

EARTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS

April 21-28, 2018

Participate in These Events!

Community Wide Clean-up

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Residents and community groups are encouraged to help clean-up our community! Free gloves and bags are available for clean-up activities at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road (Georgetown) and at McDonalds in Halton Hills.



To join or register a clean-up group contact:
Transportation and Public Works
Tel: 905-873-2601, ext. 2603
cleanup@haltonhills.ca

22-Minute Makeover

Monday, April 23, 2018

Local businesses and institutions are encouraged to go outside and clean-up for 22 minutes. Free gloves and bags are available for clean-up activities at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road (Georgetown) and at McDonalds in Halton Hills.



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Earth Day at Public Works

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Participate in the Earth Day event at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road. Purchase trees at \$5.00 each. Bring your own shovel to pick up free compost and woodchips. Drop off unwanted electronics and household hazardous waste. A delicious BBQ breakfast and lunch will be available. Food and cash donations for our local food banks are gratefully accepted.



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Earth Day and Sustainability Fair

Join us for the Town's annual Earth Day and Sustainability Fair at the Georgetown Market Place. Environmental, cultural, economic and social groups will showcase the good work they do in the community. Highlights include Conservation Halton's Mountsberg Birds of Prey and Credit Valley Conservation children's activities.



For more information contact:
Planning & Sustainability
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Need more information about Earth Week Celebrations?
Visit: haltonhills.ca



NEWS

3 types of basement flooding and how to prevent them

It's that time of year again for Halton residents to make sure their homes are property protected from any potential flooding caused by melted snow, or abundant rainfall.

Halton Region lists three types of basement flooding to be aware of - and tips to make sure it doesn't happen to you.

Storm water flooding

This occurs when storm water pools around your home and is able to enter your basement through any cracks in the foundation.

Some things to look out for:

- Check for cracks in walls and floors
- Make sure the ground outside your home slopes away from it and that there are no outdoor structures (gardens, etc.) causing the water to pool
- Make sure your eaves troughs are clean and clear of any potential blockages

and that water is being properly drained two metres away from your home

Wastewater backup flooding

This type of flooding is often caused by a clog in the sewer lateral, which is the pipe connecting your home to the main sewer line.

Some things to note:

- Have your lateral inspected (if you live in an older home, tree roots could be a potential cause for a blockage)
- Watch what you pour down the drain (grease and fats are a no-no)

Combination flooding

This is the most common type of flooding in the region. It occurs when both the storm water and wastewater systems are backed up due to large amounts of water (often caused by melted snow and abundance of rainfall in the springtime).

Some tips to consider:

- Make sure the ground

outside your home slopes away from it

• Ensure downspouts, sump pumps, window well drains and driveway drains are disconnected from the wastewater system

• Disconnect your weeping tile from the wastewater system (if it is connected), and install a sump pump instead

• Install a backwater valve on the wastewater pipe located in your basement.

• Regularly inspect any flood prevention devices

Halton residents may also be eligible for the region's Enhanced Basement Flooding Prevention Subsidy Program, which provides financial aid for the following measures: downspout disconnection, weeping tile disconnection and sump pump installation, backwater valve installation, and sewer lateral lining and repair.

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