

Earth Hour savings could power 17,200 homes for an hour

The Town of Halton Hills will once again join other communities in Canada and around the world in participating in Earth Hour by turning off unnecessary lights, reducing energy use and taking action to help address climate change.

The objective of Earth Hour is to bring awareness to global warming and environmental protection. Earth Hour is not just about turning the lights off for an hour. Rather, it is a high-profile opportunity to promote year-round energy conservation and other actions to benefit the planet throughout the year.

Earth Hour 2013 will be celebrated on Saturday, March 23, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Participation is voluntary.

Last year more than 7,000 cities and towns in 152 countries and territories worldwide switched off their lights to participate in the largest climate campaign ever.

Over the past five years, the Town has saved enough electricity to power a total of about 17,200 homes for one hour. This has been accomplished through extensive community engagement of numerous local businesses, residents, Town staff and schools.

"We are celebrating the fifth year in which we take practical steps to help make Earth Hour a

success," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Building on our many successes over the past five years, the Town will join other communities around the world in recognizing the need to take local action against climate change.



"Once again, I encourage our residents, businesses and community organizations to help make Earth Hour a success."

This year, in support of Earth Hour, the Town will:

- Conserve energy by turning off all non-essential lights at all Town facilities, without jeopardizing public safety and security,

and interrupting regular service.

• Engage the business community to participate by promoting Earth Hour to their employees and customers. Watch for Town staff as they visit your business to explore Earth Hour participation opportunities.

• Engage local schools to encourage them to sign posters to show their commitment to climate change by turning off unnecessary lights during Earth Hour.

For more information on the Town's participation in Earth Hour contact Jennifer Spence (Office of Sustainability) in the Planning, Development & Sustainability Department at 905-873-2601 ext. 2290 or jennifers@haltonhills.ca.



Stars come out for Earth Hour

Celebrate Earth Hour by enjoying a free family stargazing event.

Sponsored by Halton Hills Hydro, the Town of Halton Hills and Gardiner Public School, this interactive event will include an indoor presentation followed by an outdoor telescope viewing session.

Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of Saputo.

The presentation, 6:30-8 p.m. will be held at Gardiner Public School, 14365 Danby Road, Georgetown. Space is limited.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 22 at 12 p.m. by calling 905-873-2601 ext. 2290 or e-mail jennifers@haltonhills.ca.

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special pricing on energy conservation items such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, clotheslines, LED lights, energy meters and programmable thermostats.

- Unplug electrical equipment (e.g. computers) before leaving for the day on Saturday March 23 and everyday thereafter.
- Consider purchasing green electricity

to power your business.

If you operate a restaurant

- Offer a special meal or a day's special to recognize Earth Hour which begins at 8:30 p.m.
- Offer a special meal composed of more locally grown ingredients or a meal that does not require a lot of energy to prepare.

- Offer candlelit dinner service.

If your business cannot participate on Saturday, March 23, consider taking action on Friday, March 22.

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives is available via: Twitter: www.twitter.com/ImagineHH or @ImagineHH or Facebook: www.facebook.com/ImagineHaltonHills

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