

April 25, 2024

To: The Municipality of Brockton  
Walkerton, ON  
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Dear Mr Mayor,  
And All Council Members:

Diverting waste from our landfills should be one of the top priorities that we adopt as concerned citizens and careful stewards of our earth. As concerned citizens of this municipality, we would love to see Brockton adopt the Food Cycler programme that has become available in recent years to many municipalities in Ontario. Every Tuesday, when our garbage goes out on the street, we see bags and bags being hauled off to the landfill site. Most of these bags hold an inordinate amount of organic waste -- waste that could and should be composted. While standard backyard composting is an option, it is a slow, inefficient process that becomes onerous so many people abandon it. The green cones are a few steps more efficient, yes, but still take a long time in decomposing the organic matter inside. In addition, one needs to find the perfect site for these cones in full sunshine -- and dry soil conditions -- a luxury which eludes many of our very wet backyards in fall, winter and spring. The perfect solution lies in the FoodCycler: a handy little machine that has the capacity of reducing food/organic waste volume by 90%. Organic waste is reduced to an odourless nutrient-rich "soil" substance that can then be used to fertilize our gardens! Imagine! -- 90% reduction in volume of all organic waste. How many truckloads of waste would be diverted from the landfill then? Imagine the labour cost saved as well as the fuel costs savings! These two alone should be an incentive for all budget conscious municipalities. Aside from the financial benefits, consider our position as stewards of this space, for our children and grandchildren. Food/organic waste in landfill sites is 30% more harmful to the environment than CO-2 emissions from our vehicles! Why? Because it produces methane gas, which is much more potent than carbon dioxide. Preventing food/organic waste is the first step of course, but controlling organic waste becomes imperative if we want to save our land, and water and energy.

Such a little thing that sits on our counters, or under the sink, = at 13.5" W x 10.9"D X 13" H -- it's barely the size of most office waste paper baskets -- but can have the impact of reducing 90% of food waste volume. (I'm sorry to keep repeating myself, but this is such an astounding thing!) We are very much in favour of adopting this programme in our municipality. Please consider us the first to sign up for the programme once it is implemented.

Let's have Brockton follow suit with all other progressively-minded municipalities, which are leading the way to "cleaning up our act" in this time of environmental crisis.

With thanks,

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Walkerton, ON