

# Township of Douro-Dummer

## ...the path is Clear!

The Township of Douro-Dummer will be introducing a **Clear Garbage Bag Program** beginning **January 2, 2018**. This program is being implemented to encourage residents and businesses to create less waste by disposing of recyclable, compostable, and hazardous materials in the appropriate streams. This initiative will protect workers, create economic opportunities, and preserve our local environment by diverting material away from landfills.



### The Clear Bag Town Hall Meeting

Please join us for a drop in style Town Hall Meeting where we will explore the details about the Clear Bag Program, answer questions about the revised By-law, and help clarify where specific materials should be placed. This is a family friendly event!

**When:** November 16th, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** 894 South Street, The Town Hall in the Hamlet of Warsaw



**Hall's Glen Transfer Station** 1951 County Road 6

**Summer Hours:** May 1—October 31

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.—2:00p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

**Winter Hours:** November 1– April 30:

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

# Clear Bag Instructions

- Bags must be clear plastic to allow easy viewing of contents by transfer station attendants and curbside garbage collectors.
- Households are allowed one (1) grocery sized privacy bag inside each clear bag to shield private material such as sanitary or incontinence products, diapers, or medical objects. If a privacy bag is the only waste you have, it does not need to be placed within a clear bag.
- Clear bags **may not contain any recyclable, compostable, or hazardous materials.**
- The maximum weight for garbage bags is 40lbs per clear bag with a maximum capacity of 2 cubic feet (0.6 cubic metres).



## Bags will **NOT** be collected if:

- If your bags are not clear
- If they contain **any recyclable, compostable, or hazardous materials.**
- If your bag exceeds 40lbs or 2 cubic feet (0.6 cubic metres)



We are here to help! If you have questions about the program or where items should be placed for disposal, call (705) 652-8392 or visit us at the Municipal Office in the Hamlet of Warsaw, 894 South Street.

# LET'S SORT IT OUT!

## COMPOSTABLE MATERIAL

### Material for the Backyard:

- Coffee filters, grounds, & tea bags
- Eggs & Shells
- Herbs, spices, sugar
- Greens, vegetable, & fruit scraps
- Corn cobs, popcorn, pumpkins (sliced into smaller pieces)
- Nuts and seeds
- Bread, cereal, pasta, & rice
- House plants and flowers
- Food soiled paper tissues & paper towels, muffin cups, & baking paper

### Material for Moloks at Hall's Glen:

- Everything that is suitable for Backyard Composting PLUS:
- Dairy products such as butter, cheese, sour cream, and yogurt
- Used cooking fats including oil and solid fats such as lard
- Meat and Fish including bones, skin, solidified fat, shell fish, and spoiled meats
- Pet hair, feathers, pet food, and nail trimmings
- Clean cold ashes (no nails or staples in it please!)
- Sawdust from untreated, unpainted, unstained wood

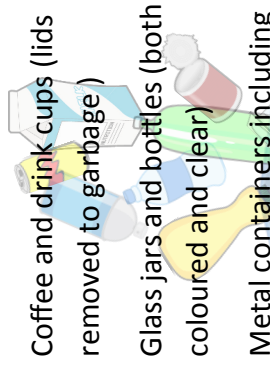


**How do I deal with Compostable material?** Residents can make or purchase composters or digesters to divert compostable material. If wildlife is a concern in your area, compostable material can be brought to the Hall's Glen Transfer Station Molok bins. Compostable material that may cause a kitchen to smell or attract fruit flies can be frozen until it is time to dispose of it.

## RECYCLABLE MATERIAL

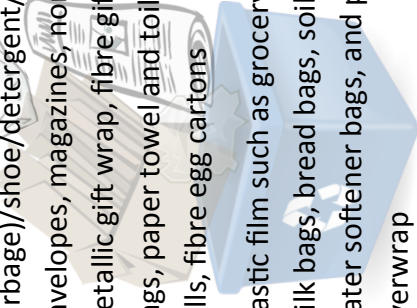
### Material for the Containers Bin:

- Cartons & Drink boxes such as Tetra-Paks, ice cream containers, and milk containers
- Coffee and drink cups (lids removed to garbage)
- Glass jars and bottles (both coloured and clear)
- Metal containers including empty paint cans, pop cans, soup/tuna/pet food cans, aluminum foil and pans
- Plastic bottles and containers, detergent and soap containers, empty medicine bottles, plant pots, food trays and containers



### Material for the Fibres Bin:

- Paper including books (hard cover removed), boxes, including cardboard, pizza/cereal (liners removed to garbage)/shoe/detergent/gift, envelopes, magazines, non-metallic gift wrap, fibre gift bags, paper towel and toilet rolls, fibre egg cartons
- Plastic film such as grocery bags, milk bags, bread bags, soil and water softener bags, and plastic overwrap



### Other recyclables:

- Used clothing and many household items in working order can be donated to charity for re-sale. Even torn, worn—though, and stained clothing is accepted at Value Village for recycling.



# Why are we switching to clear bags?

## Frequently Asked Questions

By implementing a clear bag program, we are protecting our workers, reducing costs, and helping to preserve our environment by diverting usable material out of landfill sites. Waste audits performed by the County of Peterborough show that on average only 23% of material thrown out is actual waste; 13% belongs in the Blue Box recycling program, 58% is compostable material, 2% is hazardous material, and 5% is material that could be recycled such as hard plastic, textiles, and construction material.

Clear bags allow collectors to do a quick assessment of the bag's contents to ensure there are no safety issues such as sharp glass or needles, or any hazardous, recyclable, or compostable material.

**What do I do with my old opaque bags?** Use up your opaque bags before January 2, 2018. You are welcome to start using clear bags before the launch date. If you have opaque bags after January 2nd, you can trade with friends in municipalities that do not have a clear bag program, or use them as your privacy bag (filled no larger than a grocery bag). They can also be donated to charities or used as donation bags for clothes, household items, etc...

**What about my privacy?** Personal items may be concealed in the grocery sized privacy bag.

**What do I do if I use old feedbags or pet food bags as garbage bags?** You may use these bags as your privacy bag or if you do not produce any more waste than a grocery sized bag, this bag may go to the curb without being placed in a clear bag.

**Do clear bags cost more?** Price differences between clear and opaque bags should not be significant if comparing the same sized bags. We are alerting local retailers so that they will be prepared to offer residents clear bag options.

**How do I know what is recyclable/compostable/hazardous?** Please visit the Peterborough County "Searchable Waste Portal" [www.ptbocounty.ca/recycling](http://www.ptbocounty.ca/recycling) or the "My Waste" app for details about specific waste items and special events in The County; the My Waste app is available for free from Google Play and the App Store. Public computers and internet service are both available for public use at the Douro-Dummer Public Library (435 Douro 4th Line).

**Hazardous Material** Residents can drop off household hazardous waste during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days at any of the Peterborough County depots including: Hall's Glen Transfer Station, Smith Landfill (1480 County Rd 18, Selwyn), and 6th Line Transfer Station (900 6th Line, Havelock).

Residents may also drop off hazardous material year round at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at 400 Pido Road, Peterborough. For more information and hours call (705) 876-1600.