



**FOOD AND WARMTH:** No one needs to be hungry or cold this winter in Acton – Community Outreach programs at St. Alban Anglican Church distribute winter clothing – the Reverend Brian Galligan helped one woman try on a coat last Thursday, and volunteers Nancy Gordon (left), Holly McMatef and Eunice Gibson helped distribute free “Food for Life” groceries. – Ted Tyler photos



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# Blue Box

## Did you know?

There are recyclables appearing in Halton garbage bags.



If you can get these three items out of your garbage and into the Blue Box, you'd have nearly 7 per cent less material in your garbage. Plus, imagine all of the new materials that could be made by recycling all of this paper, boxboard and glass! Give them a second life!

### Keep your neighbourhood clean

- Use Blue Boxes only. Recyclables in plastic bags, cardboard boxes, grocery bins, laundry baskets, milk crates, or garbage/recycling cans will not be collected.
- Place acceptable materials loose in your Blue Box. Rinse all containers and ensure they are clean. Papers can be bundled and tied or placed loose, but no plastic bags.
- Tie corrugated cardboard in bundles no larger than 90 cm x 90 cm x 30 cm (3 ft x 3 ft x 1 ft) and place beside your Blue Box.
- Help reduce Blue Box litter by following these tips to keep your neighbourhood clean:
  - Squeeze cans, bottles and cartons, but please don't flatten them.
  - Flatten cardboard.
  - Stack your Blue Boxes and place heavier items such as phone books and magazines on top of loose materials.
- Avoid windy weather during the night and put your Blue Box at the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of your collection day.

# GreenCart

## What compostable papers are accepted?

Halton Region accepts the following compostable papers in the GreenCart:



To determine whether paper products are compostable and can go into the GreenCart – give them a rip. If the paper product is difficult to rip, or if there is visible plastic or metallic lining, it cannot go in the GreenCart.

### Help reduce contamination

With less contamination in the GreenCart, the final compost will be a better product that can be used in agricultural and landscaping projects. Following these tips will help reduce contamination:

**No produce bags.** When cleaning out your fridge, please remember to empty food from plastic produce bags. The plastic bag goes in the garbage, and the old or leftover food goes in the GreenCart.



**No elastics.** Please remove elastic bands from vegetables including broccoli, celery, green onions and asparagus. The elastic bands go in the garbage, and the old food goes in the GreenCart.



**No stickers.** Please remove the sticker from fruit such as bananas, apples, pears and peaches. The stickers go in the garbage, and the fruit peels, cores and pits go in the GreenCart.



**No diapers.** Please place diapers and sanitary products in the garbage. These materials do not compost, and result in compost that does not meet Ontario provincial quality guidelines and would have to be disposed of as waste.



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