

Stockpiling of old tires doesn't happen in Halton

Halton has no large stockpiles of old tires, eliminating the chance of a Hagersville type fire happening in the Region, says Acting Regional Public Works Commissioner Bruce Kitchen.

Mr. Kitchen was responding to inquiries from Burlington Regional Councillor Rob Forbes, during Wednesday's Planning and Public Works Committee meeting concerning what Halton does with old tires.

Mr. Kitchen said any collected tires from locations such as garages, are shipped to provincially designated stockpile locations, none of which are located in Halton.

Halton's Waste Management Director John Mackay said following the meeting, some tires are shipped to landfill sites but not many because they are not readily accepted. Landfill operators don't like to accept old tires because they take up too much room, he explained.

Mr. Forbes wanted to know why Ontario doesn't permit the controlled burning of old tires as a means of disposal as is done in many places in the United States.

It was Mr. Forbes understanding that the burning of old tires causes less pollution than the burning of coal, which is currently permitted in Ontario.

Asked to confirm Mr. Forbes' information about the effects of tire burning, Mr. Kitchen said to the best of his knowledge the information is correct.

He added the province is doing extensive research in the appropriateness of tire burning as a

form of disposal. No one at the Ministry of the Environment could be reached to comment on the research being done at press time.

Mr. Mackay confirmed the province is conducting research on tire burning. In his opinion it's an option that should be considered.

While acknowledging there are examples of other ways to recycle old tires, none of them can handle the large numbers of tires that exist today, he said.

Mr. Mackay added that tire incineration could alleviate the province's need for coal as an energy source.

Kasual Katering
by Geri & Lori Kentner

SPINACH AND CHEESE STUFFED PASTA SHELLS

Stuffed pasta shells - an easy and stylish vegetarian main course, makes 6 servings.

Ingredients:

- 15 oz. ricotta cheese
- 1 cup grated parmesan
- 2 tbsp. fennel seeds
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 2 tsp. dried, crumbled basil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- salt and pepper
- 3 1/2 cups marinara or spaghetti sauce
- 32 jumbo pasta shells, freshly cooked
- Additional grated parmesan, if desired.

Method:

Squeeze spinach dry. Transfer spinach to a large bowl. Add ricotta, 1/2 cup parmesan, fennel, basil and garlic to bowl. Season mixture with salt and pepper. Blend. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spoon 1/2 cup spaghetti sauce evenly over bottom of 9 x 13 x 2" baking dish.

Fill each pasta shell with spinach mixture. Place shells, filling side up, in dish. Spoon remaining sauce over shells. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup parmesan. Cover loosely with foil and bake until heated through, about 30 minutes. Serve, passing additional parmesan separately.

Asthma program

Peel Memorial Hospital will hold a four-week asthma self-management program called Air Control for children aged three to five years and their parents. The program will start Saturday, May 4th and run until Saturday, June 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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