is a great idea!!
- OK so far.
- We are an older couple and our waste products are not a large amount. We feel that everyone should do what they can. We hope it makes a difference.
- Great project! Keep up the good work! Mother Earth thanks you!!
- Great idea. Our family fully supports this program. Thank you.
- I have noticed a great reduction in regular garbage already! Perhaps in the future, the regular garbage trucks could come 2 times per month as there will be no smelly stuff, thus seeing a bigger savings.
- I did go to the open house before the project started and really admire Guelph wet/dry composting. A job well done!
- Excellent idea!
- We are already big composters and have always used our blue box. We will probably only have one small green bag per week.
- Other communities that compost find they produce more than enough for municipal use and usually make compost available to its residents. Do you anticipate doing the same?
- Are bounce fabric softener sheets compostable?
- Where is the organic waste going and what is being done after collection and say, a year later?
- For households of 2 or less, it will take a long time to get bags full which could lead to foul odours, etc.

- We were in a program the same as this when we were living in the Town of Caledon.
- If plastics can't be put in with organic waste, how do you handle all the plastic bags we put the organic waste in? Also when I "stoop and scoop" the droppings go into a plastic bag. Can I put this bag in my organic waste container? I don't think I want to actually remove it from the plastic bag. Any ideas? What is available to go under the kitchen sink to contain organic waste, recyclables and other garbage, and still have room for dish soap?
- I am disappointed that our first pick-up was not collected, supposedly because there were Q-tips in the bag (I counted 2 in one large garbage bag.) It is not listed in the 'Do Not' list and I had to call to establish why our organics were not picked up. Also the letter from the Warden said someone would call or visit to discuss program and this did not occur.
- What is the cost of shipping garbage out of the county? We now have 3 garbage pick-ups? What actually happens to garbage sent to Guelph? With material that can be put in for shipment, doesn't sound like compost to me! Should review waste management master regarding exporting of waste and associated costs. A thorough review of the complete County assessment is a must for the County Development Committee!!! Since its inception, it has not come close to doing the required job!!!
- Can you put Bounce and Swiffer sheets in the composter?
- If Nov 1 pick-up is an indicator, having the bags at the curb by 6:00 a.m. is too early. It wasn't picked up until after 12:30 p.m. Animals will have lots of time to get at the bags. Excellent programme!!
- Monitoring of industrial and hydro pollution would do much more. It seems that the little guy is being asked to do more... that's fine but.....
- It would reduce our garbage if all plastics were recycled including milk and bread bags, plastic wrap, etc. rock salt & fertilizer bags.
- I would like to recycle milk bags, bread bags, etc. I think these types of plastics make up a lot of garbage. Also, if cardboard could be picked up at the curb it would reduce a lot of garbage (pizza boxes, etc.)
- In addition to the large cardboard recycling bins at Orangeville operations centre on C-line, I suggest to add glass and metal bins as well. I generally go there once a week with cardboard and could drop other recyclables there at the same time. I spent a year in Germany in 1994 and they have recycling bins around the city. People bring their stuff on the way to work etc. saves money on pick-up costs as most people are out and about at some point in the week anyway.
- Since we compost our organics and re-use for garden soil enrichment, what incentive is there for us to provide this raw material to the municipality? Will it be returned to use fully composted at no charge? Apartment dwellers, restaurant etc. might be a target group for this type of program.

- General question – Is composted material used for landfill as does the composting program in Bolton? Is the info sheet indicates that compost is used in parks. I'd like to know more about the composting process. i.e. collected green bags to final composted material
- Didn't explain anything about plastic bags and plastic things that come off meat.
- We had a yard composter at our previous home. Would we be helping the environment more by using one again or by supporting this program?
- What do I do with plastic bags? With small branches broken off by wind? I've tied them up but they consistently get left by collector.
- Do I need to put an orange Shelburne sticker on the green bag for pick-up? Where do I get more bags? (oop's I see the answer on the info sheet)
- I don't understand completely. What is being done with this waste? Can I go to Guelph and see?
- What about private composting? Do we continue? Who volunteered us to join this experiment?
- More containers necessary to separate items inside and out. Compost tends to smell offensive before the small bag is full. Bagging leaves is too much work.
- On Nov 1, compost wasn't picked up until after lunch. If it does not get picked up early, the animals will have a lot of time to rip open the bags. Please also note that the people picking up the compost on Nov 1 were unable to pick up some of the bags and started to drag them. The bags may split open and pour onto the road and sidewalks. Please check into this.
- Although information re collection somewhat confusing, information says to deposit small bags into large one – today's information says not to but to put small ones into garbage can.
- I do not think composting is cost efficient, incineration and recycling are the best methods with today's technology.
- Anything that I can put in my composter goes in vegetables, leaves, etc.
- Are cardboard boxes accepted?
- To put grass cuttings from lawn mower collection bag into the plastic bag is very difficult with only two hands. Need a device to hold plastic bag.
- What about paper, cardboard boxes (cereal) saran, and other plastic wraps? I assume they go into a separate (regular) garbage as they are not organic. Why the small bags and the large bags? Do we put the small bags into big? If not, why do we need large bags?
- I did not appreciate being picked. I think it should have been a voluntary thing. I don't have any questions for you, but if you have questions for me, please feel free to give me a call.

