

Waste Diversion Activities

May 23rd, 2009

Town of Georgina's Annual Swap and Sell

➤ PLASTIC BAGS



➤ HOUSEHOLD
BATTERIES



➤ PAINT



The Town of Georgina is always looking for new and innovative ideas in diverting items from landfill. This year we took steps to initiate three Take Back Programs at our Annual Swap and Sell.



THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO AVOID







Plastic Bags

- As York Region is in the process of introducing the use of the compostable bags for the green bins, we thought it was a good idea to promote this to our residents and at the same time offer a Take Back Program of plastic bags. We had a great response and received approximately 500 plastic bags which have been diverted from our local Transfer Station.

Household Batteries

How do I dispose of them safely?



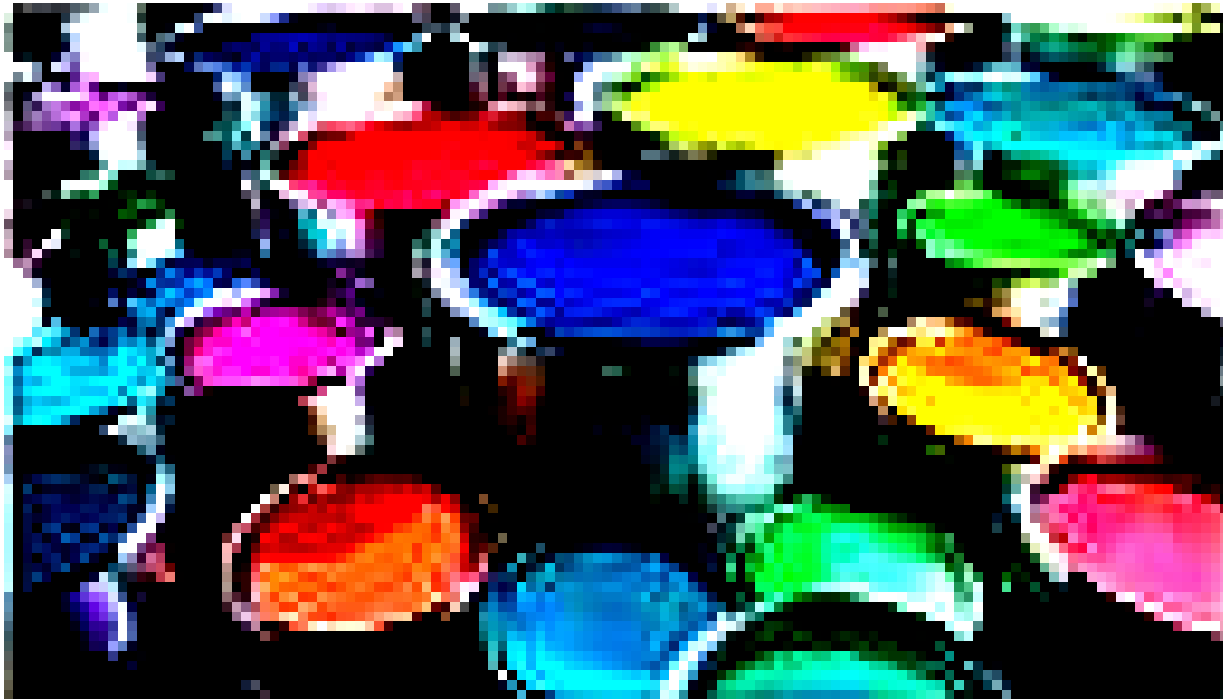
- Used household batteries are considered hazardous waste in many ways due to the potential environmental and human health risks associated with the heavy metals present in batteries.
- Household batteries currently can be taken to our local Transfer Station the second and last Saturday of every month at no charge to our residents.

Diverted from Landfill



- We also offered a Take Back Program of household batteries for our residents. The response was very successful, we collected over a 1000 batteries which were diverted from our local Transfer Station.

How do I dispose of my old paint?



Paint Swap

The Environmental Advisory Committee joined us again at our Annual Swap and Sell. Last year we collected only 20 cans of paint. This year we had an overwhelming response; 125 cans of paint was collected, 45 cans were taken by the residents for their own use and the balance was disposed of safely to avoid paint ending up in our landfill and/or ditches.