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### Spring Truckload Sale

Saturday, May 16th

Devonshire Mall  
Zeller's Overflow Parking Lot

*(see back page for more details)*



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## Add more POWER to your flowers!

Add more power to your flowers and gold to your garden!

Our 100% natural 'nutrient-rich' compost is **black gold for your garden**. It helps replenish the nutrients that have been lost in the soil, providing the food that flowers, plants, and vegetables need, in order to grow and flourish.

Compost is great for your lawn as well, so don't stop with your flowers! Spread some Garden Gold on your lawn and watch your grass become a beautiful, thick green carpet! Leave those grass clippings on the lawn as well, they are an excellent source of nutrition for your lawn.

You can add compost to your vegetable gardens as well - watch those veggies grow!

This terrific 'nutrient-rich' compost has no fillers or additives - it's just a great soil enhancer BUT it's only available for a short time. You can purchase compost at Transfer Station #2 OR at the Truckload Sale (see backpage).

### Purchase Options & Prices

- **Pre-bagged Garden Gold:** \$3.00 per bag (18 kg/40 lbs.) or 4 bags for \$10.00
- **Bulk Loads:** \$12.50 per yard (350-400 kg) (mechanical loading provided)
- **Delivery:** Call 1-800-563-3377 for delivery & rates.

### Alternative Purchase Locations

**(Pre-bagged & Bulk Compost Only):**

**Transfer Station #2:** 2021 Albuna Townline

**Daniher:** 5355 Manning Rd. / M.-F.: 8 am to 6 pm / Sat. 8 am to 5 pm.

**Loc It / Sylvestre's:** 1857 Manning Rd. M.-F.: 9 am to 6 pm / Sat. 9 am to 4 pm

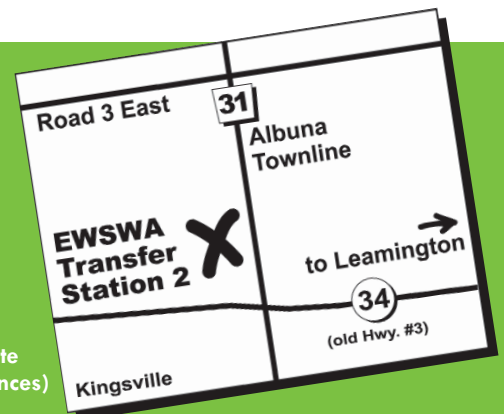
**Call 1-800-563-3377 for more info.**

### Transfer Station #2

2021 Albuna Townline

You can drop off the following items at the Transfer Station #2:

- recyclables
- garbage
- yard waste drop off / compost sales
- electronic items
- leftover household chemical waste
- white goods (metal items/appliances)
- tires / scrap metal / shingles



Hours of Operation: M.-F. 8am to 4:45 pm Sat.: 8 am to 1:45 pm

## Enviro Tip

**Lose the plastic water bottle.** A reusable stainless steel bottle is a better option. Fill it up with water from your tap. Windsor has excellent tap water.

Why waste your money on bottled water?



## Recycling At Special Events and in Public Spaces

This summer, the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority in conjunction with the City of Windsor will be placing blue recycling carts at special events and in public spaces in order to make events more environmentally friendly.

If you attend one of the many events scheduled this summer, please look for the recycling carts.

Recycling carts work exactly like the Blue and Red Boxes. Containers (water bottles, liquor bottles, cans, etc.) go the 'container' cart, and paper products should be placed in the cart designated for 'paper'.

If you are hosting a special event and require recycling services, please contact the EWSWA in order to organize a recycling program for your event. This is a FREE service.

Register early, first come, first served.

You can call **1-800-563-3377** or visit our website and fill out the special events form:

(insert link here).



## Recycle Your Electronic Devices



You can recycle your electronic devices (anything with a plug) by dropping them off - FREE OF CHARGE - Transfer Station #2 in Kingsville (2021 Alburna Townline).

Lead, cadmium and mercury are found in most electronic equipment, making it a hazardous risk to human health and the environment if it is not disposed of properly.

