



# Waste Management Centre

York Region's Waste Management Centre, located at 100 Garfield Wright Boulevard in the Town of East Gwillimbury, is the cornerstone of the Region's new 3-stream waste management system. The \$39 million Centre is situated on 135 acres of land and consists of a blue box material recovery facility (MRF), a garbage and food waste transfer station and an education centre.



## Material Recovery Facility

The blue box MRF, which can process up to 90,000 tonnes of blue box material per year, is 62,000 square feet in size and has a staff compliment of approximately 40 people. State-of-the-art equipment is used to separate various recyclable materials in a single stream process. This means that residents are no longer required to sort paper and containers prior to placement at the curb. The new equipment also enables residents to add new materials to their blue boxes, including:

- All rigid plastic food and household cleaning product containers
- Aluminum foil
- Empty aerosol cans
- Milk and juice cartons
- Aseptic packaging including juice boxes
- Empty paint cans



## Transfer Station

The garbage and food waste transfer station is 32,000 square feet in size. Over 150 tonnes (5 tractor trailer loads) of garbage, and 100 tonnes (3 tractor trailer loads) of food waste can be transferred daily to facilities as far away as Michigan and Quebec from this facility.

## Education Centre

At the education centre, school and community groups will be able to see first hand what happens to their garbage, recyclables, and food waste once they're collected, and will learn about the importance of minimizing waste.

## What does this mean for the Region?

The combination of the expanded blue box program and the introduction of food waste processing in the local municipalities over the next few years will help the Region achieve a 50 percent diversion level. As well as working to decrease the amount of waste shipped to landfills in Michigan, these initiatives are important steps toward becoming a more sustainable community to the benefit of all York Region residents.

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