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RESIDUAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

POLICY

DURING PUBLIC EVENTS



POLICY OBJECTIVES

General objectives

The Residual Waste Management Policy During Public Events describes basic principles and actions to carry out in order to reduce environmental impacts by organizing zero waste events.

The goal of this policy is to encourage event organizers to take charge of residual waste management during events held on the territory of the Regional County Municipality (RCM). Another goal is to raise awareness among participants, employees, volunteers, suppliers and sponsors to the importance of properly managing residual waste in Témiscamingue County.

Specific objectives

- * Determine the obligations of event organizers who use and produce residual waste;
- * Motivate event organizers to implement measures that promote eco-responsibility (an attitude that consists in preserving the environment);
- * Motivate participants (population and visitors) to commit to adopting eco-responsible behaviour;
- * Determine the support offered by the RCM in the area of sound residual waste management.






RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANIZERS AND THE RCM

Organizers

Event organizers should put forth all necessary efforts to reducing the quantity of burial waste. In doing so, they should consider the following instructions:

- * Give preference to compostable dishes (or carton) and/or reusable, instead of disposable or recyclable dishes. Did you know that recyclable dishes should be clean to be adequately recycled and placed into a blue bin?
- * Recover any recyclable materials (returnable containers, plastic, metals, paper, glass, cardboard, etc.);
- * Forbid #6 plastic (polystyrene, styrofoam) because it is not recyclable; 
- * Turn organic matter to account via the municipal compostable deck at the Temiscamingue RCM site;

Organizers should also carry out the following activities and pay for costs incurred as a result of these activities:

- * Rent containers required to properly manage residual waste (for recyclable, compostable and waste materials). Containers can be rented from regional container transportation companies. The RCM also supplies, at no charge, roll-out containers (360 or 1100 litres) to sort these materials;
- * Transport the materials to the Temiscamingue Waste Reclamation Centre, if not done by RCM trucks;
- * Pay fees to dispose of waste at the Waste Reclamation Centre;
- * Name a person from the organizing committee to be in charge of ensuring this Policy is respected.

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If requested by an organization, the RCM could subsidize the difference between the purchase of Styrofoam and the cost of compostable dishes in order to encourage organizers to take actions towards reducing waste (maximum subsidy set by the Council of mayors). In addition to this measure, the RCM has the following mandate:

- * Provide roll-out containers (360 or 1100 litres) at no charge, to sort the different materials;
- * Pay costs for disposing of recyclable and compostable materials (with quality control);
- * Advise organizers on ways to implement this Policy.



BASICS OF THE 4Rs-E

Organizations should try to implement the principles of the 4Rs-E (zero waste objective) which means respecting these actions in the following order:

- * Reduce at source;
- * Reuse;
- * Recycle;
- * Reclamation (composting, etc.);
- * Eliminate (discard).



Reducing at source implies not producing any waste whatsoever. This is the main goal. When the use of a product is required, it is preferable to look for reusable materials such as porcelain dishes. If this is not possible, then you should resort to recyclable materials (paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal) or compostable materials (including cardboard). Please note that recyclable materials should be clean before they are placed into a blue bin.



The last alternative before throwing away is to reclaim. Using compostable materials is a good example. That way, organizers can reclaim organic matter thanks to the composting deck at the RCM.

There are several measures that can be implemented to minimize the quantity of residual waste to preserve the environment. For example:

- * Properly evaluate the quantity of food to avoid wastage;
- * Use tablecloths and cloth napkins;
- * Avoid buying products that are overwrapped;
- * Look for reusable dishes (avoid throw-away dishes);
- * Purchase family-size products (avoid individual portions);
- * Replace plastic coffee stir sticks (non-recyclable) with pasta sticks or wood sticks;
- * Choose bulk food (not wrapped) and preferably local and seasonal products;
- * Reduce page printing.

All types of **rigid** plastics are marked with numbers ranging from 1 to 7. However, the #6 plastics (polystyrene) are prohibited because they are not recycled in Témiscamingue County.



DOMESTIC HAZARDOUS WASTE



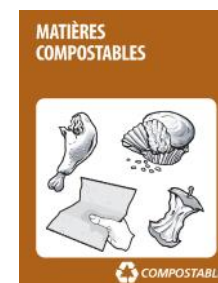
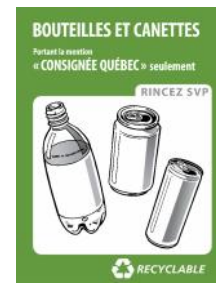
If domestic hazardous waste is generated during public events (oil and paint containers, batteries, fluorescent lamps, propane tanks or other hazardous waste: glues and adhesives, etc.) it should be brought to your local Ecocentre or to the Waste Reclamation Centre (contact your municipality to learn about the location of the nearest centre).





TRICKS TO SORT RESIDUAL WASTE

- * Set up a designated point to drop off residual waste and assign a person to properly sort the waste and discard them in the right bin;
- * Properly identify the different bins (waste, recycling, compost) - models of *Pictograms for signage and to raise awareness* can be downloaded on the following site : www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca (under the caption « Gérer les matières résiduelles... dans les municipalités »).



EVENT PLANNING

- * Adopt the Residual Waste Management Policy During Public Events held on the Temiscamingue RCM territory;
- * Specify how to manage the residual waste that will be generated during the event: recycling, reclamation, burial of waste;
- * Plan the use of equipment made available to you during public events to make it easier to bring the residual waste to the burial site;
- * Inform volunteers and event support workers of all aspects of the RCM's Residual Waste Management Policy.



DURING EVENTS

- * Make participants aware of your waste management practices using posters and other tools;
- * Ensure residual waste is properly sorted and discarded.



IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

January 1st, 2015



HOW TO REACH THE RCM OR THE RECLAMATION CENTRE

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