

Halton Region offers Well Water Information Sessions

As part of Halton Region Health Department's ongoing initiative to promote well water safety, two Well Water Information Sessions for Halton residents on private well systems are scheduled for Thursday, October 7, at Stewarttown Public School, 13068 15 Sideroad, Georgetown, and Thursday, October 14, at Campbellville Lion's Hall, 42 Guelph Line, Campbellville.

Residents can drop in anytime between 3-9 pm at either location.

- The session will offer residents the opportunity to:
- Talk to Public Health Inspectors about well water quality concerns;
 - Have well water tested for Nitrate (bring one cup of water in a sterilized jar);
 - Drop off water samples in the approved sample bottles, supplied by Halton Region's Health Department, to be sent away for bacteria testing;

- Pick up sterile water sampling bottles, for testing bacteria on a regular basis;
- Learn about water treatment systems that can correct water problems from local companies;
- Talk to professional well drillers from the Ontario Ground Water Association;
- Talk to staff from Halton Region's Planning and Public Works Department to discuss water conservation principles;
- Review well water records from Halton Region's well record database;
- Get familiar with the Public Health Laboratory's phone-in system to retrieve water sample results;
- Receive a guide to caring for and protecting their well and family's health.

Residents can drop water samples off at any of the following water sample depots in Halton Region, Monday

through Thursday, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

- Halton Region Administrative Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville;
- Milton Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton;
- Georgetown Health Department Office, 93 Main Street, Georgetown;
- Conservation Halton, 2596 Britannia Road West, Burlington/Lowville.

The Well Water Information Sessions are offered in the spring and fall to help support residents who use private well water supplies. To preserve a safe well water supply, it is crucial for residents to maintain and repair their well and submit water samples at least three times a year to the Health Department for bacteria testing. Water sample testing is free and consultations with Public Health Inspectors are always available.

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Halton Waste Management Site

The Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) is Halton Region's one stop solution for the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle), safe disposal of household hazardous waste and, of course, garbage disposal.

Use of the HWMS carries a nominal charge of \$5.00/vehicle for up to 150 kg and 9.8 cents for every kg thereafter (commercial loads - \$98/tonne).

Please secure all open loads.

Container Station



In addition to garbage for disposal, the following materials are collected and diverted from the landfill:

- yard waste
- scrap metal
- appliances
- tires
- wood
- drywall
- blue box recyclables (no charge)
- electronics
- foam (e.g. cushions and underpads)



Salvation Army Depot

Drop off unwanted reusable items and help the community at the same time. Acceptable items include clothing, linens, kitchenware, toys and undamaged furniture.



Blue Boxes & Composters

Blue boxes and composters are available at the scalehouse. Blue Box: first one is no charge, \$5 per additional box (3 max.). Composters: \$15 each (2 max.)

Did you know?

- In 2003, over 27,000 tonnes of material was diverted from disposal through the Container Station.
- HWMS uses a full-time falconer and bird of prey to effectively eliminate seagulls from the landfill.
- HWMS was the first landfill in Canada to use rubberized asphalt to pave the 4 kms of on-site access roads (35,000 scrap tires were used in the process).
- HWMS collects rainwater from building roofs to reuse on site for such tasks as washing equipment & garden watering.



Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Each year the Depot receives and properly disposes of or recycles over 700,000 litres of hazardous material, which must not be put in the garbage or down the drain. Visit the depot for safe, no charge disposal of items, such as:

- paint
- oil
- solvents
- propane tanks
- household and garden chemicals
- full aerosol cans
- batteries (small disposable and automobile)



