

## **Home Depot and Rona offering recycling**

In addition to the city's household hazardous waste recycling program, Owen Sound and area residents can now dispose of certain recyclables at Home Depot and RONA outlets as part of a new Stewardship Ontario program.

Producers and marketers of hazardous house products, such as batteries and paint cans, are now offering recycling drops at their stores under the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), a requirement by the Ministry of the Environment.

Owen Sound and Grey County have been offering hazardous household waste recycling programs to residents since 2001. In 2007, the program costs taxpayers \$66,000 to administer.

With Home Depot and RONA offering a similar service, it will not only reduce the cost of running the public program, but will allow residents to dispose of recyclables every day, rather than only once a month.

**Home Depot and RONA are accepting materials such as household paints, stains, varnishes and wood and concrete sealers.**

**Home Depot will also accept compact fluorescent lamps and non-rechargeable batteries.**

RONA will be accepting batteries and old tool blades starting March 1.