

Halton Region and The Town of Halton Hills Celebrate Environmental Achievements



At Halton Region, there are a number of important projects designed to protect and preserve the environment. Many of these projects are offered in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills and our other Local Municipalities. To learn more about any of the projects listed below please dial 311 or visit www.halton.ca.
—Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair

Special Waste Drop-off Day

On Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 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.

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, Halton Hills Civic Centre, Gellert Community Centre, Georgetown Library, and Mold-Masters SportsPlex, to collect household rechargeable and single-use batteries. In 2010, 3,386 kg of household batteries were collected from these sites. Visit www.halton.ca/takeitback.

Spring Compost Give Away

Halton Region's popular Spring Compost Give Away will take place this year from Monday, May 9 until Saturday, May 14. 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. Visit www.halton.ca/waste.

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.

Spring Rain Barrel Sales

As part of Halton Region's water efficiency program, four rain barrel sales events will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on:

- May 7, Mapleview Mall, Burlington,
- May 14, Oakville Place Mall
- May 28, Milton GO Station
- June 4, Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, Georgetown.

Visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation for details.

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 developed an Outdoor Water Uses 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.

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

Old toilets can waste a lot of water. A rebate of \$75 is available to residents of single-family homes who purchase and install a Halton-approved high-efficiency toilet. One rebate per household, on most dual flush and 4.8 litre or less toilets. Visit www.halton.ca/toiletrebate.



Halton Hills recognizes the importance of the environment and is moving towards greater sustainability. Below is a list of just a few of our recent sustainability initiatives, including two recent award winners! For more information, visit: www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability.
—Rick Bonnette, Mayor of Halton Hills

Now Open: Highly Efficient Green Facilities

- On September 10, 2010, Halton Hills opened two 'state of the art' Fire Stations. Both incorporate significant energy and water saving measures.
- On February 26, 2011, the doors opened to the environmentally-friendly Acton Library. This beautiful facility is climate controlled using a geothermal system.

Corporate Initiatives

- Our Town Sustainability Advisory Committee is preparing an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan by listening to our community's hopes and dreams for Halton Hills.
- In September 2010, Council approved a Green Development Evaluation Checklist that developers are expected to fulfill before being allowed to build. This proactive approach to development received Credit Valley Conservation's Friends of the Credit Award.

- All Town departmental business plans incorporate sustainability principles to guide decision making.
- Council approved the Green Plan Progress Report Card which showed that action has already been taken on 87% of the recommendations.
- Council approved a Green Meeting & Event Policy.

Green at Recreation & Parks

- Our new 4km of boardwalk and trail in Hungry Hollow provide an opportunity to explore sustainable trail development. Visit www.haltonhills.ca/trails.
- In partnership with Halton Hills Hydro, we will be installing a solar roof top array on the Gellert Community Centre.

Community Initiatives

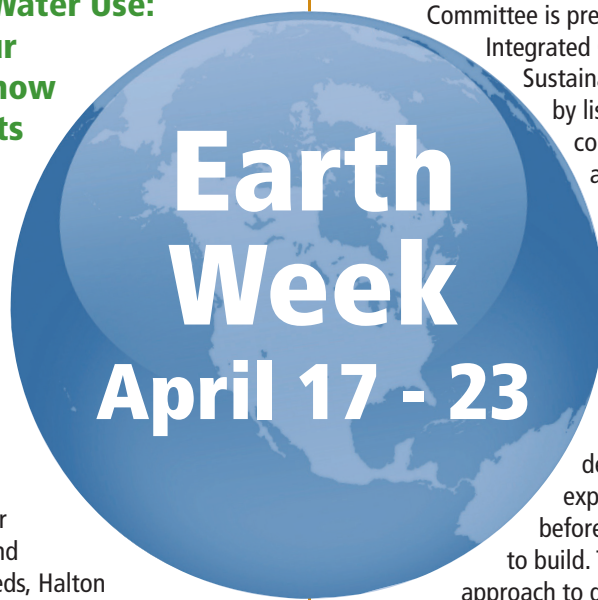
- We once again participated in Earth Hour. Since first participating in 2008, the community has saved enough energy to power over 15,000 homes for an hour!
- Halton Hills took part in The Power Pledge Community Challenge, saving about \$600,000 in energy costs and 280,000 kgs of greenhouse gas emissions annually. This success was recognized by Credit Valley Conservation's Friends of the Credit Award.

Infrastructure Services' Environmental Initiatives

- The new Edith Street parking lot in downtown Georgetown uses permeable pavers to promote infiltration and reduce downstream impacts.
- To encourage active transportation, we have completed the Cycling Master Plan, and have provided facilities on Delrex Boulevard and Danby Road.

Celebrating Earth Week 2011 in Halton Hills

- The 11th annual Community Wide Clean Up Day is on Saturday April 16th. This is your chance to clean up Halton Hills. Free bags and gloves are available. Call 905.873.2601 ext. 2609 for details.
- The 7th annual Halton Hills 22 Minute Makeover will take place on Wednesday April 20th. Businesses and schools are asked to do a quick 22 minute litter pick up in their neighbourhood. Free bags and gloves are available.
- Earth Day Celebrations will take place on Saturday, April 30th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. \$5 trees, free mulch and wood chips, free electronic recycling, BBQ and more. Donations to local food banks gratefully accepted. Visit: www.haltonhills.ca/earthday.
- On Saturday April 30th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy the Earth Day Fair at the Georgetown Market Place, featuring live animals, music and local environmental groups. Call 905.873.2601 ext. 2290 for details.



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