

THE REGION OF PEEL ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

KEY FACTS:

The Region of Peel's weekly Organics Recycling Program diverts household organic material, such as food waste and soiled paper products, from disposal and turns it into a rich, renewable resource – finished compost.

The Organics Recycling Program involves more than 285,000 Peel households that receive weekly curbside waste collection in the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon.

Collection and processing of organic material takes place within the Region's borders, making it a 'made-in-Peel' approach to waste management.

Once the finished compost is created, it is sold to a variety of users such as gardening centres and landscape companies. Residents can also purchase compost at the Region's Community Recycling Centres.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS:

Household organic material makes up approximately 30 per cent of household garbage. The new



Household Organics
represent
30%
of your garbage

Organics Recycling Program allows residents to divert this material from disposal.

By participating in the Organics Recycling Program,

residents can divert an additional one-third of their household waste from disposal, on top of what they are already diverting through the Blue Box program and yard waste recycling.

Recycling organic material will decrease Peel's dependency on landfill for disposal and help the Region reach its goal of diverting 70 per cent of waste from landfill by 2016.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Residents should use the kitchen container to collect indoor organic material, such as food waste and soiled paper products. For their convenience, residents can line the kitchen container with newspaper, paper bags or certified compostable plastic bags. Non-compostable plastics, such as grocery bags and food wrap, are not permitted in the green bin because they contaminate the finished compost. There are a number of acceptable liner products available in retail outlets across the Region.

Residents are encouraged to empty the contents of the kitchen container into the green bin every two to three days, or when it is full. The green bin can be stored in the garage or outside, preferably in a shaded area.

Green bins are collected every week on regularly scheduled waste collection days. Green bins should be rolled out to the curb before 7 a.m. with the lid securely latched.

The collected organic material is recycled into compost that is great to use on lawns and gardens. The compost can be purchased at Peel Community Recycling Centres.





Peel Integrated Waste Management Facility

Green bins containing unacceptable material will not be collected. Residents are responsible for removing the bin from the curb and removing the unacceptable material.

Compost can be used as a soil conditioner for vegetable and ornamental gardens, as mulch, and for top-dressing lawns.

Finished compost is sold at competitive prices at the Region's Community Recycling Centres. Visit the Region's website at peelcompost.ca for more information.

PROCESSING DETAILS:

The Region can centrally process 72,000 tonnes of organic material per year.

Collected organic material is processed at two Regional facilities: the composting plant at the new Peel Integrated Waste Management Facility in Brampton that can process 60,000 tonnes per year, and the Caledon Composting Facility at the Caledon Sanitary Landfill Site that can process 12,000 tonnes per year.

ABOUT PEEL INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY:



Composting cell at Peel IWMF Organics Plant

ABOUT COMPOST:

Compost is a dark, earthy substance, which looks, feels and smells like very rich soil. Like peat moss, compost is a valuable soil conditioner, which improves soil structure, holds moisture and adds important nutrients.



The Peel Integrated Waste Management Facility in Brampton is one of the largest single integrated waste management facilities in Canada. The 4,100 square metre, state-of-the-art plant houses a single stream recycling Material Recovery Facility (MRF), an organics composting plant and a waste transfer station.

The material recovery facility has the capacity to annually process 130,000 tonnes of recyclable material per year; the organics composting plant can process 60,000 tonnes of organic material; and the transfer station is approved to transfer up to 100,000 tonnes of waste.

QUESTIONS?

For information on this or other waste management programs, call 905-791-9499. In long-distance areas of Caledon, call 905-584-2216 free of charge. Visit our website at peelregion.ca/waste