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Ayer's Cliff

AN INITIATIVE OF:
**The Consultative Committee on the Environment
and Sustainable Development of Ayer's Cliff**

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The Consultative Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development is made up of citizens of Ayer's Cliff, chaired by a member of the Municipal Council.

The committee has two principal roles:

- To make recommendations to the Municipal Council on environmental issues.
- To propose projects and initiatives that encourage and help citizens adopt good long-term behaviour on environmental issues.

*We need your help to protect
and improve our environment.*

Let us suggest some ways.



Some past accomplishments of the Committee:

- Instituting the use of blue (recycling) and brown (composting) bins with the publication of the Environmental Resource Booklet 2006-2007
- Distributing and planting of trees and shrubs
- Awareness campaigns promoting the responsible use of drinking water
- Creation of the Ecocentre
- Agreement with La Ressourcerie
- Organizing *Green Days*
- Partnering with Blue Massawippi and the Parc Regional Massawippi to promote the health of the lake



BE GREEN EVERYDAY








Reducing Household Waste



Ayer's Cliff can be proud of its major reduction in garbage sent to landfill. It is not simply a matter of saving money but of also following recycling and composting practices that respect the environment. Ayer's Cliff provides detailed regulations on environmental matters, available on the village's website.

In 2017, it cost \$93 a ton for garbage pickup but only \$50 a ton for compost

In 2017, the residents of Ayer's Cliff produced 280 tons of garbage, that's almost a 1/4 ton per person (about 500 pounds)!

 <p>Blue Brown Garbage</p>	 <p>Mini Ecocentre</p>		 <p>Hazardous Household Wastes</p>
<p>Everyone knows that paper, plastic, metal and glass go in the blue bin, that table scraps go in the brown bin and that diapers go in the garbage.</p> <p>As for other things... where would you put them? Dryer lint? Wine corks? Used aluminum foil?</p>	<p>Free compost is available. 1067 Westmount St. (across from La Pinte)</p>	<p>Disposal of large household items is available free, either as home pick-up, or delivery to the:</p> <p>Coaticook Store and Depot, 177 Cutting, Coaticook (819) 804-1018</p> <p>You can also shop at the store in Magog: 494, rue Principale, Magog</p>	<p>When dealing with cleaners, pesticides, chlorine, caulking tubes, etc., bring these materials, in their original containers to facilitate identification, handling and disposal.</p> <p>ANNUAL COLLECTION</p>
<p>Consult the site:  www.abcdubac.com</p> <p>Download the application  www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/appmobile-cavaou</p> <p>Links available on the village's website, www.ayerscliff.ca in the section Think Green.</p>	<p>Consult the site:  www.abcdubac.com</p> <p>See the back of the Collection Calendar for further details.</p>	<p>www.ressourcieriedesfrontieres.com</p> <p>Link is available on the village's website, www.ayerscliff.ca in the section Think Green.</p>	<p>See the back of the collection calendar for detailed information on date and location.</p>

Did you know that:

- As a courtesy to your neighbours, bins are to be placed at the curbside **no more than 12 hours before pick-up and removed from the curb no later than 12 hours after pick-up.**
- If you put bags in the composting bins, they must be compostable (paper only). Biodegradable plastic bags are forbidden.

Less garbage reduces collection and landfill costs for the municipality - resulting in tax savings for you, our citizens.



Reducing our consumption of drinking water

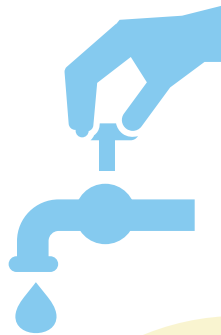


In 2013 Ayer's Cliff switched from water drawn from Lake Massawippi to artesian well water. Underground water resources are not inexhaustible.

It can take up to 10,000 years to replenish them.

We can help preserve this treasure by following a few common-sense rules:

- Turning off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth saves almost 9000 litres per year
- Reducing your shower from 15 to 5 minutes saves between 120 and 200 litres of water. It will reduce your electricity or gas bill as well
- Respect municipal regulation on exterior water use
- Repair leaky faucets and hoses rather than wasting water
- Collect rainwater for garden use



See the village's website, www.ayerscliff.ca in the section, **Think Green**, for further information.



Towards Greener Consumption



Time to think about our level of consumption, particularly over-consumption.

Consider a few possible improvements:

Food Consumption:

- Reduce the use of processed foods
- Do more home cooking
- Buy locally
- Reduce waste:

33% of all food ends up in the garbage

Consumption of plastics:

- Avoid over-packaged products
- Buy bulk foods
- Look for reusable packaging

Consumption of material goods:

- Give a second life to used goods
- Salvage rather than throw away
- Pass it on

Consumption of single use items:

Opt for:

- Washable products
- Rechargeable ones
- Ones that can be repaired
- High-quality products with a long life



**Think
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The Green Patrol

We are launching a Green Patrol: a team of committed citizens, volunteers of all ages, passionate about the environment, to help the population develop good environmental habits, for example:

- **Good recycling methods**
- **Principles of home composting**
- **Zero waste initiative**
- **Sound management of drinking water**

Follow us throughout the year, in the municipal newsletter and at a variety of activities.



Taking the **Green Path** Together

Ayer's Cliff

A journey amidst land and water

To maintain an environmental vision for our village, we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

You can reach us at dga@ayerscliff.ca

