

Bulk waste collection resumes

Halton residents continue to embrace the Region's waste diversion programs including weekly GreenCart and Blue Box collection.

As a result, single family homes in the Region have been able to divert 60 per cent of their waste from Halton's landfill site. According to Ontario benchmarking, Halton Region has the highest rate of waste diversion in the province. Together with residents, Halton Region is now working toward a new waste diversion goal of 65 per cent.

This month, Halton Region will resume the popular monthly bulk waste collection for residential households in all urban and rural areas, except for Halton Hills collection areas one and two.

Bulk waste is considered a large household item that is over 23 kg (50 lbs) or that will not fit into a closed garbage bag or container such as furniture, bundled flooring or wood and windows. Items such as metal and appliances, electronics and tires are not accepted as bulk waste but you can dial 311 or visit www.halton.ca/waste to learn about options to recycle these materials.

Each collection truck visits approximately 1,000 households per day so it is important to remember that there is a three item limit for bulk items set out. Remember to check your 2012

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Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar to find your specific bulk collection dates along with information on additional programs to help you continue to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Items picked up as part of the bulk collection program are disposed of in the landfill so before you place them out for collection consider giving items in good condition to a local reuse centre.

To learn more about bulk item collection please visit www.halton.ca/waste. You can also get waste collection information and tips to help protect the environment on Twitter by following Halton's Waste Management Program @HaltonRecycles or by visiting their blog at www.haltonrecycles.ca.

As always, feel free to email me about Regional programs and services at gary.carr@halton.ca.

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

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Georgetown Homecoming to hold Kick Off Fundraiser

Georgetown Homecoming presents a Kick Off Fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 12, from noon until 11 p.m. at Nashville North, 530 Guelph St. in Norval.

The event will begin with an award-winning line dance group, plus the silent auction opens.

Then, at 1 p.m., the first of 10 bands, from rock 'n roll to country rock, will take the stage. Bands on the bill are Neil Cotton and Hawksnest, Fire and Water, The Compound, Larry Melton Band, The Tenth Line Band, Random Roads, Cosmic Warehouse, Almost Cool, Flash Teeter and the Men from Mars and Little Joe and the Were-

wolves. There will games, draws and a live auction at 8 p.m. with hosts Katie and Clay Downes. There will also be a table selling jewelry (nothing over \$5) with proceeds to Georgetown Bread Basket.

Proceeds from this event go to Georgetown charitable causes. A bin will be available for food donations.

For tickets, \$10, call Katie Downes, 905-873-4417 or HomeComingKickOff@mail.com or pick them up at Nashville North, which has donated the venue for this special community event. View the promo video at www.tinyurl.com/88suyypg

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