



### Waste Reduction Week

Loyalist Township Council has proclaimed the week of October 16 – 22, 2006, **Waste Reduction Week**.

Please be good to our environment and reduce, reuse and recycle as much waste as you can this week, as well as every other week of the year.

#### Interesting Info

- Across Canada it costs more than \$1.5 billion per year to dispose of garbage.  
(Destination Conservation)
- 10 plastic soft drink bottles are required to make the fiberfill for one ski jacket.  
(Greater Vancouver Regional District: Just The Facts)
- Landfill sites account for about 38% of Canada's total methane emissions.  
(Environment Canada)
- There are well over 10,000 landfill sites in Canada.  
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- One edition of the Sunday New York Times consumes approx. 75,000 trees.
- 1 tonne of recycled paper saves 3,700 pounds of lumber and 24,000 gallons of water.
- Canadians take home over 55 million plastic shopping bags every WEEK.
- 2/3 of our household waste can be composted.
- 5 billion drink boxes are thrown away each year in North America.
- 70% of landfill waste could be either reused or recycled.
- One litre of oil can contaminate a million litres of ground water.
- Approximately 35% of municipal solid waste is packaging.
- \$1 out of every \$10 spent on food goes to packaging.
- One pound of newspaper can be recycled to make six cereal boxes, six egg cartons or 2,000 sheets of writing paper.  
(Recycling Council of Ontario)