

# Federal Gas Tax Award for GreenCart program

Halton received accolades from the federal minister of state and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) as well as an honourable mention award for its separated source organic composting program funded almost entirely with revenue from the federal gas tax.

The Region delivered "GreenCart" organic waste bins to 140,000 homes in Halton during 2008. The \$3.4 million project diverted 18,000 tonnes of com-

post material from a landfill between April and December, 2008.

The AMO Federal Gas Tax Awards honour municipalities that have demonstrated excellence in the use of Federal Gas Tax Funds with projects that exemplify the fund's environmental and community sustainability objectives.

Federal Gas Tax Funding provides municipalities with long-term, funding for

environmentally sustainable infrastructure that helps achieve cleaner water, cleaner air, or reduce greenhouse gas emission. Project categories include public transit, local roads and bridges, water and wastewater, solid waste management and community energy systems.

"Weekly use of the GreenCart coupled with the Blue Box has led to the success of diverting 60% of residential waste away from the landfill, an incredible

accomplishment" says Halton Region Chair Gary Carr.

In Ontario, the Federal Gas Tax Fund commits more than \$4.8 billion to Ontario's communities for sustainable infrastructure between 2005 and 2014.

"The Federal Gas Tax Fund is an example of what can be achieved when all orders of government work together to address the pressing need for infrastructure investment in Ontario," said Peter Hume,

President of AMO. "Funding is supporting hundreds of important infrastructure projects and is critical to job creation, Ontario's competitiveness and environmental sustainability."

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments and provides a variety of services and products to members and non-members.



## The Regional Municipality of Halton [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

### Annual Fall Compost Give Away

#### Halton Waste Management Site

**Friday, September 18,  
Saturday, September 19 and  
Monday, September 21  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Thanks to the participation efforts of Halton residents, approximately 40,000 tonnes of yard waste was collected last year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost. Halton residents are invited to come out to the Fall Compost Give Away to pick up some of this compost as a 'Thank You' for helping divert a usable material from the landfill, thereby extending its life!



- All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost.
- Please bring your own containers (garbage bags, yard waste bags, reusable containers, pick-up bed, trailer, etc.) and shovel.
- Residents are responsible for shovelling and bagging their own compost.
- Non-perishable food items or cash donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area food banks.

**Helpful Hint** – When applying your compost to your gardens, ensure you blend it with topsoil or another gardening fill. Recommended application for best growing results is a 60/40 split (60% topsoil and 40% compost).



### Special Waste Drop-off Days



To make the recycling of household hazardous waste and electronic waste more convenient to residents, Halton Region is holding Special Waste Drop-off Days throughout the year.

Special Waste Drop-off Days are for Halton residents only. No commercial wastes are accepted.

Date	Location
Saturday, September 26, 2009 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Acton Public Works Yard 1 Commerce Crescent, Acton
Saturday, October 24, 2009 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Burlington Closed Landfill 291 North Service Road, Burlington
Saturday, October 31, 2009 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Mohawk Racetrack (Parking Lot) 9430 Guelph Line, Campbellville

The following materials will be accepted for collection free of charge:

#### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- **Acceptable materials include:** pesticides, paint, stains, motor oil, antifreeze, varsol, fuels, cleaners, pool chemicals, pharmaceuticals, propane tanks, household batteries, car batteries, and fluorescent tubes and bulbs.
- **Unacceptable materials include:** needles, syringes and lancets, asbestos, commercial and industrial waste, PCBs, explosives, and ammunition.



#### Electronics

- **Acceptable items include:** computers, stereos, phones, TVs, VCRs, DVD players and computer monitors
- **Unacceptable materials include:** metal and appliances, wooden console TVs, microwaves and scrap metal

If you are unable to attend the Special Waste Drop-off Days:

- Household hazardous waste can be dropped off free of charge at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot located at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS), 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton. There is a 20 litre maximum per visit.
- Electronics are also accepted at the HWMS for a charge.
- Take It Back! Halton is a directory of local businesses, non-profit organizations and municipal facilities that take back materials to be reused, recycled or disposed. Visit [www.halton.ca/takeitback](http://www.halton.ca/takeitback) for more information.



### House cleaning? We can help!

Bring your reusable clothing and household items to the Salvation Army Reuse Depot at Halton's Waste Management Site.

For a list of acceptable materials and for additional information please visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste)



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