

“The Best of the Best” – Getting to 80% Diversion

**Strategy Report prepared by Environmental
Issues Committee Diversion Sub Committee
2012**

Target

“A diversion target of 80% would make Markham residents the “Best of the Best” in diversion in North America.”

Background

- Stalled at 72% Diversion
- Last changes in 2005
- Pilot Clear bag in 2008
- Council approved program review in 2011
- Diversion Sub Committee formed, chaired by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
 - Council Members
 - Waste & Environmental Staff
 - Regional Solid Waste Staff
 - MEAC



New Initiatives

Implemented between 2012-2014

1. Mandatory Material Separation By-law
2. Unlimited Clear Bags for Residue
3. Expanded Textile Diversion Program
4. Zero Waste for Schools Program
5. Establish Retail Bag Policy for Markham
6. Enhanced Promotion & Education
7. Reuse Depot for Renovation Materials
8. Curbside Electronics and Battery Collection Ban
9. Establish Spring/Fall Cleanup Days
10. Expanded Fall Leaf/Yard Waste Collection

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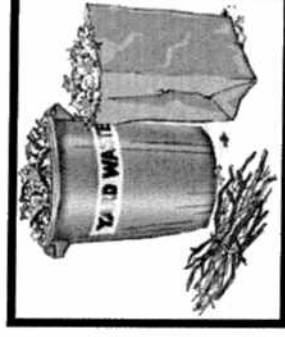
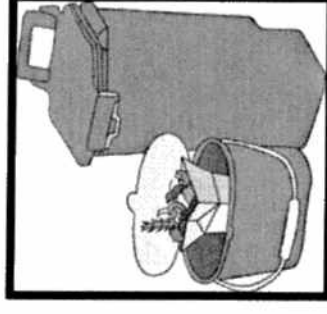
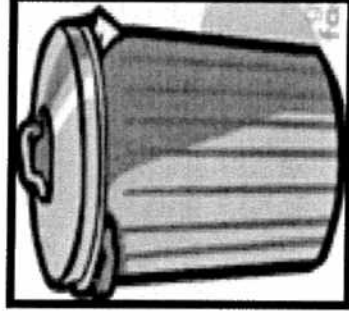
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Mandatory Material Separation By-Law

Recommendation

- *Require* all residential homes and multi residential properties in Markham to separate their waste materials into 4 streams: recyclables, compostable, garden materials and residue effective January 1, 2013.



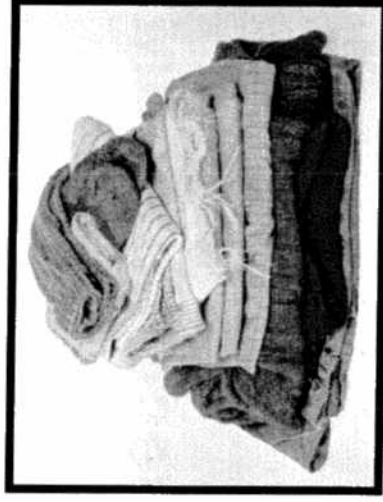
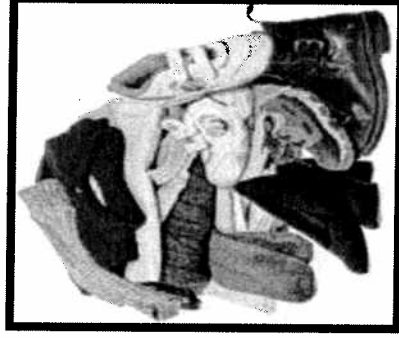
Unlimited Clear Bags - Residue

Recommendation:

Require the use of clear bags for residue effective in 2013 and elimination of the 3 bag limit and tag program to allow unlimited clear bags of residue every other week.



