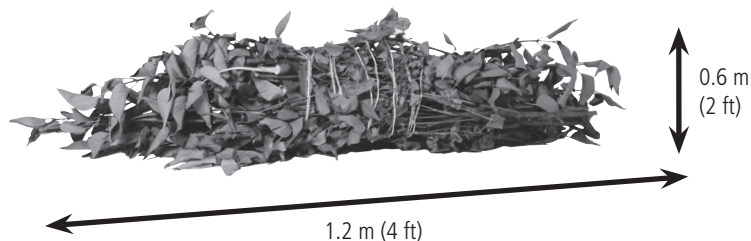


Yard Waste Collection



- From April 5 to December 17, 2010, yard waste is collected **once every other week**, on the same day as your garbage.
- **Yard waste in cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, GreenCarts or plastic bags will not be collected.**
- Only use paper yard waste bags or open, reusable, rigid containers labelled yard waste. If using a reusable, rigid container, you can drill holes in the bottom of the yard waste container for drainage.
- Yard waste labels are available at no charge. To order a yard waste label, visit www.halton.ca/waste, or call Halton Region by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000, 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or TTY 905-827-9833.
- Containers may have a capacity up to 125 L (27 imperial gallons) and weigh no more than 23 kg (50 lbs).
- Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m x 0.6 m (4 ft x 2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter.



- Grass clippings are not accepted in Yard Waste, GreenCart and garbage collection. Please "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings will decompose quickly, releasing valuable nutrients back into your soil.

Accepted yard waste materials

- Leaves
- Sticks & twigs
- Tree trimmings
- Decorative cornstalks
- Pumpkins
- Fallen fruit from trees
- Yard and garden trimmings

Not accepted yard waste materials

- Grass clippings
- Tree stumps
- Sod, soil, and rocks
- Clay
- Plastic shopping or garbage bags
- Plastic flower/plant pots
- Flower/plant markers and tags

Business Development Centre Create your own job this summer!

The **Summer Company** program provides hands-on business training and mentoring – together with awards of up to \$3,000 – to help enterprising students between the ages of 15-29 start and run their own summer business. This program is delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT). Applications are now being accepted online at www.ontario.ca/summercompany or call Halton's Small Business Centre for further information. Deadline for applications is May 6, 2010.

Win up to \$1,000 for your business plan!

Through the Secondary School Business Plan Competition, delivered in partnership with MEDT and RBC Royal Bank, students may submit a business plan for a business they intend to start or one they have in mind. A total of \$3,000 is awarded to the students for the top five business plans submitted. Talk to your business teacher(s) or guidance counsellors or call Halton's Small Business Centre for further information. Deadline for schools to submit business plans is May 14, 2010.

Upcoming Business Seminars and Program

Starting a Small Business: A general overview of things you will need to consider and resources to help you succeed, including structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes and financing options.

Wed., April 14 – Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) (\$20/person)

Consultant on Site Program: In partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Georgetown Branch Library on Thurs., April 15. Appointments must be booked in advance.

Growing in the Right Direction – Expert Advice: Get the best advice from business experts. A lawyer, accountant and marketing expert will assist with your challenges and questions.

Wed., April 21 – Milton Public Library (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) (\$20/person)

Marketing: Convert those prospects into paying customers by learning about targeting, branding, marketing plans and promotion.

Wed., April 28. – Burlington Central Library (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) (\$20/person)

Starting a Small Business: A general overview of things you will need to consider and resources to help you succeed, including structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes, and financing options.

Wed., May 5 – Oakville Public Library, Central Branch (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) (\$20/person)

Consultant on Site Program: In partnership with Milton Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Milton Public Library on Thurs., May 6. Appointments must be booked in advance.

Contact us for more information and registration details for these events.

Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility

A natural disaster, chemical spill or other emergency can happen any time. Representatives from Halton Region, the Halton Regional Police Service, and the Local Municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville, work closely together to plan for emergencies and ensure a coordinated response. We're prepared. Here are a few simple steps you can take to be prepared:

- Draft an emergency plan to help you know what to do if disaster strikes.
- Prepare an emergency kit to be ready to cope on your own for the first 72 hours of an emergency.

For more information and to download Halton's Personal Emergency Preparedness Guide, visit www.halton.ca/beprepared or dial 311.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca

April 13	9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Committee
April 14	9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Committee
	1:30 p.m.	Admin & Finance Committee
April 21	9:30 a.m.	Regional Council