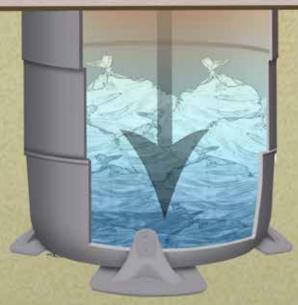


# MOLOK<sup>®</sup> REVOLUTIONIZING

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Waste and Recycling Collection

for Parks





## **Compact**

Natural vertical compaction allows for greater container volume.

#### Accessible

Containers are at a convenient height, making them easy and safe to use for everyone, including persons of all ages and abilities.

#### **Convenient**

Molok® containers can be located where they are most suitable and safe for users. They can be placed next to buildings, shrubs, in alleyways, even behind fences.

#### **Attractive**

Molok® containers are attractive and designed to easily fit into any setting.

#### **Efficient**

Using Molok® containers saves time, money and the environment due to reduced service frequency.

### Sanitary

Lower temperatures underground significantly reduce odours. The user lid closes automatically to keep litter in and wildlife and insects out. Since containers are crane emptied through the bottom of a reusable lifting liner, the hygienics of the area is greatly increased.



# Algonquin Park Waste Management System Recognized by ECO

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Every year, the ECO recognizes a government program or project that best meets the goals of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993. Ministries are invited to submit nominations, and an arms-length panel reviews them and selects the winner. Today, the 2012 ECO Recognition Award is being presented to staff of the Ministry of Natural Resources for their waste management system for park visitors in Algonquin Provincial Park.

Waste management presents a major challenge in Algonquin Provincial Park. With a turnover of thousands of people every year, there are many visitors to educate and large quantities of waste to manage.

Innovative staff at the Ministry of Natural Resources rose to this challenge by designing and implementing a system which has increased the waste diversion rate in the park from about 20% in 2004 to over 40% in 2011. This amounted to over 200 metric tonnes of waste diverted from landfill last year. The staff's next goal is to reach a 60% diversion rate.

"It's encouraging to see how a few dedicated public servants can change the way Ontario's campers experience our parks, while keeping more waste out of landfills and educating visitors and staff about responsible waste management," said the Commissioner.

The system facilitates recycling and organic diversion through the placement of separated waste collection containers along the Highway 60 corridor of the Park (between Madawaska and Huntsville). These containers are specially designed with wildlife-resistant lids and are placed 2/3 underground so the coolness of the ground tempers odours.

The ECO believes this project is important as it will lessen the environmental impact of the more than one million visits that Algonquin receives annually, and demonstrates that waste diversion can be done in any context. Further, if applied across Ontario's protected area system, improved waste management could help educate park users and lessen the impact of the more than 10 million visits that these special places receive each year.

