

Metroland - Letters to Editor

Poor garbage service a real problem

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To the editor:

Re: No excuse not to recycle, Lesley Kelz letter, Jan. 9.

As a family of five at Christmastime the last thing I expect is to have all our garbage pile up for two weeks because of terrible service. We did not have green bin or garbage pickup for two weeks and because one of my sons unknowingly tossed an illegal Tim Hortons cup into one of our blue boxes the blue box collector refused to pick up any of our three blue boxes on the Friday before Christmas so we had no relief there either.

As angry as I was about all this I calmly loaded all my garbage into my truck on Friday, Dec. 28, and drove to the dump only to find that our administration (whoever that is) decided to close the facility for two weeks to give all their staff a nice holiday. So I carted all my garbage back to my garage to wait for the next pickup.

My wife called to complain about the service and try to find out when we could expect pickup and discovered she had to call three different people for each of the blue, green and garbage services.

She was also told that if our green bin was too full and the cover wouldn't close it would not be picked up and that if we put out more than four bags of garbage we might be fined.

If this awful service keeps up people are going to start to rebel. You only have to drive along some of the side roads and Hwy. 7 to see garbage bags tossed on to the side of the road as a sign it is already happening.

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