

# It's Our Own Garbage

## What We Did in 2020

Thank you Halton residents!

By participating in Blue Box, Green Cart, Yard Waste, Reuse and Household Hazardous Waste programs, as well as diversion programs at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS), Halton residents continue to maintain a high residential waste diversion rate. In 2020, 59 per cent of residential waste was diverted from the landfill.

Also, through our shared commitment, we have helped to extend the lifespan of the landfill from 2012 to between 2044 and 2048—over 30 years longer than expected. This has saved taxpayers more than \$15 million by deferring the costs of building a new site.

## Halton Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

The Committee was established as a Condition of Approval for the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) when it opened in 1992. The Committee is comprised of members from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. The Committee advises Halton Regional Council regarding programs and strategies to promote the 3Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle—encourage community recycling and minimize the amount of waste going to the landfill. In 2020, the primary focus was to update Committee members about Halton Region waste management programs, the changes to programs and status of Extended Producer Responsibility programs under the *Waste Free Ontario Act*, the new Organics Processing contract and accommodations and impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Diversion Results

Here is a summary of waste material diverted from the Halton Region landfill site in 2020:

- Blue Box: 51,948 tonnes
- Green Cart: 32,691 tonnes
- Yard Waste: 35,947 tonnes
- Household Hazardous Waste: 902 tonnes
- Electronic Waste: 384 tonnes
- Other: 23,684 tonnes

We diverted more waste than we landfilled: 145,556 tonnes! Total garbage landfilled at the Halton Waste Management Site: 78,450 tonnes.

Visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste) to learn more about Halton's Waste Management programs and services.

# How We Achieved It

## Our Programs and Services

- Weekly curbside Blue Box and Green Cart collection
- Bi-weekly curbside garbage collection
- Bi-weekly curbside Yard Waste collection between April and December
- Metal & appliance collection (by appointment)
- Paint and Stain Reuse program
- Backyard composter sales
- HWMS drop-off of materials for recycling including:
  - Blue Box and Green Cart items
  - tires
  - drywall
  - wood
  - scrap metal
  - electronics
  - brick and rubble
  - bicycles
  - eyeglasses
  - natural cork
  - hockey sticks
  - yard waste
- Battery Recycling Depots
- Household Hazardous Waste Depot
- Salvation Army Reuse Depot
- Blue Boxes and Green Carts delivered to new subdivisions and free replacements for all residents
- Continued implementation of the Green Cart Program into Apartments and Condominiums
- Using GPS technology to optimize space at the landfill
- Space-saving reusable tarps as an alternative daily cover at the landfill

## Advocacy for Extended Producer Responsibility under the *Waste Free Ontario 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:

- Blue Box Program Plan
- Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste ([makethedrop.ca](http://makethedrop.ca), [productcare.org](http://productcare.org))
- Used Tires ([rpra.ca/tires](http://rpra.ca/tires))
- Waste Electronics & Electrical Equipment ([recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca))

## Community Outreach and Education

- Easy to use online calendar tool at [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste) and through the OneHalton app
- Online Put Waste in its Place material sorting tool
- Regular social media posts to keep residents informed on Halton Region's waste programs, services and acceptable items (@RegionofHalton)
- Yearly delivery of the Halton Region Guide & Waste Collection Calendar to all single family households
- Advertisements in local newspapers to support Waste Management and diversion programs
- Waste Management virtual workshops for schools, and community groups

To comply with Provincial and Regional public health COVID-19 safety measures, all in person community outreach and events were suspended in 2020.

Visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste) or call 311 for more information about Halton Region's curbside collection programs, the Halton Waste Management Site and other waste diversion initiatives.

This print advertisement meets the requirement of Condition 1 of the Halton Waste Management Site's Conditions of Approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act* is available for review. To obtain a copy of this report, please contact Halton Region by calling 311, 905-825-6000, or 1-866-442-5866.