



**UP THE TOILET:** Mayor Rick Bonnette and Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr put a sticker on one of the approved low flow toilets (on the left) eligible for the Region rebate program. In front of the two toilets are two litre bottles representing the amount of water used per flush. The low flow model on the left is 6.0 litres and has three bottles. The model on the right is a 13.0 litre model which is less water efficient and has six and a half bottles in front. The Acton Water Plant was chosen for the photo to reinforce how a low flow toilet can reduce the amount of water used in a house. - submitted photo

## Pilot program to promote water efficient toilets

Halton Region has launched a new pilot program to promote water conservation in the home. The 2007 Halton Residential Ultra Low Flow (ULF) Toilet Rebate Pilot Program is offering a rebate to Halton residents who purchase and install an approved water efficient toilet in their home. In the typical home, toilet flushing can account for approximately 30 per cent of water usage inside the home. The installation of a high-efficiency toilet could save 28 litres of water per person per day based on the replacement of an older inefficient 13L per flush toilet models.

Halton residents, who are on the municipal water supply and purchase an approved toilet model in 2007, can apply for a rebate for one toilet per household at this time. Based on the program funding, the Halton Residential Ultra Low Flow (ULF) Toilet Rebate Pilot Program is offering 700 rebates on a first-come, first-serve basis in 2007.

"Halton Region is promoting water conservation with the Halton Residential Ultra Low Flow (ULF) Toilet Rebate Pilot Program and encouraging residents to be water wise inside the home," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Water is a precious resource and we

want everyone to participate in preserving it now and for future generations."

"The toilet rebate pilot program is a great opportunity for residents in Acton and Georgetown on the municipal water supply to conserve water", added Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "As we saw this past summer with the hot and dry weather, the capacity of the water system in our area was under stress, so it is important that we all make an effort to help and reduce water usage in our homes."

On October 10, 2007 Halton Regional Council approved staff report PPW 128-07 providing endorsement for the implementation of the 2007 Halton Residential ULF Toilet Rebate Pilot Program. Based on the per flush water usage of the approved toilet purchased, residents can apply for a rebate of \$60 for toilets which utilize six litres of water per flush or a rebate of \$75 for High Efficiency or Dual Flush toilets which utilize 4.8 litre per flush and either three litres or six litres per flush respectively.

To receive their rebate residents complete and mail in the Halton Residential ULF Toilet Rebate Pilot Program Rebate Application Form with the original sales receipt from purchase of an approved

model (in 2007), to Halton Region for verification and processing of the rebate. As noted, based on the funds allocated to the pilot program rebates are limited to 700 and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information regarding the Halton Residential ULF Toilet Rebate Pilot Program and to obtain a copy of the rebate application form please visit [www.halton.ca/toilet-rebate](http://www.halton.ca/toilet-rebate), or contact staff at (905) 825-6000 or toll-free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

The Regional Municipality of Halton serves more than 430,000 residents in the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville. Halton Region is committed to meeting the needs of its residents through the delivery of cost-effective, quality programs and services, including water and wastewater; Regional roads and planning; emergency medical services; waste management; public health; Ontario Works (formerly social assistance); children's and seniors' services; social/non-profit housing; heritage programs; emergency management and business development. For more information, visit Halton Region's website at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca).



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## TAKE IT BACK! HALTON

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**Take It Back!** Halton is a new program that provides one convenient source of information on retailers that take items back for reuse, recycling or proper disposal. The program was launched on Wednesday, October 31 with retail partners that take back plastic shopping bags for recycling and also offer customers reusable bags to reduce the number of plastic bags going to landfill.

You can take back plastic shopping bags to the following locations:

### Burlington

- Fortinos**  
1059 Plains Rd E
- Fortinos**  
5111 New St
- Fortinos**  
2025 Guelph Ln
- Food Basics**  
5353 Lakeshore Rd
- Food Basics**  
1505 Guelph Ln
- Longo's**  
2900 Walkers Ln
- Longo's**  
1225 Fairview St
- Price Chopper**  
2201 Brant St
- Price Chopper**  
3505 Upper Middle Rd
- Sobeys**  
1250 Brant St
- The Bay Mall**  
777 Guelph Ln
- The Bay**  
Mapleview Centre  
900 Maple Av
- Ultra Food & Drug**  
2010 Appleby Ln
- Ultra Food & Drug**  
3365 Fairview St
- Wal-Mart**  
4515 Dundas St W
- Zellers**  
Aldershot Plaza  
124 Plains Rd W
- Zellers Mall**  
777 Guelph Ln
- Zellers**  
Millcroft Centre  
2000 Appleby Ln

### Halton Hills

- A&P**  
100 Sinclair Av  
Georgetown
- A&P**  
367 Mountainview Rd  
Georgetown
- Food Basics**  
235 Guelph St  
Georgetown
- Price Chopper**  
325 Guelph St  
Georgetown
- Real Canadian Superstore**  
171 Guelph St  
Georgetown
- Sobeys**  
372 Queen St E  
Acton
- Wal-Mart**  
300 Guelph St  
Georgetown
- Zellers**  
Georgetown Market Place  
300 Guelph St  
Georgetown

### Milton

- A&P**  
1050 Kennedy Circle
- Food Basics**  
500 Laurier Av
- Real Canadian Superstore**  
820 Main St E
- Sobeys Express**  
16 Market Dr
- Wal-Mart**  
1280 Steeles Av E
- Zellers Mall**  
55 Ontario St S

### Oakville

- Dominion**  
478 Dundas St W
- Dominion**  
1521 Rebecca St
- Dominion**  
1011 Upper Middle Rd
- Food Basics**  
530 Kerr St
- Fortinos**  
173 Lakeshore Rd W
- Longo's**  
338 Dundas St E
- Price Chopper**  
2501 Third Ln
- Real Canadian Superstore**  
201 Oak Park Blvd
- Sobeys**  
1500 Upper Middle Rd
- Sobeys**  
2441 Lakeshore Rd W
- Sobeys**  
511 Maple Grove Dr
- The Barn Fruit Markets**  
1A-280 N Service Rd W
- The Bay Place**  
240 Leighland Av
- Wal-Mart**  
234 Hays Blvd
- Whole Foods Market**  
301 Cornwall Rd
- Zellers**  
Hopedale Plaza  
1455 Rebecca St

Retailers that take back batteries, car oil, compact fluorescent lights bulbs, fertilizers, paints, pharmaceuticals, solvents, and thermostats, will be added to the program. Check our website at [www.halton.ca/takeitback](http://www.halton.ca/takeitback) for updates on additional items and their locations on where you can take them back.

Take It Back! Halton will assist Halton Region in reaching a 60 per cent diversion of residential waste away from the landfill. This extends the life of the landfill and is vital for Halton's environmental and economic future. Take It Back! Halton is part of the Halton Region 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy to promote product stewardship initiatives.