



## Staples Canada Releases Recent Sustainability Achievements

TORONTO, February 4, 2016 – Staples Canada today released its Q3 sustainability update and recent environmental achievements. Highlights include a 12% increase in batteries collected in the quarter as the company surpassed its full-year collection goal.

“We are proud that, together with our customers, we continue to have a positive impact on our environment,” said Pete Gibel, senior vice president of merchandising and Chair of the Staples Canada Environmental Committee. “We are working to ensure the products we sell are properly recycled when they reach end of life.”

### **127,892 kg of batteries diverted as of October 2015**

Staples Canada partners with Call2Recycle to collect and recycle batteries (rechargeable and alkaline) in every Staples store. In Q3 2015, 39,158 kg batteries were collected, an increase of 12% over Q3 2014. As of October, 2015 battery collections totaled 127,892 kg – surpassing the retailer’s 2015 collection goal of 125,000 kg.

### **Ink cartridge collection continues to be strong**

Staples Canada gives customers the option to drop off used ink and toner cartridges at every store location. In Q3, 628,699 ink cartridges were collected.

Eco-conscious schools across the country are encouraged to order a free recycling bin through the Staples Canada School Recycling program to help collect and divert ink and toner cartridges from landfills. For more information, visit [staples.ca/environment](http://staples.ca/environment) or [canadaschoolrecycling.ca](http://canadaschoolrecycling.ca).

### **1,014,425 kilograms of electronics collected**

Keeping electronics from landfill sites helps ensure that lead, mercury and other harmful substances are kept out of the water supply. Staples Canada, alongside its national partner, eCycle Solutions, collects electronics at 265 Staples locations. In Q3 2015, 1,014,425 kg of electronics were collected.

### **36,577 writing instruments collected**

Working with its exclusive partners, TerraCycle and Newell Rubbermaid, Staples Canada accepts used writing instruments such as pens, pencils, markers and highlighters for recycling. In Q3, 36,577 writing instruments were collected. Recycling writing instruments helps reduce the oil used in the plastic manufacturing process and keeps non-biodegradable materials out of landfills.

### **92,493 ink cartridges collected through the Driver Take Back Program**

Through the Driver Take Back program, Staples delivery drivers collect used batteries, electronics and ink cartridges from customers when delivering orders. The program is active in parts of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, Manitoba and Nova Scotia. In Q3, 92,493 ink cartridges, 55.3 kg of batteries and 17,481.0 kg of electronics were collected and diverted.

### **Emissions reduced by 2,653 metric tons of CO<sup>2</sup> in first two months of fiscal Q3 2015**

Staples Canada monitors energy consumption and actively works to conserve energy across the business by reducing overall energy costs and diversifying energy sources.

- August electricity consumption: 1.3164 kWh / square foot (7.5% increase over same period in 2014)
- September electricity consumption: 1.2565 kWh / square foot (2.6% increase over same period in 2014)

Over August - September 2015, Staples Canada reduced emissions by over 2,653 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, the equivalent to:

- the annual energy use of over 242 residential homes
- the carbon sequestered by over 2,174 acres of forests in one year
- the annual greenhouse gas emissions of over 558 cars

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