

# Down the Garden Path – 23 oct 2010

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### TGC and the CBC!



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Toronto Green Community's Great Garden Adventure at Eglinton Park had a surprise visit last Thursday- from a camera crew! [Lynne Robson](#) of **CBC News** contacted us looking for a site to use in a new piece on what she calls "bioplastics" - biodegradable packaging made from a variety of natural materials that are said to break down in a matter of weeks. Our composters have become a testing ground for some newly launched compostable chip bags, which say right on the package that they break down after 12-14 weeks in a home composter. We're trying one in a typical black composter in a sunny spot, and another in our larger wooden bin, that gets only about 6 hours of sun a day. CBC News will be back in a few weeks to report on whether or not the bags have broken down, and their findings will be worked into a consumer report to show if the claim of compostability can be validated. TGC is happy to be taking part in this experiment, because it will be a great way to find out more about the new "compostable" packaging on the market. While a move toward composting waste products rather than recycling or disposing of them is a positive thing, we need more research on the effects of including these products in composters and education on what happens when compostables are thrown out or recycled so

that consumers can make informed choices about the products they buy. We're glad CBC is undertaking this research and will share the results with you in a few months time.

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