Designate a cardboard box for your unwanted or broken electronic items, when you have enough items in the box, make a trip to Transfer Station #2. There is no cost to drop off your electronics.

**Drop Off:** Toasters, kettles, blenders, stereos, computers, mobile phones, MP3 players, etc.

**Keep e-waste out of the landfill by:**

- Upgrading or repairing products instead of replacing them.
- Donating old electronic equipment to a family member, friend or charity.
- Drop them off at the Public Drop Off Depot.



## Enviro Tip

If it has a cord it can be recycled!

Anything with an electrical cord can be recycled at Transfer Station #2.

Place your unwanted or broken electrical devices in a cardboard box. Drop them off for FREE at Transfer Station #2 where they will be recycled.

## Banning Pesticides

Ontario's lawns, gardens, school yards and parks will be a lot healthier after Earth Day, April 22nd, 2009. That's the day the province's cosmetic pesticides ban went into effect.

The McGinty government believes the use of pesticides to control pesky weeds and insects for purely cosmetic reasons is an unnecessary risk to our families and pets, especially when you can have a healthier lawn and garden without chemicals.



## Returns For Leukemia Research

Returns for Leukemia Research is a fundraising initiative of The Beer Store, and its employees union, URCW Local 12R24, to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada.

**On the weekend of May 23 & 24 customers will be invited to DONATE all or a portion of THEIR empty bottle REFUND to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada.**

100% of the funds contributed will go directly to the charity, to help support the fight against leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma.

Please save your beer & liquor returns until May 23rd or 24th and donate your empty bottle refund to this very worthwhile charity.

Not only will you be recycling but, you can help the fight against cancer.



## New Materials In The Blue Box

Remember to add these new materials to your Blue Box:

**Aluminum Foil:** Plates, trays, and foil. Plates and trays should be cleaned and placed in the Blue Box loosely. Aluminum foil should be clean and rolled into a ball.

**Tubs and Lids:** Margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, cottage cheese tubs, can be placed in your Blue Box - please rinse and remember to recycle the lid as well. (note: **clear** plastic tubs or containers are NOT recyclable in our program.)

**Beverage Cartons:** Milk cartons, juice cartons, creamer cartons, etc. Please rinse and place in your Blue Box for recycling.



## Enviro Tip

**Grow Your Own!** Food that travels by air is a huge contributor to global warming. Pound for pound, fruit that flies halfway around the globe creates five times its own weight in carbon dioxide emissions. Minimize food miles by buying seasonal locally grown food.

Essex-Windsor has a fantastic selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables in the spring and summer. **Buy local.** Support your local economy, save money, and protect the environment at the same time!



## Enviro Tip

Switch to reusable grocery bags. It means changing your behaviour; remembering to bring your reusable bags to the grocery store or keeping a few spare ones in the car, but it makes a huge difference on the environment.

An average family of four can bring home six plastic shopping bags a week. This means in Windsor / Essex County over **50 million** plastic shopping bags end up in the landfill per year.



## Household Chemical Waste

You can drop off your leftover chemical waste for FREE at our Household Chemical Waste Collection Centre located at Transfer Station #2 in Kingsville (2021 Albuna Townline).

The depot accepts chemical waste products that are used, but not used up.

### Accepted at the depot are:

Paints, Stains, Primers, Varnish, Lighter Fluid, Kerosene, Insecticides, Pesticides, Weed Killers, Flea Collars/Sprays, Bleach, Disinfectants, Drain Openers, Floor Wax, Furniture Polish, Oven Cleaners, Toilet Cleaners, Ink Jet Cartridges, Pool Chemicals, Ni-Cad Batteries, Antifreeze, Car Wax, Transmission Fluid, etc.



## Community Kudos

We would like to congratulate some of our local residents and businesses who have stepped forward and established new green initiatives! Every 'green' idea no matter how big or small makes a positive impact on our community. **Good Work and Congratulations To:**

**Beatrice Damore**, Executive Chef of Beach Grove Golf Club: Ms. Damore has started a composting program for the kitchen at Beach Grove. The kitchen now composts all leftover fruit and veggie scraps.

