

It's Our Own Garbage

What we did in 2014

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 2014, the overall residential waste diversion rate was 60 per cent. This rate applies to all residential waste material managed by Halton Region through our programs and services. This is one of the highest residential waste diversion rates in Ontario! 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 is comprised of 13 members from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

The primary focus for 2014 was to support and review the planned implementation of the Multi-residential GreenCart organics program beginning in 2014; inform committee members about the state of Extended Producer Responsibility in the Province of Ontario; and, to review the planned procurement process for the waste collection contracts commencing in 2016.



Diversion results

Summary of materials collected at the curb, depots, events and at the Halton Waste Management Site in 2014:

- Blue Box: 48,337 tonnes
- GreenCart: 28,556 tonnes
- Yard Waste: 39,278 tonnes
- Household Hazardous Waste: 762 tonnes (from 33,530 vehicles)
- Electronic Waste: 523 tonnes

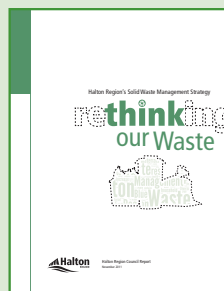
Total garbage landfilled at the Halton Waste Management Site: 70,991 tonnes

Visit halton.ca/waste to read Report PW-19-15 for more information on Halton's waste diversion results.

How We Achieved It

Solid Waste Management Strategy

Halton Region has completed four of the six initiatives identified in its 2012-2016 Solid Waste Management Strategy. In 2014, Halton Region continued to build on the success of the already completed strategy initiatives by continuing to move forward with enhancing multi-residential waste diversion by implementing the GreenCart program in apartment buildings. This initiative will continue through to 2018. Visit halton.ca/wastestrategy for more information.



Communications & outreach

- Communications program including the Waste Management Calendar and online customer service tools.
- Waste Management workshops for schools, community groups and apartments
- Participation in community events and open houses

Halton Waste Management Site closure – July 22

The **Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS)** will be closed on **July 22, 2015** due to a Pan Am event in the area. All curbside waste will continue to be collected as usual on this date. The HWMS will reopen on **July 23, 2015**, with regular operating hours. For more information, visit halton.ca/HWMS

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, bicycles, eyeglasses, natural cork, hockey sticks, crutches, canes and electronics recycling at the Halton Waste Management Site
- Battery Recycling Depots
- Household Hazardous Waste Depot
- Backyard composter sales
- Paint and Stain Reuse program
- Salvation Army Reuse Depot
- Blue Boxes and GreenCarts delivered to new subdivisions
- Space-saving reusable tarps as an alternative daily cover at the landfill

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 (makethedrop.ca, regeneration.ca)
- Used Tires (rethinktires.ca)
- Waste Electronics & Electrical Equipment (recycleyourelectronics.ca)

Special events

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