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### Halton Hills New Year's Day Household waste collection notice

Please note collection day changes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 27	28	29	30 Areas A, B & C No change	31	New Year's Day January 1 Area D Collection moves	2

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled holiday collection day.

#### Garbage tag exemption

**Areas A and B:** Your first garbage collection day after Christmas Day (December 25) will not require garbage tags. The **six garbage bag/can limit applies**.



#### Christmas tree collection

##### Areas A and B:

Place Christmas trees at the curb for collection on Wednesday, January 13 and 20, 2021.

There is no tree collection for areas C and D.

Visit [halton.ca/waste](https://www.halton.ca/waste) for more information.



#### Halton Waste Management Site

**Closed**  
Friday, January 1, 2021

**Regular Operating Hours**  
Monday to Saturday | 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

#### Waste collection calendar

Check your mailbox—the 2021 Halton Region Guide & Waste Collection Calendars have been mailed to homes across the region. Access your waste collection in the way that works best for you:

- go online to use our online calendar tool;
- use the OneHalton app; or
- sign up for weekly collections by email, phone or Twitter.

If you have not received your calendar by January 6, 2021, please visit [halton.ca/waste](https://www.halton.ca/waste), email [accesshalton@halton.ca](mailto:accesshalton@halton.ca) or call 311 to order a print copy.

#### Wishing a safe and healthy New Year

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and I know many of us are looking forward to the beginning of a new year. Thank you for continuing to take public health direction seriously and celebrating this New Year's Eve with your friends and family virtually. I know I speak for our entire community when I say how grateful we are for our frontline workers and Public Health who have continued to respond to COVID-19 throughout the holidays and will continue to do so in 2021.

As always, please visit [halton.ca/COVID19](https://www.halton.ca/COVID19) or call 311 for the latest public health direction. I wish you all a safe and healthy New Year!



Gary Carr  
Regional Chair

#### Meetings at Halton Region

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to [halton.ca](https://www.halton.ca).



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

## COMMUNITY



Herb Garbutt / Metroland

Police, firefighters and paramedics were joined by Halton Hills councillors as they paid tribute to staff at the Georgetown hospital Wednesday.

## 5 LOCAL INITIATIVES THAT KEEP COMMUNITY SPIRIT ALIVE THROUGH PANDEMIC

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#### Light up the Hills

Many holiday traditions fell victim to COVID-19, but one that started with the intent of spreading holiday cheer carried on. While the lighting ceremony was cancelled, the lights continue to shine through the holidays, reminding us that in a year where so much has changed, there were some constants.

#### Salute to front line workers

Health care workers have often taken the brunt of the pandemic. While most residents did their part by staying home and physical distancing, those working in hospitals, retirement homes and long-term care facilities risked their own safety to help people with COVID-19 and our most vulnerable residents. Parades by first responders and councillors served as a reminder that their efforts were not going unnoticed.

#### Santa puts tradition in reverse

If kids were worried that Santa may not be able to make his rounds on Christmas Day, some creative thinking by the Georgetown Lions Club and the Acton Firefighters Association put those fears to rest. While many communities cancelled their Santa Claus parade to avoid having large gatherings, Georgetown and Acton kept their traditions alive with a non-traditional parade. Santa and the floats were stationary and the attendees became the parade, driving by the floats to keep everyone safe before the holidays.

While most people will be happy to see the end of 2020 next week, there were some positives that came out of what was a difficult year.

Halton Hills continued to demonstrate its community spirit, even through very trying times. Here is what Halton Hills did to help its neighbours through 2020.

#### Caremongering Halton Hills

Rebecca Burtney wanted to do something to help her community, but felt a little helpless — until she stumbled across the Caremongering movement. With residents urged to stay home as the province approached its first lockdown in March, she started a Facebook group to connect people willing to lend a hand with those who needed help by offering to pick up and deliver groceries for seniors and share supplies like toilet paper and Lysol wipes that were scarce.

#### Chalk it up to positive thinking

When COVID-19 began to spread, people were cut off from friends and family when Ontario went into lockdown, and with the fear of a virus people were just starting to learn about, it was a difficult time for many. Then spontaneous feel-good messages began appearing on sidewalks and driveways, on rocks left along trails and by mailboxes. Often created by our youngest residents, you couldn't help but feel that maybe you weren't in this alone.