

Subject: Recycling NSN Flyer of April 28/2002

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There are a number of questions raised by the North Shore News Flyer on Recycling issued Sunday April 28/2002.

1. What is the "responsible" way to dispose of "disposable" diapers?
A realistic and practical reply would be appreciated. Returning them to the manufacturer is not an acceptable solution.
2. In 2001 residents threw out 3,502 tons of Yard Trimming (page 32) yet on page 34 it states "In 2000 North Shore residents put almost 9000 tons of grass clippings into the municipal waste stream". Please clarify.
3. How does one recycle/reuse broken/unrepairable Stereo Equipment?
The suggestion to consider "recyclability/reuseability before buying" is very vague.
4. On the one hand we are told to only put out the blue box when it is full. Now we are told to always put it out so that it can be used to prevent the blue BAG from blowing away. What is it you want us to do?

On the whole issue of recycling yard trimmings-

Let us assume the biomass generated on each property amounts to about 1000lbs/yr. Is it sustainable to retain this on the premises as in the long term it would eventually overwhelm the property? The goal of Zero Waste thus seems unrealistic unless we "deforest" our properties. Is this compatible with our community goals?

On the issue of Kraft Yard Trimming bags

- a) Are you aware that the price of these bags are on the increase?
- b) They puncture easily and result on debris on our streets.
- c) My observation indicates that they do not hold as much as the clear plastic bags (which are no longer allowed) thus exacerbating the added costs to the homeowner.
- d) Are you aware that the alternate plastic reusable 77 litre containers have recently gone up in price?
- e) Are you aware that the cost increase of using these bags/77litre

containers

far outweighs the \$2.50/year overall saving to the average homeowner?

f) Are you aware, that on the whole, more garbage containers (blue, yellow, green, and now brown) are littering the residential areas?

A reply to the above issues/questions would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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