

Education, expanding recyclable items will spur recycling

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To the editor:

Re: 'Start the new year off clear', June 15 News Advertiser.

I for one am not in favour of using clear garbage bags and having the world see what I am throwing out on the basis that it will get me to recycle more.

Who knows, I could be trying to get rid of that thoughtful yet tasteless gift a neighbour gave me for my birthday. All kidding aside, I think the real solution is education, pressure from the Region (federal level?) on retailers and manufacturers to use recyclable packaging only and the expansion of the items that you can recycle. The last item is key as today we seem to be limited to what we can put to the curb and cannot recycle items such as Styrofoam, blister packaging, plastic plant trays and pots, plastic fruit and cake containers.

Often I find that one garbage bag is devoted to this type of packaging and a clear garbage bag won't exactly help. Yes I should buy friendlier packaging, but often there is no real practical alternatives offered.

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