

Pitch your E-waste and old tires April 26

Spring is traditionally a time to clean out the basement and garage but there is always the question of how to best rid our homes of some things that just won't fit in a green bag.

And some things that actually fit in a green bag should never go there.

It is true that just about anything can go to the Regional Landfill Site located on Regional Road 25 (Hwy. 25) south of Milton but that is a bit of hike and many people may not be able to get there. There is no doubt that it is an inconvenient drive that most people put off indefinitely.

Many will be relieved to learn there will be an opportunity to conveniently get rid of old electronics and old tires— in Halton Hills.

On Saturday April 26 the Town of Halton Hills will again be hosting its Earth Week celebrations at the R.C. Austin Public Works Yard on Trafalgar Road. People are invited to bring their E-waste— old computers, televisions, radios, cell phones etc.— to the Works Yard where they will be collected by a recycler. You can also drop off your old tires, both services courtesy of Halton Region.

This opportunity comes but once a year. Take advantage of it while you can and feel good about cleaning out your house.

While at the Works Yard you can also pick up some free mulch also courtesy of Halton. You will need your own containers and shovel for this job.

For more information contact the Town's Works Department at 905-873-2601 ext.2610



As part of the Earth Week Celebration at the Town of Halton Hills Works Yard on April 26, E-waste, that annoying collection of electronic gadgets, outdated computers, printers and scanners, as well as old stereo equipment and even MP3 players, can be dropped off for disposal, free of charge. Not only are residents able to dispose of electronics, they can also

discard up to eight old tires, free of charge. On hand to promote the drop-off, (from left) Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, Town Works Public Works Manager Ted Drewlo, Ward 3&4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal, Rob Rivers, Director of Halton Region Waste Management Division and Wards 1&2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville. Photo by Ted Brown

Earth Day Canada searching for 2008's Hometown Heroes

Earth Day Canada, in partnership with Cascades, has launched its search for the 2008 Hometown Heroes Award winner.

The Hometown Heroes Award recognizes and encourages personal environmental achievement at the local level. This year's winner will receive a cash-prize of \$10,000— \$5,000 to keep and \$5,000 to donate to the environmental cause of their choice.

The most important environmental action happens at the local level. Some people are involved in the community garden movement; others in the protection of natural spaces; still others have started their own environmental network or organization. The environmental issue you focus on is really up to you. The Hometown Heroes Award is looking for the environmental leaders who have shown commitment and achieved results in their community.

According to Robert O'Brien, founder of Ocean Net and the 2007 Hometown Heroes Award winner, the recognition was gratifying.

"For Ocean Net and all the volunteers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, a prestigious award such as this gave all of us a tremendous boost of pride and energy for what we do. The Award has helped us secure funding and has furthered the credibility of Ocean Net as well."

"The Earth Day Gala was an amazing event. Being brought to Toronto to receive the award, and being treated so well by the Earth Day Canada staff and guests, cannot help but make one feel special," O'Brien added.

For more information, or to nominate yourself, an individual or group from your community, visit www.earthday.ca/hometown.

The deadline for applications is April 22.

Earth Day Canada, a national environmental charity, was founded in 1991 to provide Canadians with the practical knowledge and tools they need to help the environment. For more information visit www.earthday.ca

Willow Park hosts Sprucing Up Day

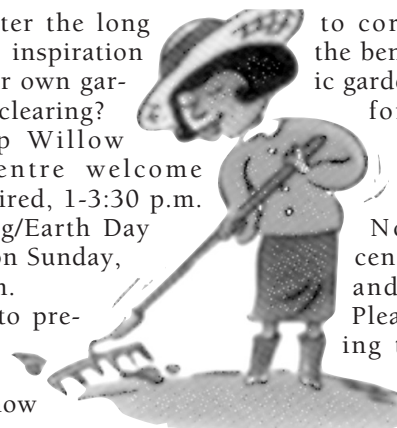
Are you tired after the long winter? Need some inspiration to get going on your own garden's planning and clearing?

Come and help Willow Park Ecology Centre welcome spring and get inspired, 1-3:30 p.m. at the park opening/Earth Day 'Sprucing Up' Day on Sunday, April 20, 1-3:30 p.m.

Learn how best to prepare your soil, how to easily start plants from seeds, how

to correctly plant saplings, the benefits and ease of organic gardening, and practical tips for planning the plants and flowers that are right for your garden.

Willow Park is a Norval-based ecology centre located off Mary St. and Guelph St. (Hwy 7). Please come and visit during this free event or just to enjoy it on your own.



POWER and choir offer Earth Day concert

Gaudeamus Choirs of Halton Hills and P.O.W.E.R. have partnered to host Halton Hills first Earth Day Choir event, *Sing of the Land— An Earth Day Concert*.

This unique Earth Day concert program will have connection to specific places across our country, highlighting the importance of celebrating the land

in which we live.

It will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m. at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for students under 5 free.

For more information contact Gaudeamus Choirs, 416-895-2697, gaudeamus@cogeco.ca or P.O.W.E.R., 905-873-8362, www.powerhalton.ca

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