Diversion Days Discontinued

A BIG thank you TO THE VOLUNTEERS

The County would like to thank Adjala-Tosorontio Residents Association, all the volunteers, and Township staff for making this event a success through the years, and for making waste diversion a priority in Adjala-Tosorontio.

Diversion Day events started almost 20 years ago as a collaborative effort between the County of Simcoe, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Adjala-Tosorontio Residents Association (ATRA). The intent of the program was to replace curbside bulky item collection and subsequent disposal with a reuse/recycling option for residents.

Diversion Days was an immediate success, processing more than 300 vehicles and more than 100 tonnes per event in the earlier years. The program continued to grow to include several diversion programs, many of which are now permanent fixtures at County waste facilities. The event was unique and very successful, as it brought the community together with the common goal of diverting waste from landfill.

Since the start of the program, the event has diverted almost 3,300 tonnes of waste from landfill including:

- Scrap metal (384.7 tonnes)
- Propane tanks (6.8 tonnes)
- Waste wood (284.6 tonnes)
- Brush (186.0 tonnes)
- Drywall (64.9 tonnes)
- Cardboard (24.8 tonnes)
- Electronics (89.8 tonnes)
- Re-use items (1973.20 tonnes)
- Flower pots (29.0 tonnes)
- Tires (178.8 tonnes)

The Adjala-Tosorontio Ratepayer’s Association and its volunteer base has been an integral part of the event’s success and longevity. The group spent countless hours behind the scenes setting up for the events, preparing meals for the volunteers, and going to
great lengths to find homes for all the re-use items collected. Adjala-Tosorontio Residents Association Volunteers were just as committed, giving up many Saturdays to work in hot sun and inclement weather to help process vehicles, unload heavy furniture, and sort countless household items. While the event has been discontinued, the County is asking that residents continue diverting their waste year-round at the Tosorontio Waste Facility. This site has received many upgrades, including extended operating days (Monday – Saturday), improved entrance and receiving areas, double scales to reduce wait times, and the addition of a Household Hazardous Waste Depot to provide convenient and safe disposal.

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