

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS & PRIVACY STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF COLLECTION: THE YORK REGION BACKYARD COMPOSTING SURVEY CONTEST

The York Region Backyard Composting Survey Contest is open to residents of York Region who have previously purchased a subsidized backyard composter through York Region's Backyard Composter Sale event from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024 (see details below).

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS (the "Official Rules")

THE YORK REGION BACKYARD COMPOSTING SURVEY CONTEST (the "Contest")

Please read these Official Rules and the associated Privacy Statement and Notice of Collection in their entirety before entering the Contest. You are not eligible to enter the Contest unless you agree to these Official Rules, Privacy Statement and Notice of Collection. Participation in the Contest constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of these Official Rules, Privacy Statement and Notice of Collection.

The Regional Municipality of York ("**York Region**"), the Regional Chair, York Region Council members, and York Region employees, agents, successors, and assigns shall not be held responsible for any costs, losses, damages or expenses arising by reason of accident, negligence, printing, administrative or other errors that may arise or occur in connection with the Contest. York Region reserves the right to modify, amend, extend, suspend or terminate this Contest, in York Region's sole and absolute discretion and without prior notice, with no obligation or liability to any person entering this Contest.

CONTEST DURATION

The Contest starts on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. (EST) and ends on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (EST) (the "**Contest Period**").

ELIGIBILITY

No purchase is necessary to enter.

To be eligible to participate in this Contest, the person submitting the Contest entry must be a resident of York Region, be 18 years of age or older at the time of entry and have previously purchased a subsidized backyard composter through York Region's Backyard Composter Sale event from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024. York Region employees, and their agents, contractors, Regional Chair or York Region Council members are not eligible to participate in this Contest. Limit of one (1) entry ("**Contest Entry**") per household.

In order to enter the Contest or receive a prize, you must fully comply with these Official Rules and, by participating, you agree to abide by and be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of York Region, whose decisions shall be binding and final in all respects relating to this Contest.

HOW TO ENTER

The Contest can be entered during the Contest Period by an eligible person (a "**Contestant**") who:

1. Returns a Contest survey form; and
2. Completes the online ballot available at the end of the Contest survey form by providing the Contestant's first and last name, telephone number, and email address.

To access the Contest survey form, please follow the instructions included in the promotional email sent out by York Region on January 15, 2025.

All Contest Entries become the property of York Region.

PRIZE DESCRIPTION

There are four (4) fifty-dollar (\$50.00 CDN) Canadian Tire e-gift cards to be won.

The odds of being selected depend on the number of eligible Contest Entries received.

No substitution, transfer or exchange of prize or election of cash in lieu of prize will be permitted. Any fees resulting from using or activating the e-gift cards are the responsibility of the prize winner, and no reimbursements will be given for these amounts by York Region. Prize winners are also responsible for monitoring any corresponding expiry dates for the e-gift cards. One (1) Contestant per household is eligible to win one (1) prize in the Contest.

CONTEST PRIZE DRAWS AND PRIZE WINNER NOTIFICATION

The Contest draws will take place on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 12:01 p.m. (EST).

York Region will randomly select four (4) Contest Entries on the above noted date from all eligible Contest Entries received. Contestants whose entry has been drawn ("**Selected Contestant**") will be notified by email or telephone and must meet the requirements for claiming a prize in order to be declared a prize winner.

CLAIMING ANY PRIZE

In order to be declared a prize winner, a Selected Contestant must:

- satisfy the Contest eligibility requirements;
- be reached by telephone or email by York Region within fourteen (14) days following the Contest draw. York Region will use reasonable efforts to contact a prize winner within this fourteen (14) day period but shall have no liability or obligation to any prize winner in the event York Region does not reach the prize winner within this fourteen (14) day period;
- must correctly answer a mathematical skill-testing question without the use of any kind of aid or assistance; and
- sign and return within seven (7) calendar days following its receipt, the Selected Contestant Declaration and Release form confirming compliance with the Official Rules (including providing their address to confirm compliance with the York Region residency requirement), acceptance of the prize as awarded, and releasing York Region, including but not limited to, the Regional Chair and York Region Council members, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and actions of any kind arising from or in connection with the Contest or otherwise associated with the awarding, receipt, taking possession, and/or use or misuse of any prize, including any travel or transportation related thereto.