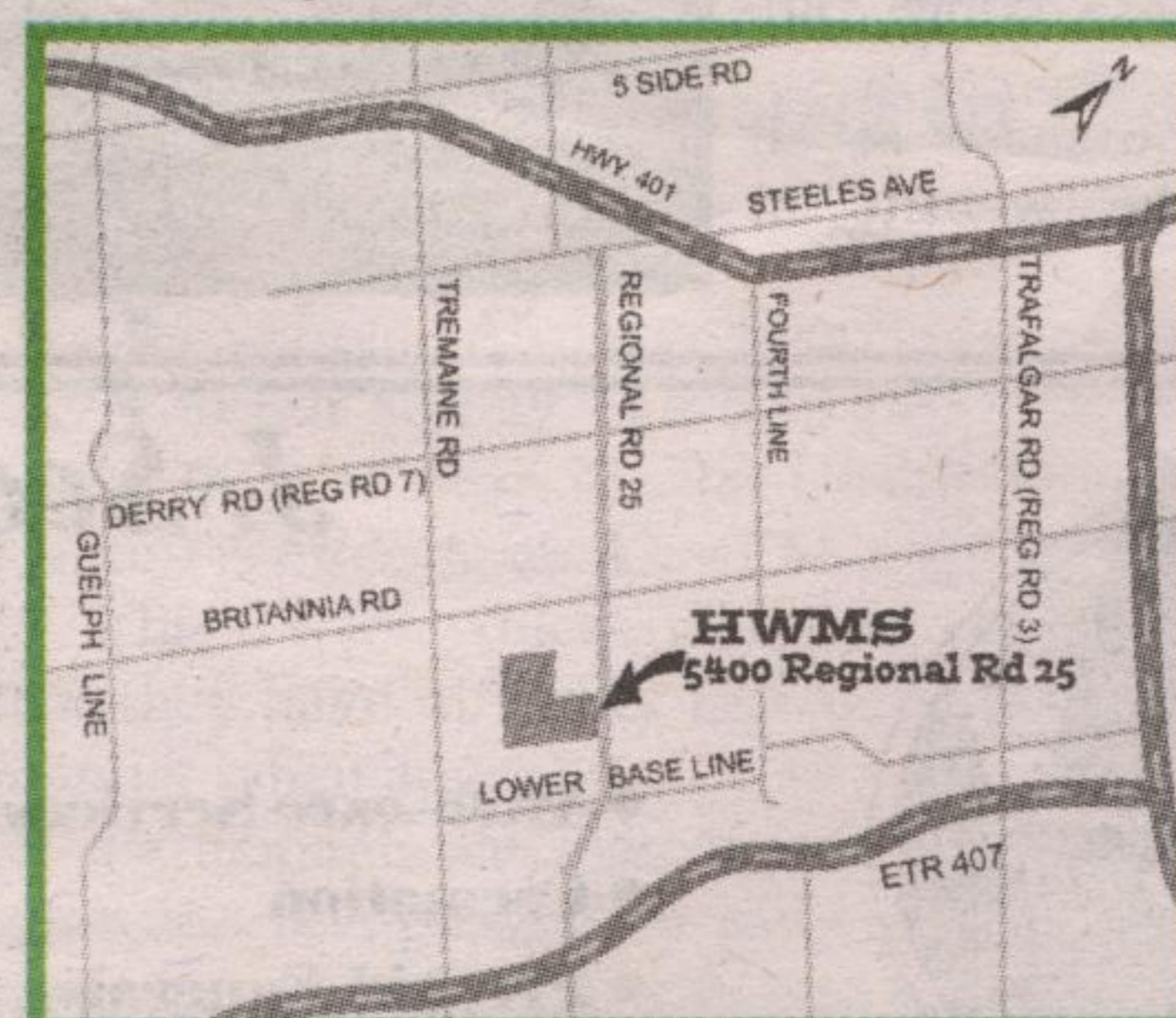
There is a 20 litre maximum per visit and no commercial hazardous waste can be accepted.

Empty paint cans (dry, with lids removed) and other empty containers (with no liquid or powder residue) can be disposed of with the regular garbage.

Paint Reuse Shed

Drop off or pick up usable paint and stain at the Reuse Shed at no charge.

Conveniently located beside the Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Open from Spring to Fall.



HWMS

5400 Regional Rd. 25
Monday - Saturday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(except holidays)