

Lose that electronic waste for free as part of E-Waste Amnesty Week

Local residents can get rid of their electronic waste for free starting this Monday as the Region holds its annual E-Waste Amnesty Week.

From Monday to Friday next week, citizens can take their old electronics to the Halton Waste Management Site between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Acceptable e-waste includes items such as computers, computer monitors, computer accessories like keyboards, scanners, speakers and printers, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, remote controls, stereos, speakers, answering machines and MP3 players and associated cords.

“Discarded electronic waste is accumulating at an alarming rate worldwide,” said Regional Chair Gary Carr. “E-Waste Amnesty Week is an opportunity for residents to get involved to help divert unwanted electronics away from our landfill site.”

Last year during E-Waste Amnesty Week, residents successfully diverted 60 tonnes of e-waste to be recycled in an environmentally-safe manner. The recycling of e-waste includes dismantling items to recover useful materials for use in the manufacturing

of new products.

E-Waste Amnesty Week is one of the initiatives identified in the Region's 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy that will assist in reaching the goal of diverting 60 per cent of residential waste away from landfill.

The Region's E-Waste Amnesty Week coincides with the national Waste Reduction Week.

E-waste (excluding computer monitors and televisions) is accepted for recycling all year at the Halton

Waste Management Site for a small fee - \$5 per load for up to 50 kg and \$10 per load for 51 to 150 kg.

Electronics in good working order can often be taken to local reuse centres. Residents are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the item will be accepted. For a listing of local reuse centres visit www.halton.ca/waste.

E-waste collected from industrial, commercial or institutional settings won't be accepted for free during E-Waste Amnesty Week.

For more information call the Region at 905-825-6000.



The Regional Municipality of Halton www.halton.ca

E-Waste Amnesty Week

Monday, October 20 to Saturday, October 25, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Halton Region residents can drop off e-waste free of charge during the E-Waste Amnesty Week.

E-waste from industrial, commercial or institutional settings is not accepted.

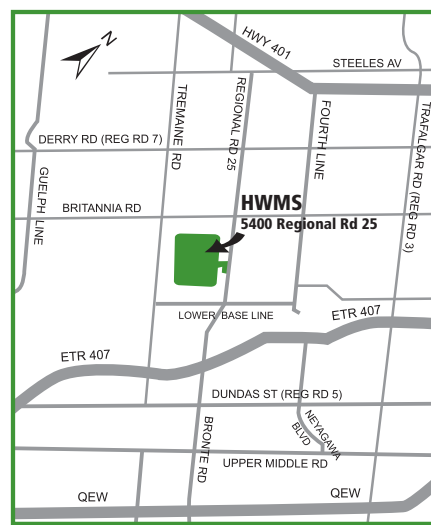
Acceptable e-waste includes:

- computers
- computer monitors
- computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, scanners, speakers, etc.)
- televisions and remote controls
- VCRs and remote controls
- DVD players and remote controls
- stereos and speakers
- answering machines
- MP3 players

E-waste collected during the E-Waste Amnesty Week will be sent for proper recycling. During the first E-waste Amnesty Week in October 2007, almost 64 tonnes of e-waste was collected and recycled!

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Halton Waste Management Site
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Waste Reduction Week

October 19 to 25, 2008



Did you know?

- If everyone worldwide consumed as much as we do in Canada, four new planets would be needed to support us all.
- In a lifetime, the average North American will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage. A 68 kg (150 lbs) adult will leave a legacy of 40,825 kg (90,003 lbs) of trash.

Here are some easy ways you can reduce the amount of waste your family generates each week:

- Avoid pre-packaged and ready-made foods. Not only are they usually over-packaged, they are also not as healthy as foods you prepare from fresh ingredients.
- Buy in bulk. Not only will this cut down on the amount of packaging you throw away, but it saves you money too.
- Use a reusable bag when shopping.
- Pack a "litterless lunch" for school and work. Use reusable containers to pack sandwiches, soups or salads, etc. Bring your own reusable cutlery and a reusable thermos for your drink.
- Use rechargeable batteries whenever possible.
- Instead of using disposable cups, ask colleagues to "lug a mug" in your office.
- Make double-sided photocopies and use scrap paper for messages.

The annual Waste Reduction Week takes place October 19 to October 25, 2008. This national event encourages everyone to make a difference in the amount of waste materials being processed. For more information, visit www.wrrcanada.com

Customer Service is a priority at Halton Region

Our new easy-to-remember 211 and 311 telephone numbers mean easier access to government services for our residents. 211 is an information and referral service that

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Committee
	October 21	9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Committee
	October 22	9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Committee
		1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee
	October 29	9:30 a.m.	Regional Council

you can call 24/7 to find out about all the community, health and social services available to you. 311 gives you direct access to Halton Region, the City of Burlington, and Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville, the Halton District and Halton Catholic District School Boards, and the Halton Regional Police Service. The most important thing to remember is that you can call 211 or 311 in any language for reliable information and easy access to the help you need.



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