

**Brian Kenny, minister of Environment and Local Government and Daniel Guitard, MLA Restigouche-Chaleur, encourage their citizens to start composting!**

Petit-Rocher, May 14, 2015 - Mr. Brian Kenny and Mr. Daniel Guitard, representatives of the people of the Chaleur region, encourage the population to start composting their organic wastes. Approximately 41% of a household's waste, almost half of which is organic food waste, can be composted right at home. In a household where recyclables are placed in the blue bin, nearly 60% of the waste that goes into the garbage is compostable. If all that organic waste goes into the garbage pail, it costs the community a great deal of money to transport it and bury it in the Red Pine landfill, not to mention the fact that it causes pollution.

To help alleviate this situation, Mr. Kenny and Mr. Guitard turn their household waste into compost. Mr. Kenny states, «My Green Cone digester is wonderful! I can put all my kitchen waste into it, including meat, fish and dairy products, and there is no odour. I save everything from meal preparation as well as leftovers from plates (when there are any), and it all goes directly into the green cone. No need to mix or add anything else... it's so easy!"

Mr. Guitard adds, "I garden. When my compost is ready, I use it in the vegetable garden, in the flowerbeds, around the trees and on the grass. My plants are healthy and I don't have to buy chemical fertilizers. Not only am I saving money for the community, I am also helping the planet to be a better place for our children, who will be here for a long time yet!"

The Chaleur Regional Service Commission is giving composting workshops. Ms. Jocelyne Hachey, executive director of the organization, says, "These free workshops teach our citizens how to install and use a composter and a digester. It's really easy. What's more, at the end of the activity, each participant can buy a composter or a digester at half price... or he may win one as a door prize! This initiative allows us to fulfil our mandate of raising our people's awareness of the need to protect our environment, our community and our Earth."

For more information about these workshops, feel free to call Yanick at 725.2414.

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Mr. Kenny buys his Green Cone at the Chaleur Regional Service Commission booth at the Beresford Regional Expo, held from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.



Mr. Kenny, with the Mayor of Belledune, Mr. Ron Bourque, talks with members of a local family.



Mr. Guitard, during this event, meets with his citizens.