



Clarington residents can now test their recycling knowledge online thanks to a new game launched by Durham Region.

The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department has launched Sort'em Up, an online game that allows residents to test their knowledge about recycling in a first-person shooter style. The game was created by University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Faculty of Business and Information Technology (IT) Capstone students, in partnership with Durham Region staff from Waste Management and Corporate Services-Information Technology.

This educational game allows players to retrieve various recycling, composting and waste items throughout a messy house, and then score points by shooting the items into the proper disposal bin.

"Our residents are great about sorting their waste, however, sometimes people forget to sort their waste in all the areas of their house-diversion should happen everywhere, not just in the kitchen," says Gioseph Anello, Manager of Waste Planning and Technical Services. "After the positive experience we had with our first online game, Salvage Frenzy, we decided to work with UOIT again to come up with another game to encourage residents to sort waste in every room of the house."

Staff presented the online game concept to UOIT program advisors, who passed the idea onto the Capstone team. The Capstone program has students working in small teams to assist businesses or organizations with a "real-world" project. The partnership gives students the opportunity to apply their skills into a project for an actual "client." Team members included five 4th-year students from UOIT. The game was developed as part of their final-year project.

To play the game, visit www.durhamregionwaste.ca under the heading "Videos & Games." For more information on the Region of Durham's waste management programs, please visit

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