

# High School presents interactive Romeo and Juliet

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Acton High drama teacher Jen Ross first had the idea of using the school's 'bear pit' gathering place to host plays about 15 years ago. 'Shakespeare in the Pit' happens every third year and this season's Romeo

and Juliet will take audience interaction to a new level. "It started with last year's play, Fuenteovejuna, and it worked. So, "Go big or go home!" Ross enthuses. "People can choose to be engaged right from when they arrive in the parking lot." It's also fine to simply

come and enjoy the play. "All grades are involved, well over 100 kids. Woodshop is building sets; Art students are painting them." Shakespeare's tragedy of star-crossed lovers hinges on bitter rivalry between two feuding families, the Capulets

and the Montagues. "Kids started staying til 7 p.m., making and putting up posters all over the school, playing on the rivalry." They did their own fight choreography, guided by Steve Wilshier of Humber College's Academy of Dramatic Art and Combat.

The bear-pit will be curtained off on both sides, lit, and decorated "kind of like a bootleg 1930s setting. There are narratives around the play itself and a half-time show at intermission. I've seen a lot of theatre, and I've never seen anything like this!" Ross beams. "We don't do big showy musicals

because we can't afford them but because Acton is so supportive, we can try things that are a little quirky and different." The play runs May 3, 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. A preview for the High School and M.S. Bennett will be held on the May 4. Tickets are available in advance at the School Library or at the door.



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## Compost Giveaway

Halton residents are invited to attend this year's Spring Compost Giveaway as a thank-you for helping divert approximately 27,000 tonnes of yard waste last year. During the event, Halton residents can take up to the equivalent of 7 garbage bags of compost per household, **free of charge**.

Date	Location
<b>Monday, May 8 to Saturday, May 13</b> 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  <b>Sunday, May 14</b> 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	<b>Halton Waste Management Site</b> 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton




**Remember to bring:**

- Your own bags or containers (maximum 7 garbage bags or equivalent per household) and a shovel to bag your compost; and
- A non-perishable food item or cash donation to be distributed to Halton-area food banks – your donations make a difference!

For more information, visit [halton.ca/compost](http://halton.ca/compost) or dial 311.

**Spring cleaning? We can help!**

Bring your hazardous waste, such as batteries, paint, oil, compact fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and cleaners to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot located at the Halton Waste Management Site, **free of charge**.

Remember: Residential materials only, maximum 20 litres per visit.

For more information and a complete list of acceptable materials, visit [halton.ca/hhw](http://halton.ca/hhw).

**Looking to paint a room in your house?**

Pick up usable paint and stain at the Paint & Stain Reuse Depot, free of charge. The Paint & Stain Reuse Depot is open until the fall and conveniently located beside the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site. Halton Region cannot guarantee availability of colours or stains.





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## 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 household waste and for Halton residents only. Commercial waste will not be accepted. For more information visit [halton.ca/wasteevents](http://halton.ca/wasteevents).

Date	Location
<b>Saturday, April 29, 2017</b> 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	<b>Robert C. Austin Operations Centre</b> 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown

**Halton residents may drop off the following household waste free of charge:**

**Household hazardous waste**



**Acceptable materials**

- Acids (rust remover)
- Aerosol cans (full or partially full)
- Automotive liquids (antifreeze, motor oil and filters)
- Batteries (household and car)
- Bleach
- Cosmetics & pharmaceuticals
- Fluorescent lights (compact bulbs & tubes)
- Fertilizers
- Fuels (must leave container)
- Garden chemicals
- Household cleaners
- Medications
- Mercury containing device
- Needles, syringe and lancets
- Paint (full or partially full)
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks & other pressurized containers
- Solvents
- Stains
- Varsols

**Electronic waste**



**Acceptable materials**

- Computers
- Stereos
- Phones
- TVs
- VCRs
- DVD players
- Computer monitors
- Printers
- Cell phones
- Cameras
- Computer batteries

**Unacceptable materials**

- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Bio-medical waste
- Commercial and industrial hazardous waste
- Explosives and ammunition
- PCBs
- Radioactive waste
- Reuse materials (clothing, etc.),
- Scrap Metals
- Tires
- Vacuums

Visit [halton.ca/hwms](http://halton.ca/hwms) or dial 311 for information about acceptable materials and year round drop-off options for household hazardous waste and electronics.



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