Recycling Tip of the Month: Take Action for a Waste-Free Summer

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors, whether it's a lazy beach day, a picnic in the park, or a community BBQ. But with all that fun can come unexpected waste. This summer, let's all commit to a cleaner, greener community by making simple choices that keep our shorelines and green spaces beautiful.

Pack Reusables
Heading to the beach or packing a picnic? Ditch single use items and bring your own reusable water bottles, containers, and cutlery. A reusable thermos or mug is perfect for hot drinks, while beeswax wraps and cloth napkins can replace plastic wrap and paper towels. Packing snacks? Try bringing them in washable containers instead of single use wrappers, many of which can't be recycled in your curbside bin.

What You Bring, Take Back
A good rule of thumb for outdoor outings is: if you brought it, take it with you. Even small litter, like bottle caps, chip bags, and straws, can easily blow into the ocean or nearby green spaces. Let's all do our part to protect wildlife and keep our community clean by taking our garbage with us and recycling it properly at home.

Green Gatherings
Hosting or attending a summer BBQ or party? Make it greener by setting up clearly labeled bins for recycling, compost, and waste. Encourage guests to bring their own dishes or cups, and opt for minimal waste decorations. These small changes can really add up and they set a positive tone for everyone.

Join the JBNA Beach Clean Events
Take your care for the beaches in James Bay to the next level by joining us for the our first ever JBNA James Bay Beach Clean events! Help us protect our shoreline and build community at one (or both) of our upcoming clean ups:

Sunday, July 20 from 9 AM to 11 AM at Lewis St. and Dallas Rd.
Saturday, August 2 from 9 AM to 11 AM at Paddon Ave. and Dallas Rd.

We'll provide all the materials you need, along with drinks and light snacks. It's a great way to get involved, meet neighbours, and make a difference. Email community@jbna.org to sign up but please note that advanced registration is required.

JBNA Recycling Saturday
Join us on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the corner of Oswego and Simcoe, on the James Bay School grounds from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We accept many items, including batteries, light bulbs, styrofoam, soft plastics, electronics, small appliances, and power hand tools. For the full list of accepted items, please visit https://jbna.org/recycle-saturday/

Let's keep James Bay clean, connected, and sustainable all summer long!