

Problems plague first week of GreenCart roll-out

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the driver pool, noting on the first collection day last week five employees didn't show up and by the end of the week Miller lost an additional three or four staff members.

"But that tells me we've got a core of pretty good guys who want to get the job done right," he said.

To combat the delays, Miller has added extra trucks and manpower to the streets, extra supervisors and addi-

tional health and safety supervision. The company is also closely monitoring and benchmarking its performance.

"With these measures in place, we believe that the service issues will diminish and the residents of Halton will receive the level of service they expect and deserve," he said. "We have enough equipment to get the material off the street."

He noted there are about 60 to 63 trucks a day and 70 to 85 employees

working on the Halton contract.

Halton Commissioner of Planning and Public Works Peter Crockett echoed Miller's apology and said staff is working with the company to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Burlington Councillor Carol D'Amelio said while the program is good for the environment, she thinks those benefits are being offset by the number of collection vehicles on the road. She asked McArthur how many

trucks residents can expect to see at the end of their driveways on a regular basis.

McArthur said typically there will be one truck that picks up both GreenCart and Blue Box materials, another truck for garbage and a third truck for leaf and yard waste.

The cost of the additional resources will be absorbed by Miller, Halton Director of Waste Management Rob Rivers told the Champion.

A few councillors had some good news to report about the program. Burlington Councillor Peter Thoen said the collection service has been good in downtown Burlington, while Halton Hills Councillor Clark Somerville noted his GreenCart and Blue Box materials were picked up this week at 7:30 a.m. on his scheduled collection day.

For updates on the delays visit www.halton.ca.



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As of April 7, 2008 Halton Region implemented a new system of waste collection aimed at diverting materials out of Halton's landfill. Halton residents readily participated in the launch of the GreenCart and Blue Box program, setting out record volumes of organics, recyclables and yard waste. The Region appreciates that so many residents are aligned with the goal of diverting material from the landfill, helping to protect our environment by reducing green house gas emissions, improving air quality and creating useful recycling and compost products conserving natural resources, for a better planet. With more opportunities to recycle and compost the amount of garbage being placed at the curb should significantly decrease helping to extend the life of our landfill site for an additional seven years. The Region wants to thank residents for setting out "More Blue and Green", making the goal of diverting material from the landfill such a success.

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

- April 29** Health & Social Services Committee 9:30 a.m.
- April 30** Planning & Public Works Committee 9:30 a.m. Administration & Finance Committee 1:30 a.m.

Urban Yard Waste Collection

Only use paper yard waste bags or open, reusable, rigid containers labelled yard waste. If using a reusable, rigid container, drill holes on the bottom of the yard waste container for drainage.



Yard waste labels for reusable containers are available at no charge from Halton Region. Call Halton Region between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at 905-825-6000 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or TTY 905-827-9833.

Containers may have a capacity up to 125 L (27 imperial gallons) and weigh no more than 23 kg (50 lbs).

Please do not use cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, GreenCarts or plastic bags for yard waste collection.

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.

In Collection Area 3, 4, and 5, yard waste is collected every other week, on the same day as your garbage. In Collection Areas 1 and 2, there is no yard waste collection.

Acceptable materials:

- Leaves
- Sticks and twigs
- Tree trimmings
- Fallen fruit from trees



Unacceptable materials:

- Grass
- Sod, soil and rocks
- Clay
- Plastic shopping or garbage bags
- Plastic flower/plant pots
- Flower/plant markers and tags
- Yard waste placed in plastic bags

