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Region compost giveaway returns tomorrow

Talton Region's immensely popular compost give-Laway is back this spring, running from Saturday to Saturday (excluding Sunday), May 4-11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Halton Waste Management Site, 5400 Regional Road 25 in Milton.

As part of Halton Region's strategy to divert waste away from landfill, residential yard waste picked up from curbsides is recycled into rich, garden-friendly compost. Twice a year, Halton residents are invited to collect the finished product for use in their gardens.

Residents must bring their own bags or containers (maximum seven per household) and a shovel in order to bag their own compost.

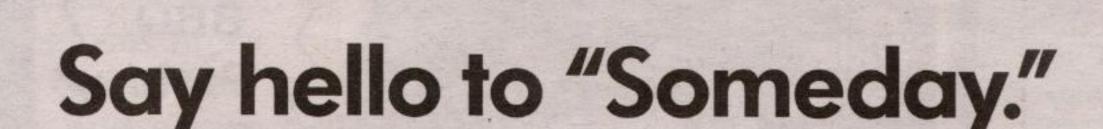
This is the eighth year of Halton's compost giveaway program; events are held in the spring and fall each year. More than 1,000 tonnes of finished compost will be available to residents during the spring giveaway.

As at previous events, residents are encouraged to bring along a donation of a non-perishable food item for local food banks. Last spring, more than 3,100 Halton resi-

dents took advantage of the event, and donated 4,400 kilograms of food to local food banks.

Cash donations to local food banks will also be accepted in lieu of food donations for those who choose to donate.

As well, to promote the upcoming ban on the use of nonbiodegradable clear plastic bags, samples of compostable paper bags will be distributed free to residents attending the giveaway. Region staff will also provide information on backyard composting. Backyard composters will be sold too.



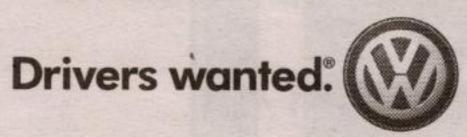




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