

It's Our Own Garbage

What we achieved in 2013

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

In 2013, the overall waste diversion rate in Halton was 58.1 per cent. This rate applies to all waste material managed by Halton Region through our programs and services. It is important to note that 62 per cent of household waste (i.e. Blue Box, GreenCart, Yard Waste, Metal, Backyard Composting and Grasscycling) was diverted from landfill in 2013. 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 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 comprises members from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

The primary Committee focus for 2013 was to support and review the progress of the implementation of the Strategy initiatives which commenced in 2013: expand Blue Box acceptable materials and enhance Blue Box capacity and decrease garbage bag limit and introduce garbage tags. The Committee also looked forward into 2014 to review and support the planned implementation of the GreenCart program into multi-residential apartments, beginning in February 2014.

Diversion results

Summary of materials collected at the curb, depots, events and at the Halton Waste Management Site in 2013:

- Blue Box: 49,159 tonnes
- GreenCart: 28,131 tonnes
- Yard Waste: 33,930 tonnes
- Household Hazardous Waste: 723 tonnes (from 31,022 vehicles)
- Electronic Waste: 568 tonnes

Total garbage landfilled at the Halton Waste Management Site: 70,439 tonnes.

Visit Halton.ca/waste to read Report PW27-14 for more information on Halton's waste diversion results.



How we achieved it

Solid Waste Management Strategy

Halton Region is implementing the initiatives identified in its 2012-2016 Solid Waste Management Strategy. The goal of this Solid Waste Management Strategy is to reach a waste diversion rate of 65 per cent by 2016. In 2013, Halton Region expanded the list of Blue Box acceptable materials, provided residents with larger Blue Boxes through truck load events and at permanent locations as well as decreased the garbage bag limit and introduced garbage tags. Visit Halton.ca/wastestrategy for more information.



- Award winning social media program
- Waste Diversion Programs
- Weekly Blue Box and GreenCart collection
- Every other week collection of garbage
- Every other week Yard Waste collection from April until December
- Call-in Metal & Appliance collection
- Tires, drywall, wood, scrap metal, road building material, eyeglasses, natural cork, hockey sticks, crutches, canes and electronics recycling at the Halton Waste Management Site
- Battery Recycling Depots
- Household Hazardous Waste Depot
- Paint and Stain Reuse program
- Salvation Army Reuse Depot
- Blue Boxes and GreenCarts delivered to new subdivisions
- Backyard composter sales
- Space-saving reusable tarps as an alternative daily cover at the landfill

Communications & Outreach

- Award-winning communications program including WasteLess News and Waste Management Calendar
- Award-winning workshops for schools, community groups and apartments
- Participation in community events and open houses
- Online customer service tools

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:

- Take It Back! Halton (Halton.ca/takeitback)
- Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste (www.makethedrop.ca)
- Used Tires (www.rethinktires.ca)
- Waste Electronics & Electrical Equipment (www.recycleyourelectronics.ca)

Special Events

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

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