Textile Diversion



Recommendation:

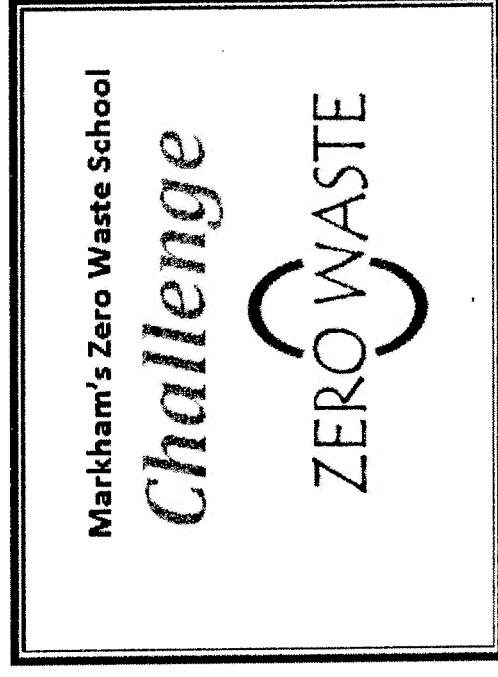
It is recommended that Markham expand opportunities to recycle and reuse textiles through expanded partnerships with legitimate and approved textile recyclers such as Goodwill and Salvation Army.

Zero Waste for Schools

Recommendation

It is recommended a Zero Waste program be developed to encourage and support Markham schools to adopt Zero Waste practices.

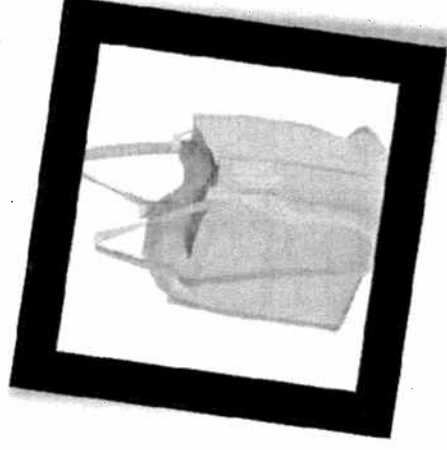
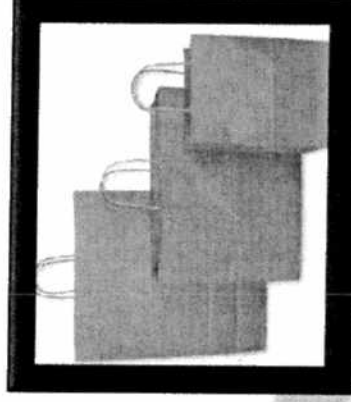
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Retail Bag Ban Policy

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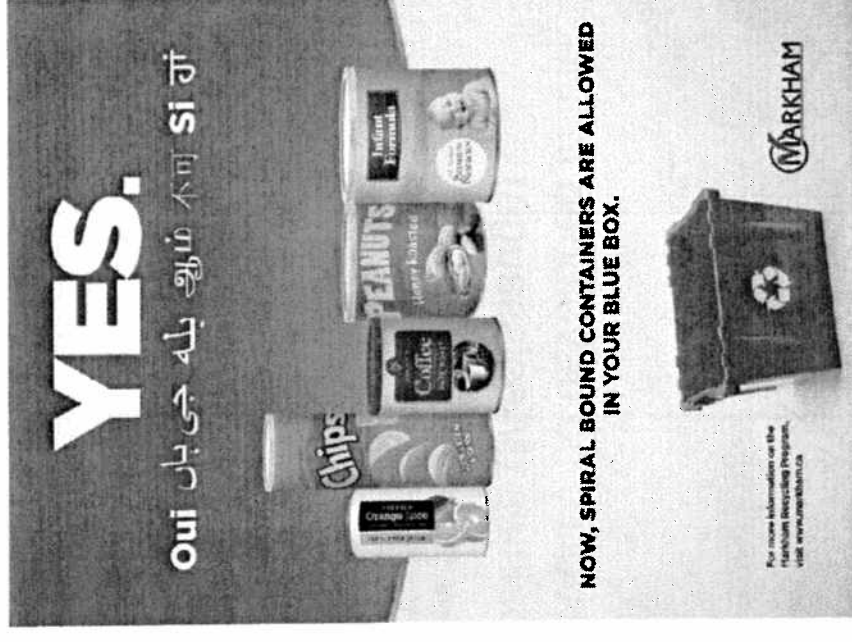
It is recommended that a retail bag ban policy be developed in line with Toronto and other GTA municipalities (Mississauga)



