



Driving 101 Part 6: How to deal with emergency vehicles

Flashing red lights in your rear view mirror mean you must slow down, move to your right and stop near the curb or right edge of the roadway.

The Ontario Highway Traffic act actually states that you must immediately bring your vehicle to a standstill, but I prefer you come to a safe stop... to your right... so we can pass you on your left.

If you slow down but stay in the left lane, and wait for an emergency vehicle to pass you on your right you are putting the emergency responders in danger, and you are

wasting the crucial response time that someone is counting on.

If you are driving and you see flashing red lights stopped ahead in the distance, please slow down and move into a lane that is further away from the lights if possible. As you drive by the lights, do so with extreme caution, look for a police officer

Const. Chris Borak



directing traffic, or emergency workers on the roadway. Resist the temptation to watch them in action; it only puts people in danger as the average person typically drives towards where they are looking.

If there are flashing red lights and a siren sound coming towards you please slow down and move to the right

of your roadway and stop, wait for the emergency vehicle to pass you before you continue, but take a moment to see if there are any other emergency vehicles coming before you do so.

Contact me personally for crime prevention tips, at 905-878-5511 extension 2470, or by e-mailing chris.borak@hrps.on.ca. Please reserve the 911 system for emergency calls only.

—Const. Chris Borak is the community support officer for District 1



The Regional Municipality of Halton

Christmas Tree Collection Halton Hills

Before you place your tree at the curb, make sure it is ready to be recycled. Please remove decorations, tinsel, bags and wires, and place your tree at the curb before 7:00 a.m. of your collection day (same day as your Blue Box collection). Please ensure Christmas trees are not frozen or buried in snow banks on your scheduled collection day.

January 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 B	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 A	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 B	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Did you know...? <small>Christmas trees make great mulch, which is used for landscaping projects.</small>			

Look for your 2007 "Curb Appeal" Waste Management Calendar in your mailbox in January 2007.

Winter Tips for Setting Out Your Waste

- **Christmas Trees will be collected beginning the week of January 8, 2007.**
- Place items out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of collection day, but not before 5:00 p.m. the evening before.
- Secure your recyclables. Stack your Blue Boxes on top of one another to prevent papers from blowing away. Place heavier items on top of lighter items.
- Flatten and tie large cardboard boxes and place securely underneath or between your recycling boxes. Tie cardboard in bundles no larger than 30" x 30" x 8" (76cm x 76cm x 20cm).
- In one Blue Box, place loose glass bottles and jars, metal food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and pie plates, Styrofoam, plastic bottles, drinking boxes, and milk and juice cartons.
- In a second Blue Box place flattened corrugated cardboard, fine paper, cardboard and newspapers.
- Keep waste items clear of snow and visible to collect. Do not place items on top of snowbanks.



Halton Waste Management Calendar on its way to your mailbox

Start looking in your mailbox for your 2007 Halton Waste Management Calendar!

The Halton Waste Management Calendar has everything you need to know about waste collection in Halton Region. Information includes the Blue Box collection schedule, the Halton Waste Management Site, bulk collection dates and more. The Calendar is also available online at www.halton.ca/waste.



Business Development Centre

Attention: Halton area Lawyers, Accountants, Marketing and other Business Professionals

Do you enjoy being a coach, mentor or advisor? This is your opportunity to be part of Halton Region's Access to Professionals Program. This program connects new business start-ups in Halton with business professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to help these new businesses achieve their goals. The Access to Professionals Program includes mentoring, coaching and advising in youth and general business start-up areas. To find out more about this program, contact Halton's Business Development Division at 905-825-6000, ext. 7900.

Upcoming Seminars/Workshops Include:

Starting a Small Business Information Seminar: Wed., Jan. 24, evening session (\$20/person)

Business Basics Seminar Series: In partnership with Burlington Public Library, this series is geared to the entrepreneur looking for the basics in starting their business. The series will be presented at Central Library. Participants can attend any or all of the seminars. (\$20/person/seminar)

Wed., Jan. 17 Roundtable Discussions with the Experts You Need

Wed., Feb. 21 Canada Revenue Agency: Tax Essentials (BONUS: no fee for this seminar)

Wed., Mar. 21 Jump-start Your Marketing Plan

Wed., Apr. 18 Managing Your Success

Consultant on Site Program: In partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Halton Hills Library on Thursday, January 18. Appointments must be booked in advance.

Contact us for more information on these events and how to register.

2007 Budget and Fees & Charges Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

Regional Council will be considering adoption of the 2007 Budget and passage of by-laws imposing fees and charges on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 9:30 a.m. Prior to adoption by Regional Council, the proposed 2007 Budget will be considered at the Standing Committee meetings (see schedule to the right). These meetings will be held at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville.

Halton residents are welcome to attend the Committee meetings. To register as a delegate for the purpose of addressing the Committee, contact the Office of the Regional Clerk in advance at 905-825-6000 ext. 7928. Written submissions are also welcome. Copies of the 2007 Budget Summary are available at www.halton.ca.

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule:

January 9	9:30 a.m. -	Health & Social Services Committee
January 10	9:30 a.m. -	Administration & Finance Committee
January 11	9:30 a.m. -	Planning & Public Works Committee