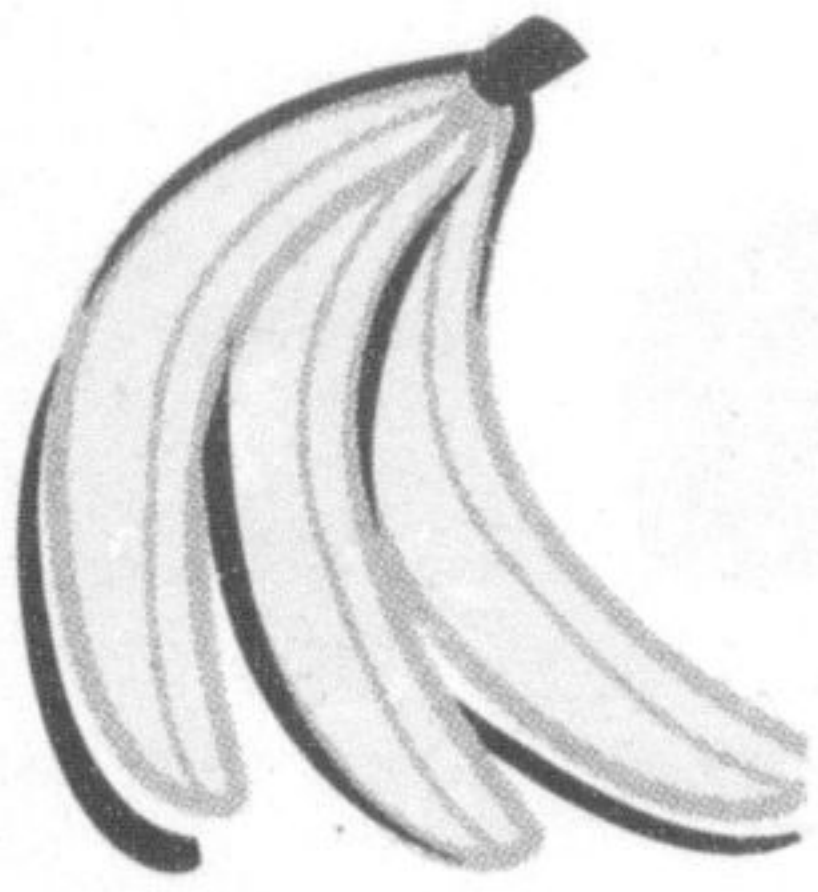


Champion Country



Organics collection pilot project about to begin



In about a month, some rural Milton residents will start having their food scraps picked up at the curb as part of the Region's organics collection pilot project.

The one-year test run happening throughout Halton will involve hundreds of Campbellville-area homes. Those residents should soon be receiving their GreenCarts — a container that's like a recycling box with a lid and handle for curbside collection. A small container to scrape kitchen scraps into will also be provided.

The program that encompasses about 5,000 homes in all four Halton municipalities will officially start October 3.

A specialized truck divided into two compartments will collect the organic material weekly, along with regular garbage.

Everything from fruits and vegetables to paper towels and coffee grinds will be

accepted in the organics program, helping to divert waste and extend the life of Halton's landfill.

In the Region's budget for this year, \$300,000 was approved to collect and process the organics during the pilot and \$200,000 to buy the necessary containers.

Halton staff will evaluate the organics program during the one-year demonstration and use the information gathered to help develop a Region-wide program.

Goal to make program Halton-wide

It's expected additional houses will be added to the program each year, hopefully leading to a Halton-wide implementation by 2009-10.

While Halton currently has a landfill diversion rate of over 40 per cent, it's anticipated the organics collection will help raise that number to 60 per cent — a number the Ministry of the Environment has proposed to reach province-wide by 2008.

The initiative will complete the goals of

the Region's solid waste management strategy adopted in 1999. The strategy will be updated this year to include additional waste diversion initiatives, such as electronics recycling and blue box material expansion.

Local individuals taking part in the pro-

gram can have all of their questions answered at an open house September 14 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Halton Region Museum.

For more information about the GreenCart program, visit www.region.halton.on.ca.



We Bid Farewell

A MILTON SUCCESS STORY

This story goes out to the friends and loyal customers of Milton Greenhouses. In 1971, my wife Carol and I bought the flower shop from Bob and Norma Brown. It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement as of September 1st. All of my existing employees, Kathy, Donna (Bob and Norma's grand-daughter) and Debbie will continue to offer you the service and quality floral design that you have come to expect.

The Mangotich family will be taking over the store and are committed to offering ongoing excellence to our loyal friends and customers.

There are many customers that I will miss. I would like to thank the 1000's of clients who have given my staff and I the honor of doing their flowers for some of the happiest and saddest of occasions.

Carol and I are staying in town as we have been here most of our lives and our family is all in the Milton area. The new owners and their extended family grew up in Milton and are now raising their own children here. They are committed to Milton and its residents.

The floral designers on staff have over 50 years of experience when combined. They will continue with the new owners and it is with their insight and customer commitment that the quality and reliability of Milton Greenhouses will continue. I will continue to be helping on occasion with Wedding and Funeral work. Our staff will continue to offer high end European tied bouquets, fresh arrangements, silk and dried flowers as well as giftware. The address and phone number will stay the same. In other words, it will be business as usual. Stay tuned and we will keep you posted as we plan a special "customer appreciation" event.

As I head off into the sunset with my fishing pole, I wish Maxine, Stephen and Michelle the best of luck with Milton Greenhouses. Thanks again for all of your loyalty and support over the last 34 years.

Sincerely, Barry Burne.

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