

**PRESS RELEASE**

County of Dufferin  
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**Dufferin County Celebrates Waste Reduction Week!**

Dufferin County is proud to participate in Waste Reduction Week, October 16-22, 2017.

Waste Reduction Week is a national environmental campaign that asks communities to re-examine the waste they produce and think about how they can reduce it to make the planet a little greener. For instance, buying products with less packaging, carting around your reusable coffee cup, and remembering to eat last night's leftovers before they make their way to the green bin, would be great ways to participate!

With landfill space becoming more scarce, the need to reduce what we consume and become more conscious of how we dispose of our waste has never been so important. Although Dufferin County is a leader in waste diversion in Ontario, 6722 tonnes of waste produced still went to landfill in 2015 (60.3% of waste was diverted from landfill the same year).

In recognition of Waste Reduction Week, Dufferin County is offering presentations to school classes and hosting book readings at the Orangeville, Shelburne and Grand Valley Public Libraries. If you can't make it out to an event, you're still in luck! Dufferin County will be donating books to the library for your reading pleasure at home. There will also be displays in the Orangeville and Shelburne arenas that include ideas on how to reduce waste at home and at work. The County is challenging residents to share what they are doing to participate in Waste Reduction Week on social media by using the hashtags #WasteReductionWeek and #WasteLess.

For more information on Waste Reduction Week in Canada, please visit [www.wrwcana.com](http://www.wrwcana.com).

**Public Book Readings:**

Tuesday October 17, 2017 – Orangeville Alder St. Library, 10:15 am

Tuesday October 17, 2017 – Grand Valley Library, 3:15 pm

Thursday October 19, 2017 – Orangeville Mill St Library, 10:15 am

Friday October 20, 2017 – Shelburne Public Library, 10:30 am

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