

**The Corporation of the Township of Limerick
Corporate Policy**

Policy Name:

Clear Waste Bags

Council Approval:

Date of Adoption:

Resolution:

1. Purpose/Application:

To promote and encourage an effective recycling strategy.

2. Policy Statement:

It is the objective of the Township of Limerick to apply its “Clear Waste Bag” policy in an effective manner with minimal disruption to the users of the Disposal Site. The goal is to try to achieve a 50/50 recycling to waste ratio by the end of 2016.

3. Scope:

This policy shall apply to all users of the Limerick Waste site.

Definitions:

1. **“Clear Bag”** shall mean a bag in which the Operating Authority can clearly identify the contents contained within the bag without opening the bag and that is 66cm x 83cm or smaller.
2. **“Domestic Waste”** shall mean the waste produced by residents in their homes;
3. **“Privacy Bag”** shall mean a bag that is intended to conceal the contents contained within the clear bag.
4. **“Recyclable”** shall mean those classifications of waste capable of being diverted from the normal waste stream;
5. **“Recyclable Material”** shall mean discarded materials and goods incidental to the operation of households, business establishments and public place that can be reused or recycled;
6. **“Township”** shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Limerick;
7. **“User”** shall mean an individual or corporate identity entitled to place refuse into the Township site;
8. **“Waste”** shall include domestic, commercial and solid non-hazardous, non-recyclable refuse and other wastes as designated by the Township, as approved by the Ministry of the Environment;

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9. **“Waste Site”** shall mean the lands located on part of Lot 16, Concession 2 in the Township of Limerick in the County of Hastings and which is located at 89 Limerick Lake Road;
10. **“Waste Site Attendant and “Waste Site Manager”** shall mean persons duly appointed and responsible for supervision and control of operations at the Waste Site and are referred to in this policy as the Operating Authority;

4. Policy, Procedure and Implementation:

1. Effective beginning on July 1st 2015 all waste intended for disposal at the Township Waste site shall be presented in a Clear Bag.
2. No Privacy bags or bags intended to hide the contents contained within the clear bag will be permitted.
3. In an effort to increase recycling within the Township, the Township will create a recycling incentive program. To encourage recycling the Township will allow disposal of one bag of waste product without a tag for each full bag (or equivalent) of properly recycled materials that is presented at the Township Waste site. This incentive program is only applicable to users of the Township Waste Site.
4. Limerick Township will distribute educational materials on the recycling program along with information of the importance of recycling.

5. Penalties:

1. If a person or persons attempts to dispose of a bag that is not a clear bag or attempts to conceal the contents within the clear bag there will be an additional fee of \$10.00 per bag. This penalty will become effective on January 1st 2016.