

Halton Region committed to Local Food

Last Wednesday, Local Food Plus (LFP) presented Halton Region with a certificate of achievement for 2011 Local Sustainable Food Procurement. This award shows that Halton is meeting its commitment to local sustainable food procurement at the Region's cafeteria, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, supporting Ontario's regional farming economy, creating jobs and protecting the environment for Halton Region residents.

"We are proud to have achieved our local food

procurement goal," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Halton Region is committed to sustainability and reducing the ecological footprint associated with Halton Region's operations."

In 2010, Halton became the first region in Canada to adopt local sustainable food procurement practices for its municipal food services. Halton's agreement with LFP brings fresh, local sustainable food to the cafeteria at Halton Regional Centre and helps to support Ontario's farm economy while re-

ducing green house gas emissions.

LFP is a non-profit organization that certifies Ontario farmers and processors who follow a strict set of sustainable practices. The organization links Certified Local Sustainable farmers and processors with food service contractors, restaurants and grocery stores to successfully establish local sustainable food procurement initiatives. For more information about Local Food Plus visit www.localfoodplus.ca



GAMES AND STORIES: It was hands-on for Acton librarian Marie Vickery who led tots and caregivers through activities, stories and songs at the Action HUB during Family Storytime – a free drop-in library program offered Wednesdays until May 30. – Ted Tyler photo

Fire Report

Defective detector

A malfunctioning carbon monoxide detector drew Acton firefighters to a Lasby Lane residence at 10:27 Friday morning.

They found no trace of the deadly gas, but determined that the detector was not working correctly.

Kettle cooked

There was only smoke – no damage –

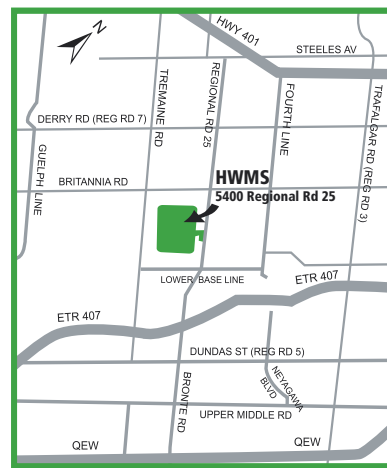
at a residence in the 25 Side Road/ Sixth Line Nassagaweya area at 6:15 last Wednesday when an electric kettle was burned after being left on a stove top burner which was accidentally turned on.



The Regional Municipality of Halton
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Compost Give Away

Monday, May 7 to Saturday, May 12
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Halton Waste Management Site
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton



Thanks to the participation of Halton residents, approximately 30,500 tonnes of yard waste was composted last year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost.

Halton residents are invited to come to the Compost Give Away and pick up some of this compost as a "thank you" for diverting this usable material away from the landfill, thereby extending its life!

All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost. Please bring your own containers (garbage bags, yard waste bags, reusable containers, trailer, etc.) and shovel. Residents are responsible for shoveling and bagging their own compost.

Non-perishable food items or cash donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area Food Banks. Your donations make a difference!

Helpful Hint: When applying compost to your gardens, ensure you blend it with topsoil or another gardening fill. Recommended application for best growing results is a 60/40 split (60 per cent topsoil and 40 per cent compost).

Spring cleaning? We can help!



Bring your old batteries, paint, compact fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and cleaners to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site. Maximum 20 litres per visit. No commercial loads accepted. For a list of acceptable materials and helpful hints, visit www.halton.ca/waste.

Stay Connected! Follow us on Twitter @HaltonRecycles and read our blog at www.haltonrecycles.ca. We're sharing great information about Halton's waste diversion programs like Special Waste Drop-off Days and other waste management events—we'd love to hear from you!

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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