

# Local recycling centres help communities practise the 3Rs

Most communities have a recycling centre serving that particular town or region. There are many reasons why this centre may have begun. For instance, the local residents may have been opposed to garbage proposals such as landfills or incinerators, or they might have wanted to help their community practice the three R's.

Many centres offer community-based education programs and recycling and reusing opportunities while generating revenue through the sale of used goods. These centres are places where people socialize, browse, tinker and go the extra distance to "do their part."

The centres are generally a common link to all sectors of the area and promote sustainable community economic development while offering unique ways to manage waste.

Recycling centres help promote the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste generated by the community by offering a one-stop shopping place where waste generators can drop off recyclables and sell good used items at a reasonable cost. Items such as books, clothes, dishes, small appliances and hardware find a second home that is not a landfill. They divert resources from disposal by supporting and devel-

oping outlets for all reusable and recyclable items, such as waste exchanges and e-waste recycling programs. They encourage and educate institutions, industries, business and individuals in the community on how to develop efficient methods of waste management.

Your local 3R centre works with many other organizations within the community, such as daycares, senior centres, humane society, schools, special interest groups and churches, by providing reusable and recyclable items for education or fundraising purposes at a reduced cost or free.

Once established, centres are pleased to offer financial donations in the form of scholarships to students pursuing studies in the environmental field and small grants to local schools and groups who need funds for waste management projects.

Most centres welcome volunteers of all ages and give high school students an opportunity to earn their mandatory community service hours.

Please contact your local community recycling centre to see what it has to offer. Happy recycling!

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# EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION

## April 17th, 2010 - April 24th, 2010

### COMMUNITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 17th, 2010

The 10th Annual Halton Hills Community Wide Clean up Day is taking place **Saturday, April 17th, 2010**. Hundreds of volunteers will scour our parks, ravines and roadsides in both urban and rural areas to collect litter.

### 22 MINUTE MAKEOVER THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

The 6th Annual Halton Hills 20 Minute Makeover, now called the "22 Minute Makeover", is scheduled for **Thursday, April 22, 2010**. Everyone is encouraged to participate by picking up litter in their immediate neighbourhoods.

### HALTON HILLS EARTH DAY APRIL 24th, 2010 – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Town of Halton Hills is celebrating its 10th Annual Earth Day event on **Saturday, April 24th, 2010**. The event takes place at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road. The Town is offering trees to residents at a subsidized rate of \$5.00 per tree (incl. tax). Cash only please. Trees are available in limited quantities. Nine varieties of trees available; Red Maple, Alternative Leave Dogwood, White Birch, White Spruce, Common Choke Cherry, Downy Serviceberry, Red Oak, Eastern White Pine and Black Cherry. There is a limit of four trees per household until 10:00 am.

In addition to the annual tree sale, residents will also be able to pick up compost and wood chips for FREE! Please bring along a shovel and container. A non-perishable food donation or cash donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket or Acton Foodshare is requested.

Residents can also drop off their Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) and Electronic Wastes. Please refer to Region of Halton's website at [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste) for acceptable and non-acceptable items. **Please note there will be NO tires collected at this event.**

Also, take time to enjoy a community barbeque. The Mayor and Councilors will be toasting waffles and barbecuing hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages for you at a low price of \$1.00.

**New this year!** Various pieces of Public Works Equipment and Vehicles will be on display, along with interactive and fun activities for children with prizes.

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