

# Quebec hotels, parks, train stations go green

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More than 1,300 bins will be installed across Quebec over the summer to encourage recycling outside the home.

The bins are the result of efforts from a coalition of industry groups working alongside Recyc-Québec, to improve recycling in places such as hotels, restaurants and public spaces.

Quebec restaurants, bars and hotels have had little incentive to recycle in the past, said Louise Fecteau, a member of the Table pour la recuperation hors foyer.

"What they say day after day is that there is no service, there is nobody that offers to make them recycle in their establishment," she said. "They have less attractive material. They have cans, they have bottles."

"The problem is the infrastructure is not there," said Daniel Cotte, president of the Outdoor Recycling Initiative. "Once you put in the infrastructure, and you organize the collection in a good way, the recycling rate increases very quickly because people have the habit and want to do it."

Working with a \$6 million budget, the coalition of industry groups hopes to extend recycling efforts over the next three years to help Quebecers develop better habits.

"It's like when you quit smoking, you don't start again after three years because someone offers you a cigarette," Cotte said. "The habit will be there."

Brossard Mayor Jean-Marc Pelletier said recycling bins that will be installed in parks in the South Shore community will make a big difference, because the town is "taxed on the amount of waste disposal we send to the garbage collection plants," he said.

The provincial government is providing \$300,000 in funding, with private partners making up the rest.

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