



Greening To-Do List

Waste Management Tools for Businesses

Save Money, Reduce WASTE!

Waste is an operating cost. Nottawasaga Futures Green Economy Centre has identified a number of ways your business can reduce your costs and reduce your waste.

Finding the Waste

The first step in reducing waste and becoming more efficient is understanding the flow of resources through your business. Basically, you need to know what is in your waste and where is it coming from. A waste audit is the quickest way to identify what is being thrown out. Yes, that means someone putting on gloves and going through the garbage bins to create an inventory of what is being thrown out. If you are conducting a waste audit as part of a certification process, check to see if you require a third party to conduct the audit. If not, there are a number of online resources to help you conduct a waste audit. The Ministry of the Environment provides resources for industrial businesses, www.ene.gov.on.ca. There are a number of waste audit templates available online such as the one on our website, www.nottawasaga.com/get under business resources, or for a more detailed audit consider using www.resourceventure.org or www.wrwcana.com.

Reducing Waste Collection Costs

- Limit your waste at the source by asking suppliers to: limit packaging, use recyclable packaging, reuse packing crates, or use reusable bins for deliveries.
- Separate and sort your waste by providing receptacles for paper products, glass and cans, plastics, and identify a place to sort other recyclable items such as electronics, construction waste to reduce garbage hauling costs.
- Identify items which can be reused, recycled or composted. Sort and source them accordingly.
- Explore a bulk collection contract - Save money by using the same collection agency with other nearby businesses.

Can Your Waste Make Energy?

Cooking oil, manure and food waste can be converted to a bio-fuel to generate electricity. There are incentives available from the province to turn your waste into power: <http://microfit.powerauthority.on.ca/bioenergy>, <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/biogas/>.

Changing Our Waste Habits

Smart businesses are viewing their waste as a cost. Our language and attitudes are changing about waste, to resource recovery. As the garbage rates increase, the most profitable businesses will be the leanest and most efficient at making use of resources and finding new products from recovering what was once considered waste.



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Resources for waste recovery in South Simcoe

The list below identifies known waste, recycling and reuse services operating in South Simcoe. We do not endorse any of the service providers listed.

South Simcoe Services	Description	Contact information
Waste Management		
Brighton Lee-Rich Waste Recycling	Specializing in commercial and industrial waste, dumpster rentals, recycling services, scrap metal removal, recycling and electronic waste.	1-877-423-7868 7975 Yonge St, Innisfil, ON www.atyourdisposal.ca ,
Dumpsters Rental Co-operative	Website allows you to find a local contractor for your dumpster rental or roll-off bin.	www.dumpsterrentals.ca
Composting		
Cathy's Crawly Composters	Worm composting for organic waste	1-888-775-9495 http://www.cathyscomposters.com/
Construction & Demolition Waste		
Done Right Deconstruction	Deconstruction and Salvage	705-434-9886 6681 County Rd -13, Adjala-Tosorontio, ON
Evergreen Recycling	Removal and disposal of liquid organics (grease trap cleaning)	705-458-0524 6030 11 th Line Cookstown, ON



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Recycling		
Wardlaw Poultry Farm	Recycles cooking oil into products including biofuel, provides grease collection bins	877-662-8262 john@wardspoultryfarm.com
Recycling Specialties	Metal recycling	705-735-2145 8903 Simcoe Road 56 Utopia, ON
Simcoe County Waste	Recycles asphalt shingles	1-800-263-3199 http://www.simcoe.ca/contact/swm/landfill/index.htm
Electronics Recycling	Pick up or drop off services for electronics	1-888-646-1820 business@ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca www.recycleyourelectronics.ca
Reuse		
Habitat for Humanity	Building Construction supplies	705-435-0336 239 Church St, Alliston ON
Free cycle	Website for listing free stuff	www.freecycle.org
Zero Waste Simcoe	Listing of south Simcoe locations to Take it Back or Pass it On	www.zerowastesimcoe.org

For more information on greening your business, contact the Green Economy Centre at 1-800-509-7554 or visit our website www.nottawasaga.com

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