

# Nutrient Management Act revised

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Farmers have raised a stink about the proposed manure management regulations and the Eves government has responded to their concerns. Changes to phase two of the Nutrient Management Act, originally due to be initiated in April 2003, will see revisions that

address enforcement dates and allow for future cost-sharing programs for compliance.

Between November 2002 and February 2003, consultations have been held across the province between the government and farmers. The government is trying to

establish workable guidelines around nutrient management that will encourage farmers to do their part to protect our water supply, while ensuring that compliance won't drive them out of business.

Changes to phase two include simplifying proposed regulations

and applying them initially only to new and expanding large livestock farms. Existing large livestock farms will be covered by regulations in 2005, while other farms will not be covered until at least 2008, depending on recommendations from a provincial advisory committee and

the availability of cost-shared funding.

"Farmers have, for years, voluntarily used environmentally responsible practices, and the government will continue to encourage them to do so," said Agriculture Minister Helen Johns.

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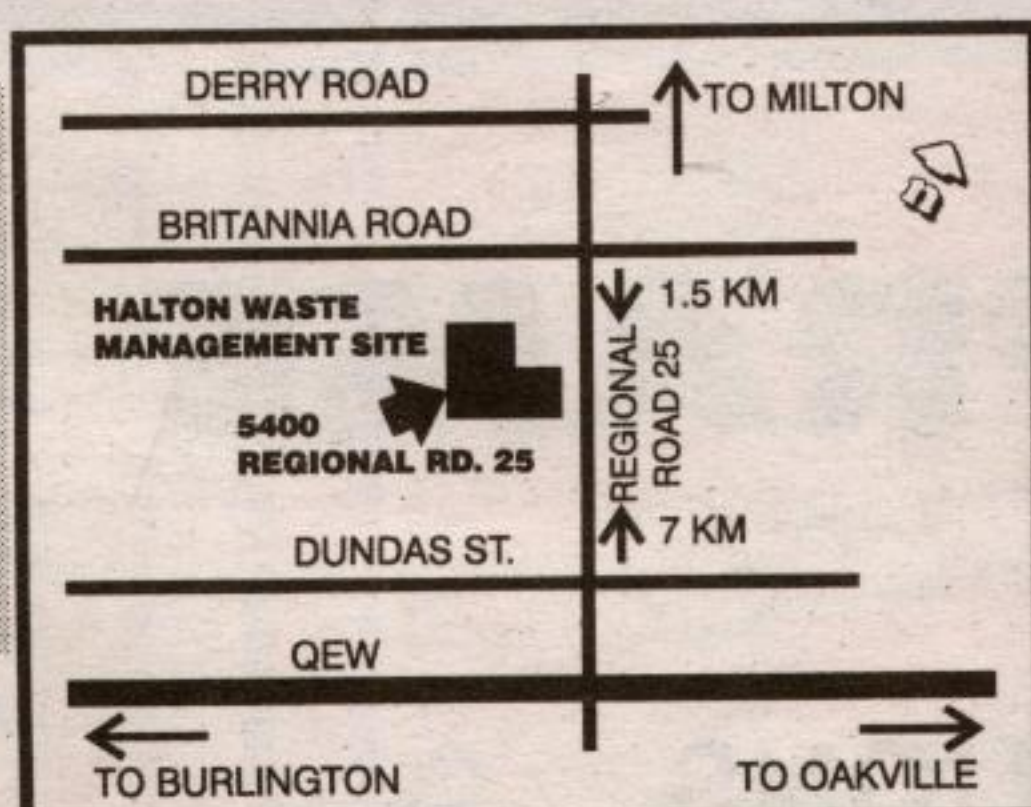


Saturday, April 26, 2003  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



- Halton residents are welcome to drop off up to eight standard passenger vehicle tires (rims included)
- Bicycle and wheelbarrow tires will also be accepted.
- Commercial vehicle, truck and tractor tires will NOT be accepted.
- Tires are not accepted as part of Halton Region's regular or bulk waste collection programs.
- Non-perishable food donations will also be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area food banks at this event.

**Halton Waste Management Site**  
5400 Regional Road 25,  
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## Spring Cleaning? We Can Help!



Bring your reusable clothing and household items to the Salvation Army Depot at Halton's Waste Management Site.



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## Rural Waste Collection: It's Your Choice

Do you prefer the flexibility of arranging for your own household waste collection, or would you prefer to receive waste collection from Halton Region?

Halton Region and the Town of Halton Hills are conducting a survey of households within the Hamlets of Glen Williams, Norval and Stewarttown to determine if residents want waste collection services provided by the Region and its collection contractor. Residents of the Hamlets do not currently receive this service and do not pay taxes for this service.

To learn more about this service option, please attend one of the Open Houses:

Tuesday, April 8, 2003  
Halton Hills Civic Centre  
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2003  
Glen Williams Town Hall  
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Look for the survey in your mailbox in the coming days.



## Be Part of Halton Region's Official Plan Review

The statutory five-year review of the current Regional Official Plan (1995) commenced in the summer of 2002. As directed by Council, Regional staff undertook an extensive consultation program on the Directions Report and the thirteen technical background papers from mid-September 2002 to early February 2003, which included numerous open houses, workshops, and meetings with individual interest groups. Based on the comments/submissions received, staff has prepared a "Response to Comments on Directions Report (March 2003)", and a "Submissions Document (march 2003)". Through Staff Report PPW43-03 in the agenda of the Region's Planning and Public Works Committee meeting on March 19, 2003, these documents are being released to the public and agencies for comment and a statutory public meeting will be held to receive public comments on the Official Plan Review.

These documents and other Official Plan Review related information can be found on the Region's website at:

www.region.halton.on.ca/OfficialPlan in the local libraries, at the Region's Citizen Reference Library (1151 Bronte Road, Oakville), or by contacting us at 1-866-4HALTON, Ext. 7195.

Submission of Comments: If you would like to submit comments on the "Response to Comments on Directions Report", please do so by April 25, 2003, so that staff can consider them in preparing the final report to Council.



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