

Luck of the Irish

St. Patrick's Day is enjoyed by millions of people, including those of Irish descent and even those with no connection to Ireland. A day of

celebration, music and parades, St. Patrick's Day also has a unique history. * St. Patrick's Day is annually celebrated on March 17, which means

the holiday falls during the Christian season of Lent, when many practicing Christians abstain from eating meat. * St. Patrick is not ac-

tually of Irish descent. Born in the Fifth Century, St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain and only brought to Ireland as a slave when he was a teenager. He would eventually escape from captivity, but later he returned to Ireland and is credited with

bringing Christianity to the Irish people upon his return. * People in Ireland have been celebrating the feast day of St. Patrick on March 17 since sometime during the ninth or tenth century. The feast day is celebrated on March

17 because St. Patrick is believed to have died on March 17, 461. * Though the Irish have been celebrating the feast day of St. Patrick for centuries, the first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States and not in Ireland.



The Regional Municipality of Halton
Access Halton at: www.halton.ca Dial 311

Please contact us, as soon as possible, if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

Halton Hills (Collection Areas 3, 4 and 5 only)



Yard Waste Collection

- No plastic bags.
- Tie and bundle brush.
- Use paper yard waste bags or reusable, rigid containers (no lid).

From March 18 to December 13, 2013, yard waste is collected once every other week on the same day as your garbage.

Yard waste in cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, GreenCarts, plastic bags, compostable bags or biodegradable bags will not be collected.



Place yard waste labels on your reusable container. To order a yard waste label at no charge, visit www.halton.ca/wastetools, or access Halton by dialing 311.

Containers must be no heavier than 23 kg (50 lbs) and may have a capacity up to 125 L.

Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m x 0.6 m (4 ft x 2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 in) in diameter.



Grass clippings are not accepted in yard waste collection. Please "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings will decompose quickly, releasing valuable nutrients back into your soil. Grass clippings are not accepted in the garbage, Blue Box or GreenCart.



✓ Acceptable Yard Waste Materials

- Leaves and weeds
- Sticks, twigs and tree trimmings
- Decorative cornstalks
- Pumpkins
- Fallen fruit from trees
- Yard and garden trimmings

✗ Unacceptable Yard Waste Materials

- Grass clippings
- Tree stumps
- Sod, soil, clay and rocks
- Plastic shopping or garbage bags
- Plastic flower/plant pots
- Flower/plant markers and tags

Check your 2013 Waste Management Guide & Collection Calendar to find your yard waste schedule.

Visit www.halton.ca/wastecalendar to create email, phone or Twitter waste collection reminders, or to add your waste collection dates to your personal iCal, Google Calendar or Microsoft Outlook calendar.

Blue Box Pick-up Events

To help you manage the new acceptable Blue Box items, Halton Region's standard Blue Box is becoming larger. These larger Blue Boxes will be available free of charge at Blue Box Pick-up Events. GreenCarts will also be available free of charge. You will still be able to use your current Blue Box.

Blue Box Pick-up Event conditions

- Halton residents only, proof of residency required
- Limit one Blue Box per vehicle, while quantities last
- Visit www.halton.ca/waste for information about potential cancellations due to the weather

Help event lines move quickly:

- Stay in your vehicle
- Have empty space ready in your trunk or backseat
- For safety reasons, please don't walk to or through site

Larger Blue Boxes are also available at:

- Halton Waste Management Site (Scalehouse), 5400 Regional Road 25, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2013 Dates	Locations
Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ✓	Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School 5150 Upper Middle Road, Burlington enter at east driveway Mohawk Racetrack (Parking Lot) 9430 Guelph Line, Campbellville
Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Acton District High School 21 Cedar Road, Acton Halton Regional Centre 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville enter at North Service Road (not Bronte Road)
Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Burlington Closed Landfill 291 North Service Road, Burlington west of King Road, east of Waterdown Road Sheridan College 1430 Trafalgar Road, Oakville enter at Sheridan Way/White Oaks Boulevard
Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Robert C. Austin Operations Centre 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown Milton GO Station 780 Main Street East, Milton enter at Main Street (not from plaza)

Starting April 1, 2013, you can add the following new materials to your Blue Box:

Clear plastic "clam shell" containers	Black & clear plastic take-out containers	Cardboard cans	Empty metal paint cans Lids removed
Plastic plant pots & trays	Single-serve plastic food containers No film or foil	Plastic plates, cups & coffee cup lids No cutlery	

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