Recycle your corks and help save space in landfill

The Region wants residents to put a cork in it — into a bag that is, as part of the Girl Guides Bag-a-Cork recycling program.

Halton is partnering with the Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council to bring the waste diversion initiative to the local landfill.

To participate, residents simply have to save their natural corks from wine or champagne bottles and take them to the Halton Waste Management Site container station or to one of the 13 designated drop-off sites in Halton. Synthetic cords won't be accepted.

The Girl Guides will then sort the corks and take them to Jelinek Cork in Oakville

where the corks will be recycled and sold to the North American Cork Industry. All proceeds from the cork sales will go to the Girl Guides to support their organization across the province. Lastly, the corks will be manufactured into products such as coasters, soles for shoes, place mats and flooring.

"This additional program is one of the many recycling initiatives the Region participates in to help reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill," said Halton Planning and Public Works Commissioner Peter Crockett

"Through this wonderful partnership with

the Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council, Halton residents can continue to demonstrate their leadership in waste reduction by recycling their wine and champagne corks."

The Bag-a-Cork program at the landfill is a one-year initiative between the Region and the Girl Guides of Ontario.

Continuation of the program at the waste management site is based on the success of cork collection and Halton residents' response and feedback.

For more information about the Bag-a-Cork program and local drop-off areas visit http://www.halton.ca/ppw/waste/Cork.htm.





