

It's Our Own Garbage

What We Did in 2016

By participating in Blue Box, Green Cart, Yard Waste, Reuse and Household Hazardous Waste Programs, Halton residents continue to send less garbage to the landfill.

In 2016, the overall residential waste diversion rate was 58 per cent. This rate applies to all residential waste material managed by Halton Region through our programs and services. This is one of the highest residential waste diversion rates in Ontario!

Thank you Halton residents!



Joint Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee

The committee was established as a Condition of Approval for the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) when it opened in 1992. The committee advises Halton Regional Council regarding programs and strategies to promote the 3Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle—to minimize the amount of waste going to the landfill. The committee is comprised of 13 members from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

The primary focus for 2016 was to review the Waste Management Budget and Business Plan; inform committee members about the state of Extended Producer Responsibility in the Province of Ontario; and to initiate the development of the Solid Waste Management Strategy by reviewing other municipal waste strategies.

Diversion Results

Summary of residential materials diverted through Halton Region's waste management programs in 2016:

- Blue Box: 47,939 tonnes
- Green Cart: 27,694 tonnes
- Yard Waste: 27,510 tonnes
- Household Hazardous Waste: 825 tonnes (from 40,496 vehicles)
- Electronic Waste: 411 tonnes
- Other: 23,622 tonnes

Total garbage landfilled at the HWMS: 68,418 tonnes.

Visit halton.ca/waste to read Report PW-27-17 for more information on Halton's waste diversion results.

How We Achieved It

Solid Waste Management Strategy

Halton Region has implemented the six initiatives identified in its 2012-2016 Solid Waste Management Strategy, and are continuing with improvements. Key initiatives included in the strategy were to:

1. Enhance Promotion, Education and Outreach
2. Enhance Textile Communications
3. Enhance Multi-Residential Waste Diversion
4. Expand Special Waste Drop-off Day Events
5. Expand Blue Box Materials & Enhance Blue Box Capacity
6. Decrease Garbage Bag Limit & Introduce Bag Tags



In 2016, Halton Region built on the success of the strategy initiatives by moving forward with enhancing multi-residential waste diversion by continuing to implement the Green Cart Program in apartment buildings. Visit halton.ca/wastestrategy for more information.

Communications & Outreach

- Communications programs including the Waste Management Calendar and online customer service tools
- Waste Management workshops for schools, community groups and apartments
- Participation in community events and open houses
- Tours of the Halton Waste Management Site
- Held a Doors Open event at the Halton Waste Management Site

Special Events

- Compost Giveaway
- Special Waste Drop-off Days
- Waste Diversion Services for Community Events

Waste Diversion Programs

- Weekly Blue Box and Green Cart collection
- Every other week collection of garbage
- Every other week yard waste collection from April until December
- Call-in metal & appliance collection

- Household Hazardous Waste Depot
- Battery Recycling Depots
- Paint and Stain Reuse program
- In addition to Blue Box and Green Cart items: tires, drywall, wood, scrap metal, brick and rubble, bicycles, eyeglasses, natural cork, hockey sticks, and electronics are recycled at the HWMS

- Backyard composter sales
- Blue Boxes and Green Carts delivered to new subdivisions
- Salvation Army Reuse Depot
- Space-saving reusable tarps as an alternative daily cover at the landfill

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

In collaboration with our neighbouring municipalities, Halton Region has advocated to the Provincial Government resulting in legislation that has enabled increased support from industry for the proper recycling and disposal of material through the following programs:

- Blue Box Program Plan
- Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste (makethedrop.ca, regeneration.ca)
- Used Tires (rethinktires.ca)
- Waste Electronics & Electrical Equipment (recycleyourelectronics.ca)

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