

(Metroland)

We need to recycle more items

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To the editor:

Re: Green, blue or black, Oct. 31.

I read the item by Erin Hatfield concerning the fact that Durham says our garbage needs more careful sorting. In it, Katherine Ross-Perron, a waste technician with the region, stated often plant pots, plastic jugs over 10 litres, and other plastic containers are placed in the blue box, but are not recyclable.

I have some questions.

If the smaller water and soft drink plastic bottles can be recycled, why can a larger one, as appeared in the picture, not be recycled All of these bottles have the recycle logo on them.

I had some plant pots and on the bottom is the recycle logo, with a 2 in the centre, the letters HDPE which I would take to be a grade of plastic, and MADE IN CANADA.

Also a clear plastic muffin container with the logo on it, a 6 in the middle with the letters PS.

If these items are not recyclable why do they put a recycle logo on them If Durham Region does not have the facilities to handle these and they can be recycled, then why not sell them to someone in Canada, where they are made, who can recycle them

This would certainly be much better for our environment than filling up our landfill sites with all of these plastic items which will be there for many years to come.

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