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## **ILLEGAL DUMPING PROHIBITED IN PEEL**

**BRAMPTON, ON.** (Feb. 22, 2011) – Due to a recent increase in illegal dumping, the Region of Peel reminds residents and businesses that illegally dumping waste is prohibited and that violators face fines of up to \$5,000.

“In recent months, we have seen an increase in the amount of waste being illegally disposed of in our community,” says Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management for the Region of Peel. “We are committed to protecting the environment, and we urge residents to properly dispose of their waste to help keep our neighbourhoods clean.”

Illegal dumping often occurs in public parks, rural areas, construction sites and new housing developments. It is estimated that within the Region, more than 2,000 tonnes of illegally dumped material is found and sent to landfill annually.

“A lot of the waste we find is from construction sites and home renovations and is typically heavy, sharp and hazardous,” says Lee. “Managing illegally dumped waste is costly for the Region and can pose a health and safety risk to residents.”

Residents who are unable to meet the Region’s two bag limit for garbage collection may purchase garbage tags online at [peelregion.ca/waste](http://peelregion.ca/waste), by telephone at 905-791-9499 or in person at any of the locations listed online or in the *Waste Management Guide*. Tags are sold for \$5 per sheet of five tags.

The following items, which are not collected at the curbside or apartments and condominiums, may be dropped off at any Community Recycling Centre (CRC) for a small fee:

- Construction and renovation material
- Landscape building material
- Automotive parts
- Tires (accepted free of charge)
- Household hazardous waste (accepted free of charge)
- Electronics (accepted free of charge)

Information on CRC fees and locations is available at [peelregion.ca/waste](http://peelregion.ca/waste) and in the *Waste Management Guide*.

Residents may also drop off unwanted items at private transfer stations that can be found at [yellowpages.ca](http://yellowpages.ca). As well, there are various community organizations that accept household items, free of charge.

For example, Habitat for Humanity ReStores are building supply stores that accept and resell new and used building materials such as windows, doors, paint, tools, lighting fixtures and more. They generate funds to help support Habitat for Humanity’s building initiatives while reducing the amount of material in the waste stream. Donations are accepted at all ReStore locations. If you are unable to drop off large items, the ReStore will arrange a time to pick them up from your home, free of charge. Learn more at [habitat.ca](http://habitat.ca).

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In 2010, the Region’s Waste Management Division received over 1,400 reports of illegal dumping. Residents who witness acts of illegal dumping can report the incident anonymously by calling 905-791-9499 (or 905-584-2216 in long distance areas of Caledon, free of charge). Residents who observe someone illegally dumping are encouraged to record and report as much information as possible about the incident, including:

- Date, time and location of incident
- Description of person(s) illegally dumping
- Vehicle type, colour and license plate number
- List of dumped item(s)

The Region of Peel provides waste management services in the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and in the Town of Caledon. For more information on these programs, call the Region of Peel at 905-791-9499 (or in long distance areas of Caledon call 905-584-2216, free of charge) or visit [peelregion.ca/waste](http://peelregion.ca/waste).

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