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Now Accepts Certified Compostable Plastic Bags



The GreenCart is like a Blue Box for your kitchen scraps. Kitchen scraps (including meat and bones), paper towels, coffee grounds and more are now being collected at the curb in the GreenCart from five demonstration neighbourhoods across Halton, instead of in a regular garbage bag.

The GreenCart demonstration program is off to a great start! In the first six months 172,660 kilograms of food and compostable paper waste was diverted from the landfill, the equivalent of 32,394 bags of garbage. Keep up the good work!

We listened! There was an overwhelming positive response to a compostable plastic bag trial in the Burlington demonstration areas and Halton is happy to announce that residents in all demonstration areas can use **certified compostable plastic bags** in the GreenCart demonstration program.

An information package including a sample of certified compostable plastic bags will be delivered to your residence during the month of July. If you do not receive your sample bags by **July 31, 2006** please give us a call, 905-825-6000 or 1-866-442-5866.

When purchasing compostable plastic bags, look for this logo!



Acceptable certified compostable plastic bags

Product Name	Manufacturer	Retail Location
BioBags®	BioBag Canada, Inc.	Lee Valley – Burlington
BIOSAK® Compostable Brown Bags	W. Ralston (Canada) Inc.	Longo's Fortinos
Great Value Compostable Kitchen Garbage Bags − Eco Film™	AL-PACK Enterprises Ltd.	Wal-Mart – Region-wide

Note: Regular non-biodegradable plastic bags, including clear green plastic bags, are still **not** accepted in Halton's GreenCart program.

Beach Monitoring Program 2006

Each summer Halton Region's Health Department tests water quality at recreational beaches throughout Halton. Beaches are tested from June until the first week of September. Beaches are selected based on use for swimming and other water sports. Samples are taken weekly at all beaches, except Burlington's Beachway Park North and South, where samples are taken twice a week. Samples are also taken if conditions change.

Before heading to the beach, you are encouraged to call Access Halton, Halton Region's customer service centre, to obtain information about the water quality at Halton's beaches. Beach monitoring information is available 24 hours a day by calling 905-825-6000 or toll free 1-866-442-5866. During regular business hours ask for beach information, after regular business hours press 2 for health information. This information is also posted on the Region's website at www.halton.ca/health.



Tuesday August 1, - 9:30 a.m. - Health & Social Services Committee Wednesday, August 2 - 9:30 a.m. - Planning & Public Works Committee Wednesday, August 2 - 1:30 p.m. - Administration & Finance Committee



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