

More Green and Blue for a better planet

Starting April 7, your regular waste collection programs will be changing.

These changes are being made to increase the opportunities for you to recycle and compost and to reduce the amount of garbage being sent to our landfill. By reducing our waste and reusing and recycling products when possible, we all have the opportunity to play an important part in protecting the environment.

Changes will include:

- Weekly collection of GreenCart (collects kitchen scraps and compostable papers)
- Weekly collection of Blue Box (papers and containers can go in the same Blue Box)
- Collection of garbage every other week with a six bag/can limit
- Yard waste collection remains the same with every other week collection, on the same day as garbage (urban areas only)
- Bulk collection once every four weeks with a three item limit, on the same day as garbage (all urban areas and rural Burlington and Milton); seven collection dates per household in 2008
- Metal and Appliance Call-in Service (all urban areas and rural Burlington and Milton)

One of the most significant changes being made is the implementation of the GreenCart program which will collect kitchen food waste and compostable paper. Currently, 45 per cent

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of the average garbage bag in Halton contains leftover food and compostable paper that can be turned into compost and be diverted from our landfill site. By using your Blue Box and GreenCart for recycling, your garbage should decrease significantly.

GreenCarts, Kitchen Catchers and an information kit will be delivered from March 24 to April 5 to all households that currently receive curbside waste collection. There will be three open houses in each local municipality for residents to learn more about the GreenCart and the Region's new waste collection programs. Check your local newspaper or visit www.halton.ca for specific times and locations.

To find out more information on all of the upcoming collection changes call 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or visit www.halton.ca.

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

Town adopts grow-op response protocol

The Town has adopted a marijuana grow operation response protocol. It is in partnership with Halton Police, Halton Health Department and the Electrical Safety Authority.

It sets out the responsibilities of

each to ensure a home used for a grow-op is inspected and safe for future residential use.

Homes used for grow-ops often sustain major damage to its structure and utilities as well as water and mould damage.

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Traffic experts asked to look into use of photo radar

Ward 4 Councillor Bob Inglis has asked the Town's traffic experts to follow up on a Halton Region report calling on the Province to allow municipalities to use photo radar for speed limit enforcement.

The request also asks that the municipalities receive the revenues from the resulting fines.

According to the regional report "speeding

on regional roads remains an issue": the majority of drivers travel between 5-20 km/h over the speed limit and the number of drivers traveling more than 35 km/h over the speed limit has grown from 0.5 per cent (2005) to 1.6 per cent (2006). Halton Police issued more than 6,600 tickets for speeding, seatbelt offences and licence suspensions in 2006.

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