**Jovana Ilic**, Student: Ms. Ilic established a website for green alternatives. EcoJudge.com - Check it out.

**Windsor Factory Supply:** Removed garbage pails from their employees' desks and supplied recycling bins instead - they are also establishing a composting program for their food waste. They are saving money by using fewer garbage bags, which lowers garbage disposal costs.

**Vidya Mohan**, Student - 10th Grade: Miss Mohan established a backyard composting program for ten of her neighbours. Ms. Mohan collects kitchen scraps from the participating houses, composts them, and supplies 'finished' compost for those neighbours participating!

## Enviro Tip

**Recycle your pizza box!** Yes, you can place your pizza box in your Red Box for recycling, or if you have more than one pizza box, you can break them down, bundle them, and place them beside your Red Box for recycling.

**Note:** Leftover pizza grease inside the box is fine, but leftover pizza should be removed prior to recycling. Thanks.



# Spring Truckload Sale

Saturday, May 16th, 2009

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. / Devonshire Mall

Zeller's Overflow Parking Lot / Rain OR Shine / Cash Only / While Supplies Last

• **'Garden Gold' Compost:**  
(pre-bagged ONLY) - 4 bags/\$10

• **Backyard Composters:** \$20.00

• **NEW Residential Recycling Carts**  
\$55 / 35 gallon.

Items are available at the Truckload Sale while supplies last.

(If you cannot make the Truckload Sale, please see the front page for alternate locations for compost sales).



## New Residential Recycling Cart

(35 gallon / 132 L)- it holds approximately 2.5 recycle boxes worth of material.

Note: Residential Recycling Cart can be used for **ONE** material only, i.e. you can use your cart for Blue Box materials (containers) or Red Box materials (paper) **ONLY**- you cannot mix the materials.

(containers and paper cannot go together in the same cart).



## Provincial Ban On Pesticides

In order to keep your lawn weed free and looking like a beautiful green carpet without using pesticides (which have been banned from use), there are a few simple steps you should follow:

• **Overseed Your Lawn:** Best time to overseed is between May 15th and June 15th. Overseeding creates very thick grass, which will choke out potential weeds.

• **Water In The Morning /Water Deeply:** Many people just sprinkle their lawns with water (causing grass roots to turn up and burn) - water to a depth of 1.5 inches - water in the morning not at night.

**For more information on safe alternatives to pesticides call the Waste Reduction Hotline: 1-800-563-3377.**

## NEW 2009 RECYCLING INITIATIVE FOR APARTMENTS & CONDOS

### APARTMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM

**Q. Why is the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) providing FREE recycling tote bags to all apartment units?**

A. The EWSWA has been working with the provincial Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) to develop a standardized recycling system that will increase apartment recycling participation.

The recycling tote bag makes apartment recycling easier by providing a handy receptacle to sort, store and carry recyclables. The tote bag is distributed with an educational brochure.

**Q. Who is eligible for the free recycling tote bag?**

A. Each apartment and condominium unit in Windsor and Essex County in a building of five or more units is **eligible to receive one free tote bag.**

**Q. How are the apartment tote bags going to be distributed?**

A. EWSWA staff are working with local property managers and owners to distribute the tote bags during the summer of 2009. Property managers and/or owners are responsible for ensuring that each unit in their building receives a tote bag. Distribution is on a first come, first served basis.

**Q. How can my apartment building or condo obtain the free tote bags?**

A. Have your property manager or building owner contact the EWSWA at 519-776-6441 ext. 395 or the required information can be filled out (by the property manager or building owner) at:

<http://www.ewswa.org/multires.html>

**Q. The initial free distribution of the recycling tote bags will occur during the summer of 2009, but what happens if apartment or condo residents wish to purchase additional recycling tote bags?**

A. The EWSWA will ensure that recycling tote bags are available for purchase at our annual Truckload Sales.



**Note:** Tote distributed will not be the exact model as featured in the photo.