



Servants of Christ Guardians of God's Creation

St. Charles Garnier Parish

Waste Reduction & Recycling Program Protocol

St. Charles Garnier Parish cares about our community and the environment. In an effort to reduce the amount of solid waste ending up in our landfill and to minimize consumption of our planet's precious resources, St. Charles Garnier is embarking on a **more comprehensive waste reduction & recycling program**.

The goal is to become a ZERO WASTE/CARBON NEUTRAL parish by supporting local farmers and Made in Canada products, and promoting sustainable products, technologies and energy sources.

As a ZERO WASTE parish St. Charles Garnier has **banished** from any and all events the following products: Styrofoam containers of all kinds, and disposables like plastic cups and plastic cutlery. We kindly ask all groups to prayerfully consider alternatives to any and all petroleum by-products.

Our ZERO WASTE program includes **REDUCING, COMPOSTING, REUSING, RECYCLING**, and above all **RESPECTING** God's beautiful Creation.

Starting immediately:

Step 1 – plan to have a ZERO WASTE/CARBON NEUTRAL event. Select products that have the least amount of packaging and have traveled the shortest distance to get to our parish. When planning an event, first consider **local** and **Made in Canada** products.

Step 2 – **discard only** what is really **garbage**. That is why Step 1 is so very important. Please, before discarding any item check if it can be composted, reused by your group, or recycled (if in doubt, refer to the Recycling Menu lists posted in the kitchen and hall). When discarding garbage/trash please use only receptacles labeled **GARBAGE/TRASH**.

Step 3 – **Compost** kitchen scraps – there are 3 stacked white pails labeled COMPOST on the East wall of the kitchen (right under the wall phone). Please, ensure that pails are properly closed. Stacked pails are to be used from the bottom up to ensure that lids are sealed and no odours waft through the kitchen. Compostable items include: all organic matter like fruit and vegetable peels, leftover pasta (no dressing/oil/grease!), coffee grounds, tea bags, paper towels, paper napkins, wilted flowers (**No OASIS**), etc.

Please, no meat, bones, cheese, or oil.

NO GREASE - NO DAIRY PRODUCTS - NO WAXED PAPER PRODUCTS.

For more information refer to the lime green framed THINGS TO COMPOST list posted in the kitchen.

Step 4 – **Reuse** – save any and all items like containers, boxes, etc. for reuse in future events, *by your group only*. We kindly ask that no items be left on the kitchen counters for any other group to reuse. A clean and tidy kitchen is a Happy Loving Kitchen. Thank you!

Step 5 – **Recycle** – recycling receptacles are located in the hall and kitchen zones, and in the hallway. Please ensure that all recyclable waste is sorted and deposited into the designated receptacles as follows:



Refundable beverage containers rinsed no tops/caps

Glass containers must be washed

Clean paper and light cardboard¹ **only** no grease

Food cans and plastic food containers labeled (in triangles) 1-7 must be washed

¹ **Corrugated cardboard (boxes) must be flattened and put in the cardboard bin located in the parking lot.**

BLUE bins have been assigned and accordingly labeled for all recyclables. Please refer to labels before adding any item to bin. If in doubt, please refer to the bright PINK framed Recycling Menu Lists posted on the kitchen cupboards.

The RETURNABLES and MIXED RECYCLING bins have been placed outside the kitchen in the hall.

The PAPER tote is in the hallway (through the double doors to the left of the washrooms).

One **BLUE** bin for **GLASS ONLY** has been labeled and placed under the kitchen island across from the stove; this is for clean glass containers only; please, no candle containers that have not been properly cleaned; for safety reasons **no broken glass allowed** (as stipulated by the Regional District of Central Okanagan); all broken glass is to be discarded in the **Garbage/Trash** receptacles.

The WHITE bin in the kitchen has been labeled: **Garbage/Trash** - NO RECYCLING

It is vital and the **responsibility** of all individuals and groups using our facilities to ensure that **no recyclable materials** end up **in the garbage receptacles**.

Event organizers are encouraged to have a ZERO WASTE plan, in advance of their events, so waste can be first reduced and then sorted as efficiently as possible.

Your parish is excited about this initiative. To make it a success, everyone's participation is required.

For more information, please contact: Alda Berneaud-daRosa, SCG.GC Chair.

Thank you and God bless.

"Before it's too late, we need to make courageous choices that will recreate a strong alliance between man and Earth. We need a decisive 'yes' to care for creation and a strong commitment to reverse those trends that risk making the situation of decay irreversible."

His Holiness Benedict XVI
Save Creation Day - Loreto, Italy
September 2, 2007