The Selected Contestant's failure to respect any of the conditions included in the Official Rules, Privacy Statement and Notice of Collection, will result in the immediate disqualification by York Region, in its sole discretion, of the Selected Contestant and an alternate potential winner will be randomly selected

until a Contestant has been chosen who meets all of the applicable Contest conditions. York Region reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion to select another eligible Contest Entry, in which case all these provisions shall apply to such other eligible Contest Entry.

Once the Selected Contestant is declared a prize winner, the prize winner is responsible for confirming their email address to receive the Contest prize. York Region is not responsible for delays in prize delivery beyond its control.

GENERAL RULES

By entering this Contest, Contestants agree that:

- the Contestant has read and understands the Official Rules and the Privacy Statement and Notice of Collection;
- the Contestant agrees to release York Region, including but not limited to, the Regional Chair and York Region Council members, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and actions of any kind arising from or in connection with the Contest or otherwise associated with the awarding, receipt, taking possession, and/or use or misuse of any prize, including any travel or transportation related thereto;
- the Contestant consents to the Contestant's personal information being collected and used by York Region for the purpose of administering this Contest; and
- the Contestant acknowledges and understands that York Region reserves the right in its sole discretion to modify, extend, amend, suspend or terminate this Contest or any portion of it, for any reason whatsoever, without prior notice, and without obligation or liability to any person entering the Contest.

York Region, the Regional Chair, York Region Council members, employees, agents, successors and assigns shall not be held responsible for any costs, losses, damages or expenses arising by reason of accident, negligence, printing, administrative or other errors that may arise or occur in connection with the Contest.

- York Region, the Regional Chair and York Region Council members, and York Region employees, agents, successors and assigns, do not assume any responsibility for any reason whatsoever, including any disruption to postal service or to telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software or failure of any entry to be received because of technical problems on the internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, as well as lost, misdirected, or late entries which for any reason are not received or which are illegible, incomplete or irregular in any way.

York Region is entitled to interpret these Official Rules as required and its decision is final. This Contest and the terms and conditions contained in these Official Rules, shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be adjudicated solely in the applicable court in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

RIGHTS RESERVED

York Region reserves the right, in its sole discretion to cancel or suspend this Contest should fraud, virus, bugs or other causes beyond the control of York Region corrupt, impair or impede the administration, security or proper play of the Contest. With respect to computer entries, York Region is not responsible for computer system, phone line, hardware, software or program malfunctions or other errors, failures or delays in computer transmissions or network connections whether human or technical in nature. Should multiple users of the same email account enter the Contest and a dispute thereafter arise regarding the identity of the Contestant, the authorized subscriber of said email account at the time of entry will be considered the Contestant. "Authorized account subscriber" is defined as the natural person who is assigned an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider or other organization which is responsible for assigning email addresses or the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. Automated entries are prohibited, and any use of such automated entries shall result in disqualification. York Region reserves the right at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual (and all of their Contest Entries) who tampers with the entry process.

PRIVACY STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF COLLECTION

THE YORK REGION BACKYARD COMPOSTER FEEDBACK SURVEY CONTEST (the "Contest")

The Regional Municipality of York ("**York Region**") protects the personal information provided to York Region in accordance with applicable privacy laws. "Personal information" is information that can be uniquely identified with you. The personal information that will be collected and used for this Contest consists of your full name, address, telephone number and email address.

York Region is collecting your personal information under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, section 11 and in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56 for the purposes of administering the contest, including processing your entry and awarding the prizes.

Any questions about the collection of this information may be directed to Access York at 1-877-665-6752 or email AccessYork@york.ca.