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Durham Region enhances curbside collection programs

WHITBY, ON – The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department has enhanced its residential curbside collection program to include electronics and porcelain bathroom fixtures, along with metal goods.

Effective Feb. 13, residents in the Town of Ajax and the City of Pickering will convert to a new call-in service to schedule a collection date for metal goods, electronics or porcelain bathroom fixtures. To schedule a collection date, residents are asked to call 1-800-667-5671. Bulky goods collection, which includes items such as sofas, tables, dressers and sports equipment, will still be provided on a bi-weekly basis along with regular garbage collection, and with a limit of two items per collection date. Ajax and Pickering residents do not need to call in for the collection of bulky goods.

Also effective Feb. 13, in the Municipality of Clarington and the townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge, the existing call-in service for metal goods will be expanded to include electronics and porcelain bathroom fixtures. In addition, this new service level removes any limits for the collection of these items. The current call-in service for bulky goods, also at 1-800-667-5671, will remain as a bi-weekly service, with a maximum of two items per collection date.

Electronics include items such as computer equipment, televisions, phones, photocopiers, calculators, DVD and Blu-ray players™, home theatre systems and stereos. Porcelain bathroom fixtures include items such as toilets, bidets, sinks and bath tubs. Metal goods include items such as household appliances, metal furniture (e.g. patio furniture and bed frames), barbecues, swing sets, hot water tanks and furnaces.

“Last year, the Durham Waste Management Centre received more than 800 calls about the disposal of old toilets alone,” said Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management. “These changes will increase the waste diversion efforts in Durham, while making valuable materials, such as scrap metal, less available to scavengers. We thank local residents for their co-operation in helping Durham Region move closer to achieving a goal of 70 per cent waste diversion.”

The collection of these items in the City of Oshawa and the Town of Whitby is the responsibility of the individual municipality, not the Region of Durham. Residents are asked to check their waste calendars, or contact their local municipality, regarding collection of these items.

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For a complete listing of electronic, metal or porcelain bathroom fixtures, or for more information on the Region of Durham's waste management programs, please visit www.durhamregionwaste.ca, email waste@durham.ca, or call 905-579-5264 (toll-free at 1-800-667-5671).

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