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## **County Makes Arrangements for Storm Debris**

**Midhurst/ June 24, 2010** – The County of Simcoe has made arrangements with the Ministry of Environment to extend hours of operation and waste processing flexibility at the North Simcoe Transfer Station (1700 Golf Link Road, near the boundary of Midland and Tiny Township).

The County has also modified tippage rates for brush, food waste and municipal public works debris collection in order to assist in clean up operations. Details of these arrangements are as follows:

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**Issued by Rob McCullough, Director of Environmental Services**

**Re: Waste Management Info Regarding Storm Damage in Midland Area**

The following arrangements have been made by the County of Simcoe to manage waste issues caused by the Midland Major Storm event:

- The County of Simcoe Waste Transfer Station at 1700 Golf Link Rd. (near the boundary of Midland and Tiny) is staffed and operating despite a lack of power.
- The County has arranged with the Ministry of the Environment for the issuance of an emergency Certificate of Approval Amendment for the Transfer Station Site to allow extended operating hours, increased tonnages, and expanded area for waste segregation and processing,
- The Transfer Station will be opening extended hours to manage the additional wastes from 8:00 am till 8:00 pm through and including Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The tipping fee for Brush has been temporarily waived at the North Simcoe Transfer Station.
- Amnesty Vouchers (No charge) will be accepted for all loads brought in by Municipal Public Works vehicles related to storm damage. This includes debris collected on public roads by the Municipal Works Crews including storm damaged acceptable materials brought to curbside by impacted residents. Additional Amnesty Vouchers are being made available to Municipal Crews at the Transfer Station Scalehouse.
- If any resident has spoiled food wastes they can be placed them out for collection on regular garbage days following the same procedures already in place for organic waste with the following additional arrangement of allowing waste to be packaged in a full sized clear bag – 90cm X 75cm (as we are concerned they will be over volume allowed by green bin). The collection contractor will debag these materials upon collection.
- Residents can similarly bring spoiled food waste to the Midland Transfer Station at no charge. No plastic bags allowed (debag upon delivery).
- ***Full Disposal Rates will apply to all other wastes. Receipts will be issued for all disposal costs incurred such that residents can make claims to their insurance carriers.***

**IMPORTANT SEPARATION INFORMATION:**

- All waste must be separated to the greatest degree possible, given the nature of the incident it is anticipated the following materials will likely be generated as waste and should be kept separate:
  - Brush and Tree Limbs
  - Scrap Metal
  - Wood Waste
  - Shingles
  - Food Waste

The County believes these arrangements should significantly help the Town of Midland and impacted residents in the clean-up operations currently underway.

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