

Water saving tips to slow the flow

Did you know that it takes about 7,500 litres of water a day to support a standard North American lifestyle? This includes projects that are both mega (like running the power grid) and micro (like rinsing the conditioner out of your hair) – and it is double what folks elsewhere on the planet use. So how does one reduce an H2O habit? Consider some of these tips on how to conserve water:

Get A Load of This: If you throw a few pairs of jeans in your washing machine and forget to adjust the water-level setting from 'large' to 'small', you're wasting water. Since doing laundry accounts for almost 22% of indoor home water use, always set your machine to the proper load size.

Go with the Low-Flow: A low-flow showerhead can conserve 55 litres of water during a 10-minute shower. Try to take a 5-minute shower to double the savings. To do this easily, take a

look at Delta Faucet's In2ition shower head with H2OKinetic technology. By sculpting the water into a unique wave pattern, these showerheads give you the feeling of more water without using more.

Fill 'Er Up: Here's a surprising statistic: Dishwashers use 15 to 20 litres of water per load, while hand-washing the same volume drinks up about 75 litres. So stack up the dinner plates, pots and pans in the dishwasher (but wait until you've got a full load before running it).

Feeling Flush: If you still have a standard toilet in your home, go buy a brick. Older toilets require a lot of water – about 13 litres per flush versus 4.84 litres for low-flow models. A brick in the tank can force some of the water to be displaced, which means you'll use less. Better yet, invest in a new water-conserving toilet.

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Oversized Bulk Brush Call-in Collection in Rural Areas

Burlington Collection Area 8
Halton Hills Collection Areas 1, 2
Milton Collection Areas 1, 2

In December 2013, Halton Region experienced a major ice storm that caused a lot of tree damage. Visit Halton.ca/brush for up-to-date bulk brush collection information.

Collection of bulk brush in rural areas is proceeding ahead of schedule. Some oversized brush in the rural areas cannot be collected by current methods. Therefore, in rural areas, Halton Region will use a chipper truck to collect oversized bulk brush through a special call-in service.

In Burlington collection area 8, Halton Hills collection areas 1 and 2, and Milton collection areas 1 and 2,

oversized bulk brush is collected by appointment only, starting June 9, 2014.

To schedule an oversized bulk brush collection appointment, **dial 311 before June 27, 2014.**

Bulk brush and oversized bulk brush must be placed in one pile in front of your residential address.

Unscheduled oversized bulk brush will not be collected.

This is a one-time extension of the special bulk brush collection program in non-serviced areas.

Drop off

Until June 30, 2014, Halton residents and contractors can drop off yard waste and bulk brush at the Halton Waste Management Site, free of charge.

The Halton Waste Management Site is located at 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton, and is open Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mixed waste loads are subject to standard disposal fees. Visit Halton.ca/hwms for a list of disposal fees.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

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