

WASTE COLLECTION: WHAT TO KNOW

SEASONAL PROGRAMS SET TO RESUME, WRITES GARY CARR



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Halton's waste management programs and services make managing household waste an easy part of your daily routine.

In the coming weeks, our seasonal programs are resuming and will provide more ways to help you sort and properly dispose of household waste!

Starting this week (Apr. 4), yard waste collection will occur every other week on the same day as garbage in urban areas. Please use a paper yard waste bag or rigid container with a yellow yard waste sticker.

Remember: grass clippings, sod and dirt do not go in your yard waste. Instead, drop them off at the Halton Waste Management Site. User fees apply.

After a hiatus due to COVID-19, the Region will also host a compost giveaway event later this spring at the Halton Waste Management Site.

Remember to bring your own shovels and containers to collect high-quality compost for your

garden. Check our Waste Events and Resources page on halton.ca and Halton's social media channels for updates!

With windy weather on the way, we can all help keep our community clean and prevent materials from blowing away.

On collection day, consider:

- putting materials at the curb by 7 a.m., not the night before;
- using a clear plastic bag for recyclables and not overfilling Blue Boxes;
- placing heavier recyclables on top of loose items; and
- ensuring all Green Cart materials are placed in a paper or Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified bag that is tied or sealed, with the lid latch secured.

To learn more, you can easily stay up-to-date on Halton's waste management programs and services by visiting halton.ca/waste or signing up to receive regular collection reminders and waste tips straight to your inbox.

Reducing waste is a community effort that helps protect the natural environment and keep our community clean.

Thank you for continuing to follow our curbside collection tips and putting waste in its place.

Your efforts to reduce household waste help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

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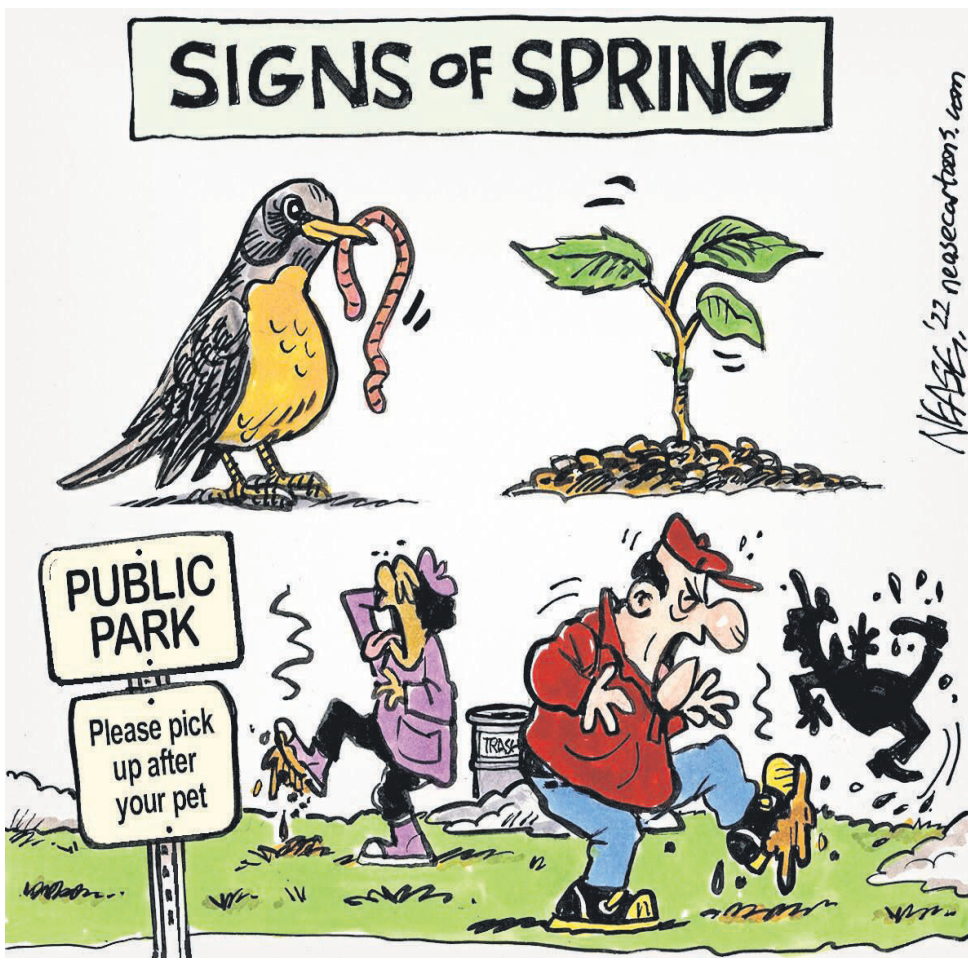
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DON'T TRY TO OUT-THINK THE MARKET

There are two ways to manage your portfolio.

You can take a consistent approach with little change in the allocation to stocks and maintaining that balance over time.

Alternatively, you can make periodic shifts in the weighting of stocks and bonds.

These shifts can be based on a specific criterion, or just your gut feeling of how the market will perform.

This is referred to as 'Tactical Asset Allocation.'

For example, you might decide to change your portfolio based on the inflation rate, the sudden downturn of value for several popular well-known company stocks, or just your current sentiment of the stock market based on optimism or pessimism.

That is not the preferred



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way to invest.

Much research has been done on the 'buy and hold' versus the 'tactical' strategy of change to determine the most profitable way to invest.

The conclusion of one study summarizes the futility of attempting to out-think the market through continually changing your asset allocation.

Morningstar published its research conclusion in a September 2021 paper, 'Tactical Asset Allocation: Don't Try This at Home.'

Consider all the things

necessary to be able to make a profitable decision to fundamentally change the design of your investment portfolio.

You have to be able to predict the future.

You have to be able to determine when to sell.

You have to be able to determine when to buy.

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