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## Compost Give Away begins next week

Halton Region's Fall 2002 Compost Give Away will be begin on Sept. 23 and continue to October 1 (excluding Sunday, Sept. 29).

Hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Halton Waste Management Site, 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton.

All Halton residents are welcome to collect up to seven bags of compost. Residents must supply bags/containers and shovel, and are responsible for shovelling their own compost.

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected on behalf of Halton area food banks. (Food donations are appreciated, but are not required to obtain compost.)

Halton's compost giveaway takes place twice each year, in the spring and fall. Yard waste collected through the region's yard waste collection program is converted into garden-friendly compost.

More than 4,500 Halton residents took advantage of the spring 2002 event, donating 6,500 kg of non-perishable food items and almost \$3,500 to local food banks, making this event one of the largest single-source food drives in the region.

### Halton Hills St. John to get ambulance

Halton Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be donating an older ambulance to St John Ambulance Brigade of Halton Hills. The donation will occur later this fall.

"Service to the community is at the heart of St. John Ambulance volunteers and I am pleased that we can help them by providing them with a vehicle to support their mobile first aid efforts during community events," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

Halton Region EMS staff had the option of sending the vehicle to auction, but felt that the community's needs were best served by donating it to a St. John Ambulance Brigade.

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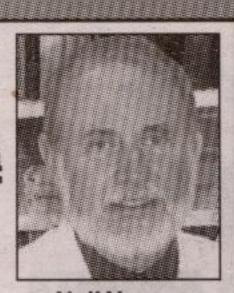
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How can I tell if my child has head lice, and how is it treated?

▲ Head lice are tiny insects that live on the scalp, usually behind the ears and on the back of the neck.

Lice lay greyish-white oval-shaped eggs, called nits, which stick to the hair shaft. One week later, they hatch, leaving empty shells.

Head lice are usually passed from direct head-to-head contact when children are close together, such as in schools or day-cares. Anyone can be affected regardless of class or cleanliness. They do not spread disease.

Children should be checked weekly for signs of infestation. If lice or nits are found, chemical treatment is necessary. The most common products are Nix, R&C, and SH-206, available at any pharmacy. All family members must also be checked if one member has lice. Treatment is not necessary if no lice or nits are present. The treatment must be used exactly as directed to ensure effectiveness, and is then repeated 7 to 10 days later to kill any lice hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment. If live lice or nits are seen 2 days after treatment consult your doctor or pharmacist for a different product.

Most nits are empty shells, so do not have to be removed to prevent spread, but it is usually done for aesthetic reasons. Vinegar is useful to help remove the nits.

Consult your pharmacist, doctor or health department for further

information.

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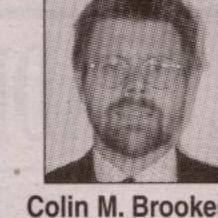
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What is the difference between a corn and a \*callus?

•A corn is a small kernel shaped growth of dead skin Athat develops in areas of localized high pressure. Usually corns are found between the toes, on top of toe joints and sometimes on the balls of the feet.

A callus is a toughened growth of dead skin, occurring over relatively large areas of increased pressure and friction. Dead skin builds up to protect the underlying tissue or bones. Usually callus is found on the balls of the feet and the heels. It is wise to wear comfortable roomy shoes. Cushion sensitive areas with mole-skin or donut shaped pads. Do not use corn plasters on your feet. Use a pumice stone or foot file regularly, followed by a moisturizing cream.

Your Chiropodist will assess the cause of your corn/callus and will devise an appropriate treatment plan. The treatment plan may vary from simply reducing the corn/callus off your feet to preventing further corns/callus formation through orthotic therapy. Do not cut corns/callus on your own or allow your pedicurist to do it as it may cause infections.

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**AFTAB SHAIKH** Massage Therapist

() How is massage therapy beneficial in various health conditions?

△ •Oh it has been a while, on the onset I'd like to extend my thanks to Dr. Prior Donald for doing such an excellent job on my wrist surgery and also my thanks to Adamson Spa for giving me support and a platform to build my clientele.

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