

It's Our Own Garbage

What we did in 2015

By participating in the Blue Box, Green Cart, and Street Sweeping programs, Halton Region has made significant progress in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill.

In 2015, over 750,000 kilograms of waste were diverted from landfill. This includes 76,000 kilograms from Blue Boxes, 58,000 kilograms from Green Carts, and 307,820 kilograms from Street Sweeping. Household waste diversion was 783 tonnes (3,602 vehicles) and electronic waste was 66 tonnes.

Joint Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee

The Committee is a partnership between Halton Region and the five municipalities: Burlington, Hamilton, Mississauga, Oakville, and Toronto. The Committee works together to develop and implement waste management strategies that benefit the entire region.

For the year 2015, the Committee has set a goal of diverting 750,000 kilograms of waste from landfill. This goal was achieved through the efforts of all participating municipalities and Halton Region.



Diversion Results

Overall, 750,000 kilograms of waste were diverted from landfill in 2015.

- Blue Box: 76,000 kilograms
- Green Cart: 58,000 kilograms
- Street Sweeping: 307,820 kilograms
- Household Waste: 783 tonnes (3,602 vehicles)
- Electronic Waste: 66 tonnes

Overall, 674,330 kilograms of waste were diverted from landfill in 2015. For more information, visit halton.ca/waste or contact the Waste Management Department at 905-875-5100.

How We Achieved It

Solid Waste Management Strategy

Halton Region's Solid Waste Management Strategy (2012-2016) provides a framework for managing waste in a sustainable and cost-effective manner. The strategy focuses on reducing waste, increasing recycling, and improving waste management practices.



Communications & Outreach

- Conducted public consultations and surveys to gather input from residents.
- Developed and implemented communication campaigns to raise awareness about waste management.
- Provided training and support to municipalities and businesses.

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Waste Diversion Programs

- Blue Box recycling program for household plastics.
- Green Cart recycling program for household glass, metal, and electronics.
- Street Sweeping program for litter and debris.
- Household Waste collection program for bulky items.
- Electronic Waste collection program for old electronics.
- Yard Waste collection program for grass, leaves, and branches.

Extended Producer Responsibility (Industry Funded Programs under the Waste Diversion Act)

Industry-funded programs help pay for the cost of recycling and managing certain types of waste. These programs include:

- Beverage Containers (takeitback.ca)
- Household Appliances & Electronics (makethedrop.ca, regeneration.ca)
- Tires (rethinktires.ca)
- Electronic Waste & E-Products (recycleyourelectronics.ca)

Special Events

- Community Clean-up events
- Drop-off events for household appliances and electronics
- Recycling events for household waste