

Energy is all around us

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By chance, did a digital alarm clock wake you up this morning? Are you about to plug in your smartphone for a much needed charge? Did you turn on the lights, watched the morning news on the TV, or browsed the web on your tablet? Perhaps you drive an electric vehicle and will be unplugging it after a full charge before you head out on your commute. Once at work, you are sure to encounter many electronics, including computers and printers, not to mention all the lights.

These are just a few examples of how important energy, whether in the form of electricity, natural gas or fuel, is to our daily routines. Without energy at our fingertips, our lives and communities would look much different.

While energy can be a significant cost for households and businesses, it is also an opportunity to make some simple changes to reduce our energy use and realize savings. Earth Day is a great time to consider ways of doing this.

Many Canadians have already taken steps to conserve energy. In 2011, Statistics Canada notes that 82 per cent of

households took at least one action to conserve energy. Common practices included washing laundry in cold water and turning off computer monitors.

So, this Earth Day, what can you do to lower energy use, save money and help the environment? Here are just a few simple tips:

- Explore energy conservation programs offered by Halton Hills Hydro.
- Take advantage of saveONenergy coupons for energy-efficient products.
- Contact Union Gas for available incentives.
- Try running large appliances at off-peak times.
- Clothes dryers consume a lot of energy. Try using a clothesline instead.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with CFLs or LEDs.
- Plug your TV, DVD, PVR, computer

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EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION 2014

Tuesday April 22, 2014 will mark the 44th anniversary of Earth Day. To promote environmental awareness and celebrate Earth Day the Town of Halton Hills hosts an "Earth Week Celebration" which includes the 22-Minute Makeover and the Community Wide Clean-Up.



22-Minute **Halton Hills**
Makeover

Tuesday April 22, 2014

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We encourage everyone in businesses, institutions and schools to please go outside and clean-up for 22-Minutes!
- Halton Hills schools now have a record of four (4) straight years of 100% participation! We hope to achieve the same exceptional participation level this year.
- We encourage all participating groups to register with the Town of Halton Hills and to get free gloves and bags.



**14th Annual Community Wide
Clean-Up Day
Saturday April 26, 2014**

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Individuals, families, services clubs, youth groups, churches and community groups are asked to participate in the annual Halton Hills spring clean-up to scour parks, ravines and roadsides to pick-up litter and assorted debris.
- Participate with a group or gather your friends and make your own group!
- Free gloves and garbage bags are available from the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, and also at participating McDonald's Halton Hills restaurants.
- Gloves and bags have been provided through the generosity of Superior Glove, Tim Hortons and McDonald's.

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers for pitching in to keep Halton Hills beautiful and clean! Thank you to our corporate sponsors: Tim Hortons, Halton Hills McDonald's Restaurants, and Superior Glove.

Participants are encouraged to contact the Town of Halton Hills to register so that we can make sure we clean all areas of Halton Hills!

Please contact:
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