



## WPEC to host Native Canadian Drum Circle on Saturday

Willow Park Ecology Centre is hosting its monthly drum circle led by Anthony Barr (left) of the Sacred Sevens Sharing Circle on Saturday, July 16.

Children are welcome, and encouraged, to participate.

They will have a chance to bring the drums they made at the Big Daddy Festival or to make their own drums if they have not participated before.

Come at 11:30 a.m. to make some native Canadian crafts and instruments for

the drum circle that starts at 1 p.m. or just join in with the celebration of gratitude for the park that is open for all to enjoy.

For more information, check out [www.willowparkecology.ca/current](http://www.willowparkecology.ca/current)



The Regional Municipality of Halton [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

# It's Our Own Garbage

## What We Did in 2010

By participating in Blue Box, GreenCart, yard waste, reuse and household hazardous waste programs, Halton residents are sending less garbage to the landfill.

In 2010, the overall waste diversion rate remained constant at 57.4 per cent. This rate applies to all waste material managed by Halton Region through our programs and services. It is important to note that 60 per cent of household waste (i.e. Blue Box, GreenCart, Yard Waste, Metal, Backyard Composting, and Grasscycling) was diverted from landfill in 2010. This is one of the highest residential waste diversion rates in Ontario! Thank you Halton residents!

## Joint Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee

The Committee was established as a Condition of Approval for the Halton Waste Management Site when it opened in 1992. The Committee advises Halton Region Council regarding programs and strategies to promote the 3Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle to minimize the amount of waste going to the landfill. The Committee is comprised of members from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

In 2010, the Committee reviewed Extended Producer Responsibility programs, explored multi-residential recycling opportunities, and guided the development of the Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy, including providing a vision for Halton to remain a leader with respect to waste reduction and diversion.

## The Results

Total material diverted from landfill through reuse, recycling and composting programs: 122,467 tonnes

Amount of materials collected at the curb, events and Halton Waste Management Site:

- Blue Box: 48,195 tonnes
- GreenCart: 26,786 tonnes
- Yard waste: 31,987 tonnes
- Household hazardous waste: 860 tonnes (from over 43,312 vehicles)
- Electronic waste: 581 tonnes

Total garbage landfilled at the Halton Waste Management Site: 74,327 tonnes (lowest amount of garbage landfilled in a single year since the site opened in 1992). Visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste) to read Report PW20-11 for more information on Halton's waste diversion results.

## What's Next

Halton Region is exploring ways to further increase residential waste diversion to 65 and even 70 per cent! In consultation with the Joint Municipal Regional Waste Management Committee, Halton Region has developed a Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy. The Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy identifies 11 potential initiatives that could be implemented to achieve these higher waste diversion goals. The final updated Strategy will be completed in fall 2011 incorporating feedback from open houses and surveys conducted in spring 2011. Visit [www.halton.ca/wastestrategy](http://www.halton.ca/wastestrategy) for more information.

## How We Did It

### Communications & Outreach

- Award-winning communications program including WasteLess News and Waste Management Calendar
- Award-winning workshops for schools, community groups and apartments reaching 27,995 people
- Participation in community events and open houses
- Online customer service tools
- "Calendar Cover Art" contests for youth

### Waste Diversion Programs

- Weekly Blue Box and GreenCart collection
- Every other week collection of garbage
- Yard Waste collection
- Metal & Appliance collection
- Battery recycling program in partnership with Local Municipalities
- Tires, drywall, wood, cell phone, eyeglasses, natural cork and electronics recycling at the Halton Waste Management Site
- Household Hazardous Waste Depot
- Paint reuse program
- Salvation Army Reuse Depot
- Blue Boxes and GreenCarts delivered to new subdivisions
- Backyard Composter sales
- Space-saving reusable tarps as an alternative daily cover at the landfill

### Extended Producer Responsibility (Industry Funded Programs under the Waste Diversion Act)

In collaboration with our neighbouring municipalities, Halton Region has advocated to the Provincial government resulting in legislation that has enabled increased support from industry for the proper recycling and disposal of material through the following programs:

- Take It Back! Halton ([www.halton.ca/takeitback](http://www.halton.ca/takeitback))
- Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste ([www.makethedrop.ca](http://www.makethedrop.ca))
- Used Tires ([www.ontariots.ca](http://www.ontariots.ca))
- Waste Electronics & Electrical Equipment ([www.recycleyourelectronics.ca](http://www.recycleyourelectronics.ca))

### Special Events

- Compost Give Away
- Tire Amnesty Day
- Special Waste Drop-off Days
- Waste Diversion Tools for Community Events

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A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act is available for review. To obtain a copy of this report, please call Halton Region by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or TTY 905-827-9833.