



Summer Company 2013 is now open for applications, however, space is limited. The application deadline is **May 17** or earlier if the program reaches capacity.

The Summer Company program provides hands-on business training and mentoring - together with awards of up to \$3,000 - to help enterprising students between the ages of 15-29 start and run their own summer business. Successful applicants receive up to \$1,500 in the spring to help with business start-up costs, and up to \$1,500 in the fall upon successful completion of their Summer Company experience. For more information visit the website www.ontario.ca/summercompany.

Halton Small Business Centre Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs

Your Business Plan: Learn how to write a plan to guide your business and take away examples of useful templates.

Wed., May 8
 Milton Public Library, Main Library
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 \$25/person

Starting a Small Business Seminar: A general overview of the things you will need to consider, along with resources to help you succeed. Covers structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes and financing options.

Wed., May 15
 Burlington Central Library
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 \$25/person

Small Business Financing and Insurance: A general overview of financing and insurance needs for small business.

Wed., May 29
 Halton Regional Centre
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 No cost, but registration is required

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Wed., June 5
 Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 \$25/person

First Steps in Importing: Understanding product-related regulations, suppliers and country of origin, financial aspects, logistics and other partners, customs documentation and clearance.

Wed., June 12
 Halton Regional Centre
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 No cost, but registration is required

Getting Started Information Session:

A one hour overview of all the rules and regulations you need to know about if you are starting a business in Halton. Staff will guide you through a checklist for starting a new business which you can take home. These are casual, informative small groups of five or less.

Every Tuesday
 Halton Regional Centre, Small Business Centre
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

No cost, but registration is required

Canadian Youth Business Foundation (CYBF) – General Information Session:

A one hour overview of the CYBF financing program, a review of the application process and evaluation and eligibility criteria. (Canadian Youth Business Foundation provides financing based on character and a great business plan of up to \$15,000 for young entrepreneurs between 18 and 34 years of age who are looking to start their own full-time small business.)

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in 2013
 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

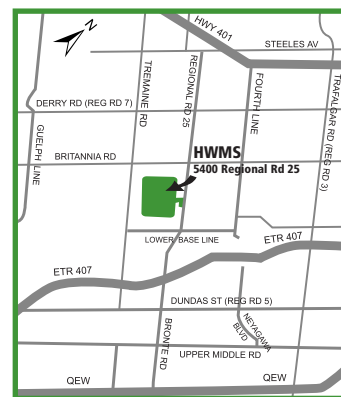
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Contact us for more information and registration details for these events. Join our online community. Get connected at www.haltonsmallbusiness.ca



Compost Give Away

Monday, May 6 to Saturday, May 11
 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Halton Waste Management Site
 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton



Thanks to the participation of Halton residents, approximately 31,000 tonnes of yard waste was composted last year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost.

Halton residents are invited to come to the Compost Give Away and pick up some of this compost as a "thank you" for diverting this usable material away from the landfill, thereby extending its life!

All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost. Please bring your own containers (garbage bags, yard waste bags, reusable containers, trailer, etc.) and shovel. Residents are responsible for shoveling and bagging their own compost.

Non-perishable food items or cash donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton-area Food Banks. Your donations make a difference!

Helpful Hint: When applying compost to your gardens, ensure you blend it with topsoil or another gardening fill. Recommended application for best growing results is a 60/40 split (60 per cent topsoil and 40 per cent compost).

Spring cleaning? We can help!



Bring your old batteries, paint, compact fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and cleaners to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site. Maximum 20 litres per visit. No commercial loads accepted. For a list of acceptable materials and helpful hints, visit www.halton.ca/waste.

Rain Barrel Truckload Sales Start May 11

On Saturday, May 11, Halton Region will hold the first of four rain barrel truckload sales events to encourage wise outdoor water use. Diverting water from a downspout into a rain barrel allows residents to catch rain water and store it for future use to water their garden, flowers and shrubs. Halton residents can purchase a rain barrel for \$40, cash only, at any of the four truckload sales events. For more information about event dates and times access Halton at 311 or visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation.



Gary Carr
 Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca/meetings

May 8 9:30 a.m. Regional Council

May 21 9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Cttee.

May 22 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Cttee.

1:30 p.m. Admin & Finance Cttee.