

Imagine Halton Hills – Sustainability Celebration Event

You are invited to help shape the future of Halton Hills. Attend an exciting Community Sustainability Celebration Event and join the Town Sustainability Advisory Committee in celebrating an important milestone in Halton Hills' efforts to be a sustainable community. A community where all our residents enjoy the highest possible quality of life, and where our businesses and neighbourhoods thrive.

Over the past two years, dedicated members of our

community have worked diligently to prepare an innovative Integrated Community Sustainability Strategy – titled "Imagine Halton Hills". Their efforts will now shape the future of Halton Hills to 2060. Our collective vision is that:

"In 2060, the urban and rural communities of Halton Hills balance economic prosperity with a deep commitment to the natural environment, while retaining viable local agriculture and small-town feel, and being socially equitable, cul-

turally vibrant and strongly connected."

Speaking about the upcoming Community Sustainability Celebration Event, Mayor Bonnette said:

"I invite our community to join me in celebrating the release of Imagine Halton Hills – our Community Sustainability Strategy! Our Community Sustainability Strategy has been a project like no other ever undertaken by the Town. Prepared through a close partnership between the Town and the

community, Imagine Halton Hills touches on all aspects of community life by shaping cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity, environmental health and social wellbeing.

We are committed to the Strategy's implementation. Imagine Halton Hills will help the Town set priorities and guide the completion of key plans, policies, studies and various other initiatives. Already, the Town is undertaking many initiatives that support the Strategy's goals, including the Economic

Development Strategy, Cultural Master Plan, Mayor's Community Energy Plan, Community Branding Project and countless others."

The purpose of the Community Sustainability Celebration Event is to:

- Celebrate the release of the Community Sustainability Strategy;
- Obtain initial feedback to prioritize the Strategy's approximately 160 goals;
- Start to identify potential community partners; and
- Network and talk about

sustainability, and our community's future.

The Sustainability Celebration takes place on Thursday, November 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Mold-Masters SportsPlex in the Gordon Alcott Heritage Hall. Please RSVP your attendance by November 9 as space is limited.

To confirm your availability, or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Spence (Sustainability Outreach Officer) at jennifers@haltonhills.ca or 905-873-2601 ext. 2290.



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Waste Reduction Week in Canada

October 15 to 21, 2012

Across the country, Waste Reduction Week in Canada raises awareness about waste management issues and the importance of practicing the 3Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle. Visit www.wrwcanada.com for more information.

In Halton, there are many things we can all do to practice the 3Rs.



Reduce

- **Buy only what you need.** Reduce waste by avoiding unnecessary purchases. Rent or borrow items that rarely get used.
- **Choose products that can be reused,** such as rechargeable batteries, cloth napkins and reusable drink bottles. Items such as these don't have to be thrown away after they have been used just once.
- **Buy all-purpose household cleaner,** instead of buying many different ones for each cleaning role. Or better yet, make your own cleaner using vinegar and water.
- **Eat leftover food and make just enough.** Use leftovers for lunch or dinner the next day.
- **Choose products with little packaging.** That way, less packaging ends up in the Blue Box or Garbage. For those items you use regularly, buy them in bulk instead of in smaller amounts. This will save you money as well as reduce waste.



- **Bring your bags!** Use reusable cloth bags when shopping.
- **Lug a mug.** Bring a reusable travel mug to the coffee shop. Many offer small discounts for using a reusable mug too.
- **Start a GOOS bin.** Collect paper in a GOOS (Good On One Side) bin for reuse.
- **Donate!** Support local charities by donating reusable clothing that are in good condition. Visit www.halton.ca/reuse for a list.

Recycle

- **Recycle in every room.** In the bathroom, collect plastic shampoo and soap bottles for your Blue Box, and collect used facial tissues for the GreenCart.
- **Empty the basement.** Old computers, TVs and stereos can be easily recycled at free collection sites across Ontario. For the location nearest you and electronic items accepted, visit www.recycleyouelectronics.ca.
- **Think about recycling when shopping.** Large yogurt tubs go in the Blue Box, while single serve yogurt containers go in the Garbage. Paper egg cartons go in the GreenCart, while clear plastic and Styrofoam egg cartons go in the Garbage.



Reuse

- **Pack a waste-free lunch.** Use reusable containers for lunches and snacks, a thermos for water and juice, reusable cutlery and a cloth napkin so nothing gets thrown out!



Special Waste Drop-off Day

To make the recycling of household hazardous waste and electronic waste more convenient for residents, Halton Region holds Special Waste Drop-off Days throughout the year.

Special Waste Drop-off Days are for Halton residents only.



Date & Time	Location
Saturday, October 20, 2012 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Mohawk Racetrack (Parking Lot) 9430 Guelph Line, Campbellville



For a complete list of Special Waste Drop-off Day dates and locations, visit www.halton.ca/waste.

The following materials will be accepted for drop off free of charge:

Household Hazardous Waste

Acceptable materials:

- household batteries
- car batteries
- pesticides
- paint
- stains
- motor oil
- antifreeze
- varsol
- fuels
- cleaners
- pool chemicals
- pharmaceuticals
- propane tanks
- fluorescent tubes & bulbs



Electronics

Acceptable materials:

- computers
- stereos
- phones
- TVs
- VCRs
- DVD players
- computer monitors
- printers
- cell phones
- cameras



Unacceptable materials:

- needles, syringes and lancets, asbestos, commercial and industrial waste, PCBs, explosives, and ammunition

If you are unsure whether an item will be accepted at a Special Waste Drop-off Day, call Halton Region.

- **Not Accepted:** tires, reuse materials (clothing, etc.), metal and appliances, commercial waste.

Unable to attend?

If you are unable to attend a Special Waste Drop-off Day, the following options are available:

- Household hazardous waste (maximum 20 litres) and electronics (5 items) can be dropped off free of charge at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS), 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton. Visit www.halton.ca/waste for a list of acceptable materials. The HWMS is open Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Visit www.halton.ca/takeitback for a list of municipal facilities and retailers that take back household batteries for recycling.
- Visit www.makethedrop.ca for a list of retailers that take back select household hazardous waste materials for recycling.
- Visit www.recycleyouelectronics.ca for a list of retailers and community organizations that take back electronic waste for recycling.

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