

Transition to Less Waste – Celebrating our 19th Year at Canterbury!

Our co-founders, Emma and Mike Farlow, gathered friends to carry out a grassroots recycling program during Canterbury's 2nd year. Years later, those efforts grew into our **Festival Waste Reduction Program!** Our volunteer-powered initiative carries out the collection and sorting of compost and recyclables, and provides reusable picnic-ware, which is washed and reused throughout the event. The growth of our program would not have been possible without TTLW's generous sponsors, and hard working volunteers! Our thanks to the many organizations and individuals who have made our pilot program a remarkable success!

Transition Town Initiatives

TTLW has embraced the concepts of environmental sustainability and equality that are promoted by the worldwide Transition Town movement. These include a reduced reliance on finite resources, a reduction in waste, protection of the environment, access to healthy local foods, and the advancement of eco-housing and environmentally friendly transportation.

Organic Demonstration Garden

This summer is TTLW's 6th season growing an **Organic Demonstration Garden** in downtown Ingersoll! Our 4'x8' Heritage Square raised garden is companion-planted with a healthy assortment of vegetables and herbs. You are invited to sample the fresh tomatoes, sweet peppers and herbs as they ripen! Modelled after WWII Victory Gardens, our "kitchen garden" inspires people to plant their own container gardens and veggie plots!

Representing our Community

TTLW contributes to Future Oxford's Zero Waste Committee, consulting on issues related to local waste diversion that will reduce the amount of trash that ends up in our local landfill, and has collaborated on a Zero Waste Event Planning Guide. We also participate in consultation opportunities at the local and provincial level on matters that involve environmental sustainability, including: air quality, pit and quarry rehabilitation, source water protection, healthy soils, resilient active communities, and waste reduction and diversion.

Walker Industries/Carmeuse Lime Landfill Update

Following Ontario's announcement that they would be re-working the Environmental Assessment Act, Walker Industries notified their Community Liaison Committee volunteers that they would now be delaying submitting their environmental assessment documentation for public and governmental review. Once Walker has submitted their optional draft EA documents, and a final version, TTLW will join other groups in assisting the public with having their say in how best to protect our community's drinking water resources and way of life. TTLW opposes the importation of trash and contaminated soils into our community, and remains committed to helping all levels of government to promote safe and innovative waste reduction and diversion.

Dish Lending Program

TTLW carries out a busy Ingersoll-based **Dish Lending Program** that provides reusable plates, bowls, mugs, cups, and cutlery to area groups and individuals hosting events (for a small suggested donation). To inquire about dish availability, email your request to bookings@ttlw.org.

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