



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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## Quebec Waste Reduction Week Vaudreuil-Dorion presents the Second Edition of the Restart Party

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 5, 2021** – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is taking advantage of Waste Reduction Week to hold an event called the Restart Party (*Réparathon*), aimed at counteracting obsolescence by repairing defective objects instead. This free activity will take place on Sunday, October 24th, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., at l'Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste, located at 145 Harwood Boulevard.

Three partners will come together to share their knowledge and know-how to help visitors repair a variety of objects. These businesses include:

- Aiguillage CL (knife sharpening);
- Informa-Tech (Tablet and mobile phone repairs);
- PC-Teck (computer troubleshooting).

The Centre d'action bénévole L'Actuel will take part by setting up an information booth about social economy through donations. The City's Environment Department will also be on hand to promote sound environmental practices.

"The goal of such an event is to show people the impacts of their behaviour on the environment. It is much quicker to replace a faulty device than to take the steps to repair it. However, this is exactly what we should be doing from the start to extend the life of a multitude of everyday items. It makes more sense not only from an environmental standpoint, but also from an economical one", commented Oriana Farina, Head of the Environment Department.

### Conference on Recycling

Nowadays, in 2021, use of the blue bin seems to be well established for the majority of citizens. Yet, 12% of the recycling bins inspected during the summer by environmental awareness officers showed the presence of contaminants in the form of items that should not be included in these bins. This mismanagement of materials, whether intentional or not, has an impact on the work of employees at the sorting centre.

Grégory Pratte, Head of public affairs at Tricentris, the non-profit organization where all recycling in Vaudreuil-Soulanges is sent every week, will be on hand at 1:00 p.m. to give a lecture on the proper use of recycling bins. He will use visual aids to help explain the different stages in the process of sorting at the facility, and the impact every action can have on the recycling process. Participants will become true pros of the recycling bin! Those interested in attending

this presentation can register as of now by calling 450 455-3371, option 1 or by emailing [environnement@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](mailto:environnement@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca).

As health measures limit the number of people who can be admitted to the Opticentre at one time, citizens who wish to attend the Restart Party must also register online on the City's website or by phone at 450 455-3371, option 1, starting October 12, to obtain a time slot. Vaccination passports and masks are required to participate in the event.

### **About Quebec Waste Reduction Week**

Quebec Waste Reduction Week is a national event organized by Zéro déchet Québec, whose goal is to raise awareness and encourage every citizen to reduce their waste and consume more responsibly.

For more information on this initiative: [sqrd.org](http://sqrd.org)