

# GreenCart users want to see program expanded

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More than half of the residents currently piloting the Region's GreenCart program think the initiative should be expanded Halton-wide.

That was one of the findings of a recently-conducted phone survey on the program that sees residents' kitchen scraps, or organic waste, picked up at the curb in a separate GreenCart for composting—something the Region says will help increase the life of its landfill.

Several Halton Hills homes were part of the pilot project.

The complete survey results were pre-

sented to the Region's planning and public works committee recently. It showed that 88 per cent of those living in the pilot areas have used the GreenCart at least once and 82 per cent said they are very or somewhat satisfied with the program.

And while 89 per cent of the residents deemed the GreenCart to be a positive initiative, only 65 per cent said it should be expanded across the region. Twenty per cent said the program should run in the urban areas only, six per cent said both urban and hamlet area and nine per cent said they don't know.

Waste Management Director Rob Rivers also detailed the information staff has gathered about the program over the

past year and a half, such as that 324.5 tonnes of organics were diverted from the landfill between October 2005 and September 2006.

Despite that, Rivers said the voluntary GreenCart pilot didn't achieve the target waste diversion rates for a region-wide program.

"The Halton demonstration results are typical of a source-separated organics demonstration program though," he noted.

Halton's goal is to have a 60 per cent waste diversion rate by 2010. That number currently sits at about 43 per cent.

He said other municipalities have achieved their diversion targets by imple-

menting a GreenCart-type program in combination with things like garbage bag limits and bi-weekly garbage collection.

He also outlined other options that can be used to deal with organic waste, including garborators (in-sink garbage disposals), backyard composting and an energy-from-waste facility.

Burlington Councillor John Taylor said he did his own research and found out from City of Edmonton staff that it's using a system known as mixed solid waste, where garbage bags are placed in a large bioreactor and decomposed, resulting in what's known as class B compost—a quality that doesn't meet Ontario standards.

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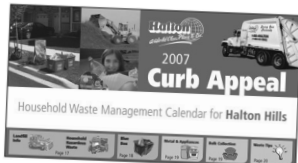
### Victoria Day Holiday Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 Collection Moves to Tomorrow Victoria Day	22 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	23 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	24 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	25 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	26 Collection

**Due to Victoria Day, waste collection services the week of May 21st will take place the day after your regular collection day.**

Please place your waste at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.



Please check your 2007 "Curb Appeal" Waste Management Calendar for details in your area or the Region's Waste Management website at [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste).

### Halton Waste Management Site will be closed on Monday, May 21

Regular Operating Hours  
Open Monday to Saturday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5400 Regional Road 25, Milton



- Yard waste materials will be collected **every other week** on the same day as your Blue Box until December 7.
- Use only paper yard waste bags, or labelled, reusable, rigid containers with no lids. Do not use plastic bags, cardboard boxes or Blue Boxes for yard waste collection.
- Yard waste labels for reusable containers are available at no charge from Halton Region.
- Containers must be no larger than 125 L (27 imperial gallons) or 23 kg (50 lbs).
- Acceptable materials include yard and garden trimmings; pumpkins; fallen fruit from trees and tree trimmings.
- Grass clippings will not be collected with yard waste or garbage. Please "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn.
- Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m (4 ft) by 0.6 m (2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches in diameter).

### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

### Draft Halton Water Efficiency Master Plan Phase 1 Practices & Options Review

#### We want to hear from you about water efficiency.

Residents are invited to attend one of four Public Information Centres Halton Region is conducting to present progress under Phase 1 of the draft Halton Water Efficiency Master Plan. Residents will be asked to provide feedback and whether they're interested in participating in the various water efficiency alternatives identified through the draft plan. Public Information Centres for Phase 1 of the draft Halton Water Efficiency Master Plan will be held as follows:

Tuesday, May 22, 2007	Mold-Masters SportsPlex, Hall 221 Guelph Street, Georgetown ON
Thursday, May 24, 2007	St. Peter School, Gym 700 Woodward Avenue, Milton ON
Tuesday, May 29, 2007	St. Matthew School, Gym 1050 Nottinghill Gate, Oakville ON
Thursday May 31, 2007	Appleby Ice Centre, Multi-purpose room 1201 Appleby Line, Burlington ON

Doors open for all four Halton Water Efficiency Master Plan public information centres at 6:30 p.m. with presentations scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

For more information regarding the draft Halton Water Efficiency Master Plan please contact Wayne Galliher, Water/Wastewater Outreach Coordinator, at 905-825-6000, extension 7337 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

### West Nile virus surveillance

As West Nile virus (WNV) season is quickly approaching, Halton Region has commenced our comprehensive surveillance activities. Tracking of dead birds is one of the most effective surveillance methods for detecting and monitoring the spread of WNV in the community. Residents have been extremely helpful in reporting dead birds to the Region in the past. In fact, last year over 1300 dead bird sightings were reported to the Region. We'd like to ask for your help and cooperation again this year. If you spot a dead bird, please call us to report it, or e-mail us at [wNV@halton.ca](mailto:wNV@halton.ca).



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#### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

<b>May 21</b>	- Offices closed for Victoria Day	<b>May 23, 4:00 p.m.</b>	- Planning & Public Works Committee - GreenCart at 6:30 p.m.
<b>May 23, 1:30 p.m.</b>	- Administration & Finance Committee	<b>May 24, 9:30 a.m.</b>	- Health & Social Services