



The Regional Municipality of Halton
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Halton Hills Christmas & New Year's Day Household Waste Collection Notice

There is **no change** to your household waste collection schedule due to Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25), Boxing Day (Monday, December 26) and New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1).

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. **on your regularly scheduled collection day.**

Please check your 2011 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar for your collection area details, or visit www.halton.ca/waste to use our "Search by Address" tool.

Halton Waste Management Site will be closed Sunday, December 25, 2011 and Sunday, January 1, 2012

Regular Operating Hours

Open Monday to Saturday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Wrapping Paper



Do not place wrapping paper in the Blue Box. Wrapping paper is not accepted in the Blue Box because it often contains dyes that contaminate the other acceptable papers. As well, some wrapping paper contains foil and plastic which cannot be recycled.

For more holiday hints and tips, read our blog www.haltonrecycles.ca.

2012 Calendars

The 2012 Waste Management Guide & Collection Calendar will be mailed to all houses in mid January 2012.

Christmas Trees (urban areas only)



Christmas tree collection occurs once in the month of January. Remove all tinsel, lights, decorations, tree stands and plastic bags from Christmas trees prior to collection. Ensure trees do not become stuck or frozen in snow banks.

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Essential services available during the holidays

Halton Region's administration offices will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2011 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 2, 2012. All essential services will remain available during this time. If you need assistance with a Regional service during the holidays, please dial 311 or call Access Halton toll free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

On behalf of Regional Council and staff, I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca

Dec 26 - 30 Offices closed for holidays

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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'Santa' received nearly 4,000 letters this year

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The letters to the North Pole have been part of the school board for the past 20 years. Each year, children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 send a letter to Santa before Christmas, using the board's internal email/chat system called Chatt. The Grades 4 to 6 French Immersion students are also encouraged to send a letter— even if they are non-believers— in order to practice their literacy.

Davis's job is to make sure each child receives a response. This year there were 3,600 letters from English-speaking students and another 250 from the French-speaking students. Each response is personalized to the sender and in his or her language.

"As the chief elf, as Santa Claus, I co-ordinate everything. This year I had about 50 elves, if I may call them that, who are teachers, administrators, secretaries, researchers," Davis said.

Each elf or responder volunteers his or her services to the initiative.

"It is a way for the students to do some more hopefully authentic writing to an extra person," Davis said. "It's interesting to see the different trends of what the kids have asked for over the years."

Teachers are asked to inform their students that the letters are more than just a place for them to send a list of Christmas-gift wishes.

"We're not just looking for a list. You know 'I want, I want, I want' We want to

send a more personalized response so tell us a little more about yourself," he said.

The students ask Santa some questions, such as what are his favourite cookies or reindeer or how many elves he has. In terms of gift wishes, he said he reads things such as video games, electronics, iPhones and some children even asked for their own debit or credit cards.

There are also students of a non-Christian faith who do not celebrate Christmas, but send letters.

"Those students took the time to write to Santa Claus so we make sure that we write back to them and we acknowledge the fact they don't celebrate Christmas," Davis said.

When the school board began using the Chatt system 20 years ago, Davis was on board immediately.

"At that time it was intended for student usage because back then, email was not even in the lexicon. It was something interesting for the kids to do," he said.

As the board started thinking of ways to engage students in the internal messaging system, letters to Santa was one of the thoughts.

Once the letters began, they never stopped.

"When I took this over in 1994, we had about 350 letters all told. It's now gone 10-times that," Davis said. "This is a technology of 20 years ago and it's been self sustaining. It's just continued. Obviously, it's successful."

Cadillac New Year's Eve 2012

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