



# Acknowledge Our Part

# Waste Diversion



### Do you have used tires?

The Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) program will take them off your hands. OTS recycles used tires into tire-derived products, such as Crumb Rubber, and Tire Derived Aggregate. Almost any automotive related business will take your used tires. For a complete list go to <http://www.ontariots.ca/?q=DropLocations>

Participating in waste diversion programs is a step in Acknowledging Our Part.

Ontario's Waste Diversion Act has created a number of diversion programs that make it easy to support the environment.



### Do you have household hazardous wastes?

The Orange Drop System takes back the following special wastes:

1. Paints and coatings, and their containers
2. Solvents, such as thinners for paint, lacquer and contact cement, paint strippers and degreasers, and their containers
3. Oil filters
4. Oil containers of 30 litres or less
5. Single-use batteries
6. Antifreeze and its containers
7. Pressurized containers, such as propane tanks and cylinders, oxygen and helium tanks
8. Lawn fertilizers that contain pesticides
9. Pesticides and their containers

### Check out

[www.makethedrop.ca](http://www.makethedrop.ca) for drop-off locations.



### Wondering what to do with your old computer and electronics?

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Program can help you out. Under the program 44 different products are eligible for diversion through a network of recycling and reuse partners.

### For the collection site nearest you visit

[www.recycleyourelectronics.ca](http://www.recycleyourelectronics.ca)

### Don't toss those fluorescent lights – take them back.

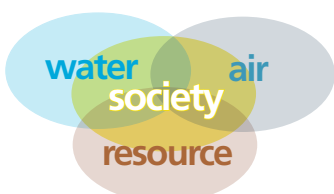
Take Back the Light is the first comprehensive fluorescent lamp recycling program in Ontario. Its goal is to recover and recycle the 30 million fluorescent lamps disposed of yearly. Each Ontario **Canadian Tire** store has a "CFL Recycling Centre" located near the customer service desk at the front of the store. This recycling program will accept standard and specialty compact fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes, incandescent bulbs as well as other bulbs for recycling.

### For more information you can visit

[http://www.takebackthelight.ca/retail\\_take\\_back](http://www.takebackthelight.ca/retail_take_back)



## Let's do our part to divert wastes.



You must be the change you wish to see in the world.  
Mahatma Gandhi  
[www.walkerind.com](http://www.walkerind.com)

### QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. What experience do you have with these take back programs?
2. How do you handle special wastes?
3. What other waste diversion programs do you know of in your area?





# Our Environmental Messenger™

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## WASTE DIVERSION

### COMMIT ■ CREATE ■ PARTICIPATE

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## RECORD RESPONSES

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EARTH 1st CHAMPIONS

### EARTH 1st Champion

Val Jupp has been reducing her impacts by using rain barrels to capture and store rain water from her garage. Four barrels are used and each one can hold approximately 204L of water. The water is used for things like watering plants and flowers in her garden. In addition, Val also has a small solar panel that is used to power the lights in the garage, she composts regularly and uses a clothes line to dry clothes.

**Great job, Val!**



Who do you know who commits, creates and participates in EARTH 1st?