Promotion and Education

Recommendation:

It is recommended that increased use of social media, e-news, and newsletters be utilized to provide ongoing information to residents



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Reuse Depot for Renovation Materials

Recommendation:

It is recommended that opportunities be sought to locate a Habitat for Humanity type store in Markham for renovation materials.



Curbside Electronics & Battery Collection Ban

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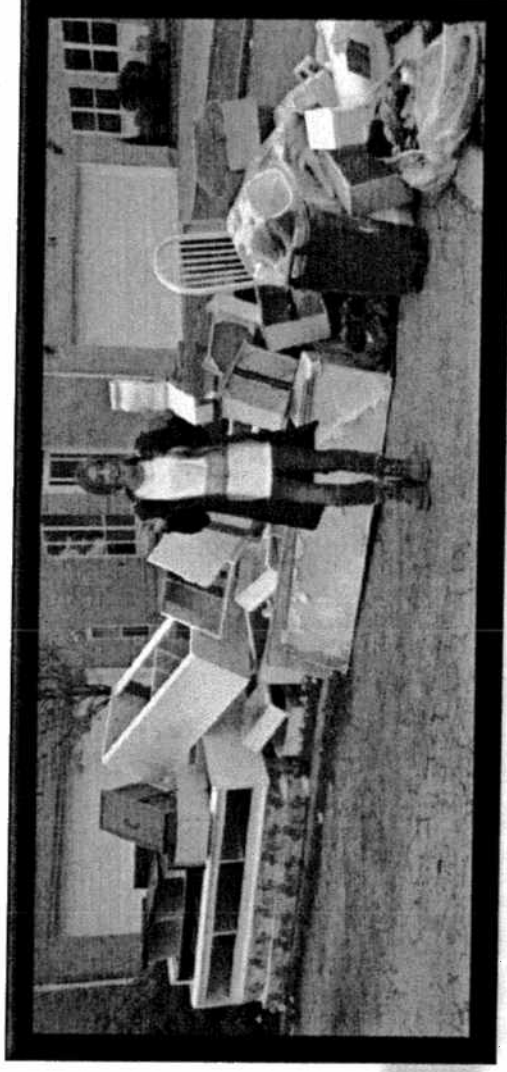


Ban curbside collection of
used electronics and
household batteries
effective January 1, 2013.

Establish Amnesty Days

Recommendation:

That the tag program be eliminated and replaced with spring and fall cleanup days and a move-out permit fee program be established



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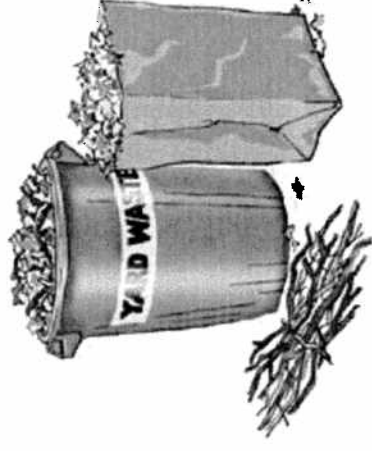
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Weekly Fall Leaf/Yard Waste Collection

Recommendation

That the current level of service for the collection of leaf and yard waste be increased



Bi weekly collection schedule
be extended to Dec 15 of
each year

Questions?

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