

# Waste Management Guide/Calendar delivered

The 2012 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar, which has everything you need to know about waste collection in Halton Region, was delivered to homes in January.

The Calendar is effective February 1 and includes a schedule for Blue Box, Green-Cart, garbage, bulk and yard waste collection, information on the Halton Waste Management Site and dates for 2012 special events such as Halton's popular Compost Give Away.

If you did not receive your Collection Calendar by January 27, please contact Access Halton by dialling 311 or use the online Service Request Tool at [www.halton.ca/](http://www.halton.ca/)

wastetools.

"The 2012 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar is a quick reference tool for residents to locate important information about all of Halton's Waste Management programs," said Gary Carr, Halton's Regional Chair. "I encourage everyone to review the calendar to learn more about all of the ways we can work together to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste and continue to extend the life of Halton's landfill site."

The 2012 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar once again features Halton's talented young artists who were selected as the Calendar Cover Art Contest

winners.

This year marked the fourth annual art contest that ran in the fall of 2011 asking children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 to create the 2012 calendar cover using the theme of "you are the difference — reduce, reuse, recycle."

One entry from each of the four municipalities was selected to have their creative design featured on the 2012 calendar cover. Winners include Michelle Kozdras and Gabrielle Dimech from Halton Hills.

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Regional chair Gary Carr presented five Halton youths with their gift bags and a poster copy of their winning Waste Calendar Cover Art Contest. Each municipality will feature one of the winning entries on the front of their calendar. Above, the two artists who won the Halton Hills cover are Gabrielle Dimech, 13, (left) and Michelle Kozdras, 14, students at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Elementary School in Halton Hills.

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# SAVIS extends services to male survivors of sexual abuse

The Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention Service of Halton (SAVIS) has extended its services to male survivors of sexual abuse.

Funding for this two-year pilot project is provided by the Ministry of the Attorney General and in partnership with Family Services of Peel, Central Region's Support Services.

In 2003, a report by Juristat

Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics noted that while over 80% of victims in sexual offences reported to police departments were female, males made up 29% of child victims, 8% of adult and 12% of youth victims. It is estimated that 1 in 6 men experience sexual abuse in their life time.

SAVIS will provide additional short-term face-to-face and

group counselling.

Currently, SAVIS provides the following free, confidential and non-judgmental support services to males:

- 24-hour crisis line, 905-875-1555.
- public education programs
- short-term individual counselling support for male partners or friends of female survivors

• emergency short-term individual counselling support for male survivors

• referrals to services supporting male survivors.

SAVIS counsellor Ingrid Zollikofer said, "At SAVIS we provide counselling to survivors that recognizes the wide-ranging long-term effects of sexual abuse such as depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and suicidal

thoughts. We view sexual abuse as a societal problem and in the context of power and control, rather than an individual health issue. We have significant expertise on the needs of survivors, including male survivors, and the unique barriers they face. This pilot project will assist in reducing a longstanding service gap in Halton."

Info: [www.savisofhalton.org](http://www.savisofhalton.org).

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