



# TOWNSHIP OF STRONG

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## Residential Solid Waste Diversion Survey

The creation and disposal of garbage is becoming a major problem for municipalities. It also has major consequences for all families in our community. For starters, meeting Government regulations for setting up, maintaining, monitoring, and closing municipal landfill sites will typically cost hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars over the life of the landfill site – money that will come out of the pockets of taxpayers, their children, and grandchildren. But more than that, it is generally understood today that the creation of unnecessary waste, particularly waste that damages the environment, is simply the wrong thing to do.

The Township of Strong recently adopted a waste diversion plan. In part, this was to ensure that the township continues to qualify for the Government funding available for waste diversion purposes. More importantly, the Township is committed to doing its part to ensure that taxpayers have both the knowledge required to divert their waste to better purposes and that these opportunities are provided in a cost-effective manner.

**The township needs public feedback so it can move on to implementing its plan. You have been randomly selected from a list of taxpayers to receive this survey. In order that our data be representative of the views of the community, it is important for you to take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to the township office. If you are a seasonal resident, please answer the questions as they relate to what you do in the Township of Strong.**

Please note that survey responses will be kept anonymous, so you should feel free to answer the questions honestly.

1. In the table below, column headings represent different types of waste diversion programs commonly available in the region. Please **circle** the headings for those waste diversion programs that you participate in. For those categories you have not circled, please **tick the boxes** that best reflect why you don't participate.

	Blue Box Recycling	Hazardous Waste	Electronics	Scrap Metal	Composting	LCBO/Beer Store
Not available in Strong Township	<input type="checkbox"/>					
I don't have this type of waste	<input type="checkbox"/>					
I don't have the time	<input type="checkbox"/>					
I don't have the storage space	<input type="checkbox"/>					
I don't consider this important	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>					

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2. Do you sort your potential waste materials into categories before you dispose of it? If so, please list the categories that you currently use to sort your potential waste:

a) _____	f) _____
b) _____	g) _____
c) _____	h) _____
d) _____	i) _____
e) _____	j) _____

3. Blue box recycling is not mandatory in the Township of Strong. Please **check** the box that you agree with:

I think mandatory blue box recycling should be enforced by the Township

I think blue box recycling should be on a voluntary basis only

4. Please indicate by ticking in the related box which of the following statements best represents what you would be willing to do in regard to waste management:

I am satisfied with the way we deal with potential waste in my home and see no reason to modify our practice.

I would be willing to make the effort to learn and use a new way of sorting potential household waste if it will save taxpayers money or better the environment.

In addition, I would be willing to make the effort to use opportunities described to me to reduce the amount of potential garbage generated in my home; and to re-use items that we normally put in the landfill site.

5. If we were to provide promotional/educational material to residents, which sources would you most likely give your attention to? Please **check** those that would apply:

Local Newspaper (specify paper) _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Handout at Office or Landfill site <input type="checkbox"/>
Mail-out dedicated to the subject <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Website <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Insert in Tax Bill <input type="checkbox"/>

6. Is there any specific waste diversion information that you would be interested in receiving? If so, please describe:

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7. Do you have any other comments you think we should consider in the implementation of our waste diversion plan? For example, can you suggest any "rewards" or "penalties" that would encourage you to participate in diversion programs? Do you have any suggestions about improvements that could be made to the diversion program offered? Are you aware of other diversion opportunities in the area (e.g. people who would be interested in receiving particular types of waste material)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE**  
PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED SURVEY TO THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE