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CLEAR BAG POLICY – SUSTAINING OUR LANDFILL SITES

Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon is committed to extend the useful life of our waste Disposal sites. It is a situation which requires Immediate action in order to maintain our waste disposal and recycling sites for the future. **Clear bags are required to dispose of waste at both Township's land fill sites as well as curbside pick-up.**

Why does that mean I have to use clear bags?

Studies based on other municipalities that have adopted a clear bag policy show a 30-40% reduction in garbage, put out for collection.

But why clear bags?

The simple answer is that pop cans, bottles and many other recyclable materials are ending up in our waste sites along with actual garbage. Not only does this lower the life cycle of the site; it is also avoidable. There is no reason to include recycling in garbage bags when blue bin pick-up and recycling depots are readily available.

Does this apply to me if I run a business, a my School, or a community hall?

Yes – If you are disposing of waste in the Township of Stirling-Rawdon it needs to be in a clear bag

I own an apartment building; how do I get my tenants to comply?

We encourage multi-residential owners to inform tenants of the clear bag policy. This will ensure that waste in continued to be picked up and let left in public disposal units.

What if I have recyclables in my clear bag?

Your bag will remain at the curbside with a green sticker attached. If you take it to the landfill site you will be charged \$10.00, unless you remove the recyclables

But I always recycle—why do I have to use clear bags?

If you have always recycled keep up the great work! We are all facing the consequences together when it comes to depleting our landfill site, so it is necessary for everyone to participate.

I don't want others to see certain items in garbage.

You are permitted one kitchen catcher privacy bag (not black) inside your clear bag.

Where can I get more information on what is recyclable?

You can contact the Municipal Office at 613-395-3380 or Quinte Recycling at www.quinterecycling.org

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while Remembering our Past**