

**April 2019**

Question #10 – Wind Blown Recyclables

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Dear Trish and Tabitha,

Yesterday the wind was very strong in our neighbourhood, now we have recycling material strewn all over the road and in our yards. Although I realize the importance of keeping our County clean and beautiful, I'm so tired of having to go out and chase down not only my recycling but all my neighbours recyclable material as well. What do you suggest we do to help keep our recyclables in their containers on such blustery days?

Sincerely,

Run ragged after recycling ☺

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Dear Ragged,

Thanks for the great question! Both Trish and I love hearing that residents are cleaning up their neighbourhoods out of the goodness of their hearts, really makes us feel all warm and fuzzy.

As you already know, with the warm spring air also comes some pretty strong winds! Here are some tips to keep your recycling from blowing around the neighbourhood.

1. Clear Bags – Bags are a very easy and affordable way to keep your recycling contained, even on the windiest of days. Remember to keep your materials separated just like you would if you used a recycling box. Fibres (and plastic bags or “film”) can go in one bag and your glass, plastics and cans can go in the other. Just be sure to use a clear plastic garbage bag - it doesn't matter if it's clear white or clear blue, whatever your preference is.
2. Lids – Haldimand County does have a limited stash of lids for your blue and black recycling boxes. If you're interested, you can get one at our Canborough Transfer Station located at 499 James Road, free of charge. These lids fit over the top of your recycling box with just a simple snap.
3. Keep it indoors – sometimes the best way to keep your recycling contained is to keep it indoors. Remember there is no limit to how much recycling you can put out at the curb, so if it's windy outside and you don't want to contribute to the litter problem, keep it indoors and place your recycling out the next week. If you really need to get rid of your recycling and cannot wait until the next week, you can always take it to the Canborough Transfer Station FREE of CHARGE and empty your recycling directly at the site.

We hope this helps keep your recycling contained Ragged and thanks again for the question! Please download the Recycle Coach App for recycling and garbage information (like schedule disruptions, special drop off days, etc). And for others, if you have any burning trash questions, please feel free to send them to our NEW email address: [waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca)!

Sincerely,

Trash Talking Trish & Tabitha