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**ROTARY DICTIONARY:** The Rotary Cub of Acton continued its District project to help local students be better writers, readers and creative thinkers. Rotarian Dr. Bill Sanford (centre) recently delivered dictionaries to Grade three students at Limehouse Public School. – Submitted photo

# Tuberculosis detection

The Halton Region Health Department is encouraging people to know the signs and symptoms of tuberculosis (TB) for World TB Day which was March 24.

Tuberculosis is an airborne infectious bacterial disease that is preventable and curable, yet each year there are cases in Halton Region. TB remains an epidemic in much of the world, causing the deaths of several million people annually.

“TB can present in two ways. TB infection is when a person’s immune system keeps the bacteria inactive and they do not feel sick and are not able to spread the infection to others,” said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region Medical Officer of Health. “TB disease is when the TB bacteria become active, can cause symptoms and damage in the body, and can be spread to others.”

The TB bacteria usually attack the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body such as the kidneys, brain and spine. TB is spread by a person with the disease through coughing, talking or sneezing causing the bacteria to be spread into the air. The bacteria then are inhaled by others. Transmission usually

requires close, frequent, and lengthy exposure to a person with TB disease.

Symptoms of TB disease may include a persistent cough, fever, night sweats, chills, loss of appetite, unexplained weight loss, fatigue, and symptoms associated with other areas of the body where the TB bacteria are growing.

People with TB infection may benefit from medication to prevent TB disease from developing while those with TB disease must complete treatment to cure the disease.

Those at greatest risk for developing TB disease may include: close contacts of a person with TB disease, persons from a country with high rates of TB, healthcare providers, inmates and staff at correctional facilities, persons working or residing in homeless shelters, persons with weakened immune systems, and persons with HIV/AIDS.

Early diagnosis is very important in the control of tuberculosis (TB). For more information about tuberculosis (TB), please contact Halton by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866, TTY 905-827-9833 or visit [www.halton.ca/health](http://www.halton.ca/health).

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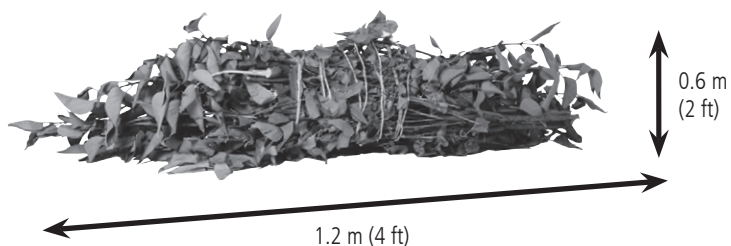
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# Yard Waste Collection

- From April 5 to December 17, 2010, yard waste is collected **once every other week**, on the same day as your garbage.
- Yard waste in cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, GreenCarts or plastic bags will not be collected.**
- Only use paper yard waste bags or open, reusable, rigid containers labelled yard waste. If using a reusable, rigid container, you can drill holes in the bottom of the yard waste container for drainage.
- Yard waste labels are available at no charge. To order a yard waste label, visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste), or call Halton Region by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000, 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).
- Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m x 0.6 m (4 ft x 2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter.



- Grass clippings are not accepted in Yard Waste, GreenCart and garbage collection. Please “grasscycle” by leaving grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings will decompose quickly, releasing valuable nutrients back into your soil.

## Accepted yard waste materials

- Leaves
- Sticks & twigs
- Tree trimmings
- Decorative cornstalks
- Pumpkins
- Fallen fruit from trees
- Yard and garden trimmings

## Not accepted yard waste materials

- Grass clippings
- Tree stumps
- Sod, soil, and rocks
- Clay
- Plastic shopping or garbage bags
- Plastic flower/plant pots
- Flower/plant markers and tags

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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