

the **DIVERSION DIGEST**

Create memories, not garbage.



Celebrate the holidays in style, indulge AND watch your 'waste line' by giving **#wasteless** gifts!

HOSTING A HOLIDAY PARTY?
Dufferin Waste can lend you extra bins to help you sort your recyclables and organics.
Get in touch with us!

Borrow from nature to decorate your house in holiday cheer!

CONSIDER BUYING EXPERIENCES TO HELP BUILD A SKILL...

OR TICKETS TO YOUR FAVOURITE GAME!

DIY giftwrap!
Use fabric, newspaper, or reusable bags to wrap holiday gifts.

REMEMBER!
ALWAYS SORT WHAT YOU TOSS!
LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE FOR TIPS ON SORTING.



which bin do I put this in?



STYROFOAM ► GARBAGE

Blue Box materials collected at your curb are sent to a facility where they are sorted and sold to companies that use the recyclables as raw materials. Unfortunately, the market for #6 polystyrene, or Styrofoam™, isn't very strong. The nature of this material, being very light and often dirty from holding foods, makes it challenging and not cost-effective for manufacturers to turn into new products. So, unfortunately, your #6 polystyrene/Styrofoam™ must go in the garbage.



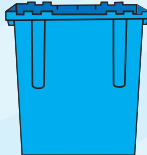
TAKE-OUT CUPS & LIDS ► GARBAGE

Much like Styrofoam™, there isn't a viable end market for take-out coffee cups. Paper coffee cups have a plastic lining that makes it difficult for recyclers to process. Paper markets don't want them because the lining is a contaminant. Meanwhile, plastic markets aren't interested because the quantity of plastic is small and it is difficult to separate from the paper. With that in mind, technologies change and a new market may develop in the future.



DRINKING GLASS ► GARBAGE

Drinking glasses, vases, windows, etc., are made of a different quality of glass than glass food jars and will tend to break more easily, posing a hazard to the collection and sorting staff. Safely dispose of non-container glass by placing it in a small box or rigid container, and labelling it "broken glass".



EMPTY PAINT CAN ► BLUE BOX

The keyword here is empty. If you finish a can of paint, just leave the lid off for a few days to let it dry out. The can and the lid can go in the Blue Box separately. If you have paint cans that are not empty, bring them to a Hazardous Waste Event to be properly disposed of.



SHREDDED PAPER ► GREEN BIN

The sorting facility where Dufferin's recyclables are sent has various mechanical and automated processes. Bags of shredded paper get ripped open by the equipment and the small strips of paper become impossible to separate and capture. It is a more effective solution to compost shredded paper through our Green Bin program. Place shredded paper in your Green Bin, a certified compostable bag, or a kraft paper bag for collection.



GIFT WRAP ► BLUE BOX OR GARBAGE

The holiday season is the season for sorting odd items! It can be hard to know which bin items go in - like gift wrap. If it's **paper**, it goes in the **recycling**. If it's the **shiny** stuff, it goes in the **garbage**. Try to re-use what you can, or wrap gifts in re-useable things like fabric or bags.

We did our best to include the most common items in our sorting guide, but if you have something you are not sure about, try searching the **Which Bin?** tool. It's available online at dufferincounty.ca/waste or on the **DufferinWaste** app (look for it in the Apple and Android app stores!)

Tis the season...



...for unusual things to sort out.

