

Staples Canada Releases Q3 2016 Sustainability Report *Recycling programs see solid growth over 2015*

TORONTO, January 30, 2017 – Staples Canada released today its third quarter sustainability update and environmental achievements. Highlights of the report include record growth for several in-store recycling programs, including the battery, ink and toner, and writing instrument initiatives.

“Our environmental and sustainability initiatives are an important part of our company values,” said Leigh Pearson, director of facilities, environment and procurement at Staples Canada. “Our in-store programs continue to grow and thrive, with our battery initiative recycling more units than ever before. We are proud of our achievements to date and continue to find ways to help the environment and communities that we’re in.”

Battery recycling program on track for record-breaking year

Staples Canada’s battery recycling program collected another 44,004.7 kg in its third quarter – an increase of 12.4 per cent over the same period in 2015 (39,158.1 kg). The company is on track to have another record-breaking year in battery collections (154.1 MT collected in fiscal 2015; 132.3 MT collected in fiscal 2016 to the end of October).

Writing instrument initiative sees significant increase over 2015

Now in its 5th year, Staples’ TerraCycle Green Brigade program for writing instruments had its second highest collecting quarter to date during the third quarter, with 69,151 units collected, an 89.1 per cent increase over collections during the same period in 2015 (36,577 units).

A leading destination to recycle ink, toner and electronics

Staples also continues to be a leading choice among Canadian households for recycling ink, toner and electronics, 690,638 ink cartridges were collected during the third quarter 2016 – a 9.9 per cent increase from the third quarter 2015 (628,699 cartridges). In the electronics category, 992,007.8 kg were collected at Staples stores during the third quarter in 2016.

Emissions reduced by 1,615 metric tons of CO₂

Staples Canada continues to monitor energy consumption and actively works to conserve energy across its business by reducing overall energy costs and diversifying energy sources. During its fiscal third quarter in 2016, the company reduced emissions by over 1,615 metric tons of CO₂, which is equivalent to the annual energy use of 171 residential homes, or the carbon sequestered by 1,529 acres of forests in one year.

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