Metroland – Letter to the Editor

No excuse not to recycle

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To the editor:

With slight trepidation this past week I lugged the two-plus weeks worth of recycling out to the curb.

There was one large cardboard box containing paper, several stacks of cardboard, a laundry basket full of paper, another laundry basket full of bottles, and of course, the large blue bin, contents spilling over. Imagine my delight when every last item was picked up, including the cardboard box.

So, on a trip to the dump this Saturday to pick up some recycled paint, I was surprised when I witnessed several trunkloads of cardboard being tossed onto piles of garbage. Some had even been bundled.

I was utterly astonished when I saw another patron dump the entire contents of a blue bin into a heap of garbage. Plastic 2-litre bottles, aluminum cans and other obvious recyclables were buried under heaps of steaming trash bags.

There is absolutely no excuse for this.

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