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## Halton Region

At Halton Region, there are a number of important projects designed to help protect and preserve the environment. Many of these are offered in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills and our other Local Municipalities including:

### Special Waste Drop-off Day

On Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Halton Region will be at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, to collect residential electronics (computers, TVs, etc.) and household hazardous waste (pesticides, paints, household batteries, etc.). Visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste).

### Spring Rain Barrel Sales

As part of Halton Region's water conservation program, four rain barrel sales events will take place throughout May. In 2009, over 6000 rain barrels were sold to Halton residents. Visit [www.halton.ca/waterconservation](http://www.halton.ca/waterconservation) in mid-April for specific dates and locations.

### Take It Back! Halton

Take It Back! Halton is a directory of local businesses, non-profit organizations and municipal facilities that take back materials to be reused, recycled or disposed. In partnership with the Town, Halton Region operates Battery Depots at the Acton Arena, Civic Centre, Gellert Community Centre, Georgetown Library, and Mold-Masters SportsPlex, to collect household rechargeable and single-use batteries. In 2009, 2,662 kg of household batteries were collected from these sites. Visit [www.halton.ca/takeitback](http://www.halton.ca/takeitback).

### Low Flow, High Efficiency Toilets (also open to residents on private wells)

Reduce your water consumption. A limited number of rebates for \$60 or \$75 are available to residents of single-family homes who purchase and install a Halton-approved water efficient toilet. For more details dial 311 or visit [www.halton.ca/toiletrebate](http://www.halton.ca/toiletrebate).

### Spring Compost Give Away

Halton Region's popular Spring Compost Give Away will take place this year from Monday, May 10 until Saturday, May 15.

The event runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the Halton Waste Management Site, located at 5400 Regional Road 25 in Milton.

Rich, garden-friendly compost will be available to Halton residents who are encouraged to bring a cash donation or a non-perishable food item, which will be given to local food banks. For more information visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste).

### Outdoor Water Use: Know Your Colour, Know Your Limits

In the summer, water consumption can double due to activities such as lawn watering. To ensure a reliable, continuous supply of water for essential and emergency needs, Halton has launched a new Outdoor Water Use strategy designed to quickly and effectively communicate outdoor water use restrictions. The numeric and colour coded system establishes three levels of outdoor water use. Visit [www.halton.ca/waterconservation](http://www.halton.ca/waterconservation).

### Air Quality and Climate Change in Halton

Halton Region is one of the first municipalities in the country to establish its own air monitoring program. An air monitoring station in Milton provides residents in north Halton with a better indicator of air quality and monitors trends. To learn more about Halton's air quality program visit [www.halton.ca/airquality](http://www.halton.ca/airquality).



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## Halton Hills

Halton Hills recognizes the importance of moving towards sustainability. Below is a list of our sustainability initiatives. For more information, visit: [www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability).

### Corporate Initiatives

- Our Strategic Plan captures the concept of sustainability. It is complemented by the Green Plan which provides further environmental leadership.
- To integrate sustainability into everyday decisions, the Town established the Staff Sustainability Team and a Town Sustainability Advisory Committee.
- We once again participated in Earth Hour. In 2010, we reduced energy use by about 7%, enough to power 3,300 homes for an hour.

### Planning for a Healthy Environment

- Promoting energy conservation, Halton Hills took part in the Count Me In! Community Challenge Day. Of the 83 participating municipalities, the Town placed in the top 10, decreasing energy use by 2.3%.
- Halton Hills was selected as one of four Ontario municipalities to participate in WWF-Canada's The Good Life initiative. Residents reduced greenhouse gas emissions by about 700,000 kilograms.
- The Town's Official Plan establishes an 'environment-first' philosophy to protect our many significant environmental features.
- The Town is nearing completion of three key studies to help establish healthy and vibrant communities. Specifically, the Community Improvement Plan, Intensification Strategy and the GO Station Area Land Use Study.

### Infrastructure Services' Environmental Initiatives

- In 2009, 4,000 tonnes of milled asphalt were recycled for reuse on other roads. This conserves gravel resources, and reduces the need for hauling and disposal.
- We installed three storm water quality structures to treat road run-off.
- The Town installed 22 LED pathway lights

as part of a pilot project to study LED technology.

- The Town continues to "right-size" the Public Works fleet, replacing two 8-cylinder vehicles with smaller 4-cylinder pick-up trucks.

### Providing Green Library Services

- Through the sharing of materials, the Library is the Town's best 'recycler'.
- We are aiming for a LEED Silver rating for the expanded Georgetown Library and the new Acton Library.
- We lend energy meters to assist residents with energy reduction.
- We lend pedometers to encourage people to be active.

### Celebrating Earth Week 2010

- April 2010 will mark the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. The theme for the Town's Earth Week celebrations will be: "Celebrating Our Biodiversity", marking the International Year of Biodiversity.
- Halton Hills will be focusing on the environment between April 17 and 24. Contact the Public Works Department at 905.873.2601 ext. 2609.
- Hundreds of volunteers will collect litter at the 10th annual Community Wide Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 17.
- The 6th annual Halton Hills 20 Minute Makeover, now called the "22 Minute Makeover" to recognize the actual date of Earth Day, is on Thursday, April 22. Pick up litter in your neighbourhood.
- Earth Day celebrations will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town's Robert C. Austin Operations Centre.
- On Saturday, April 24, Earth Day celebrations will expand to the Georgetown Market Place and the Devereaux House, featuring live animals, music, and workshops. Visit: [www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability) or call 905.873.2601 ext. 2289.



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