

# Region offers recycling education programs

The Region is now offering education and outreach programs that encourage everyone in Halton to increase the amount of waste diverted from the landfill.

The concept focuses on informing people about the importance of the three Rs — reduce, reuse and recycle. New initiatives are being developed in co-operation with the Halton Catholic and district school boards to bring the waste diversion message to the next generation of Halton residents.

"It's more important than ever that we encourage responsible waste management habits," said outgoing Halton Region Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"One of our primary goals in our Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS) is to educate Halton residents and particularly our young people on responsible waste practices through enhanced promotion and education of our diversion programs."

The enhanced program includes workshops, presentations, tours, educational resources, displays, promotional campaigns, special events and participation in festivals and fairs.

Some of the free education and outreach programs offered by Halton Waste Management Services include:

- Elementary school workshops — Designed for primary, junior and intermediate students, the school workshop focuses on the three Rs. Students will see examples of the amount of waste they generate each day and learn how that waste is either recycled, composted or put in a landfill. They'll also learn how to reduce the amount of waste their lunches generate, as well as ways to increase their class and home recycling efforts.

- High school workshops — It covers issues in waste management, the recycling process, composting and landfill operations. The workshop also discusses ways to promote recycling within the high school.

- Community group workshops — Waste diversion workshops are offered for youth, service, cultural and religious clubs and organizations in Halton. During the workshop, waste reduction tactics including 'litterless' lunches, recycling and reusing strategies will be discussed. The waste management process will also be presented. Children's groups can also have waste reduction-themed recreational activities included as part of their workshop.

- Community and school group tours of the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) — Take a tour and learn how the HWMS safely and responsibly manages the Region's garbage and how waste diversion programs help reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill. The tour takes approximately 45 minutes and a tour leader is provided. Groups are responsible for school bus transportation to and from the HWMS, as well as during the tour. Community group tours are available weekdays and Saturdays. School group tours are available Tuesdays and Thursdays.

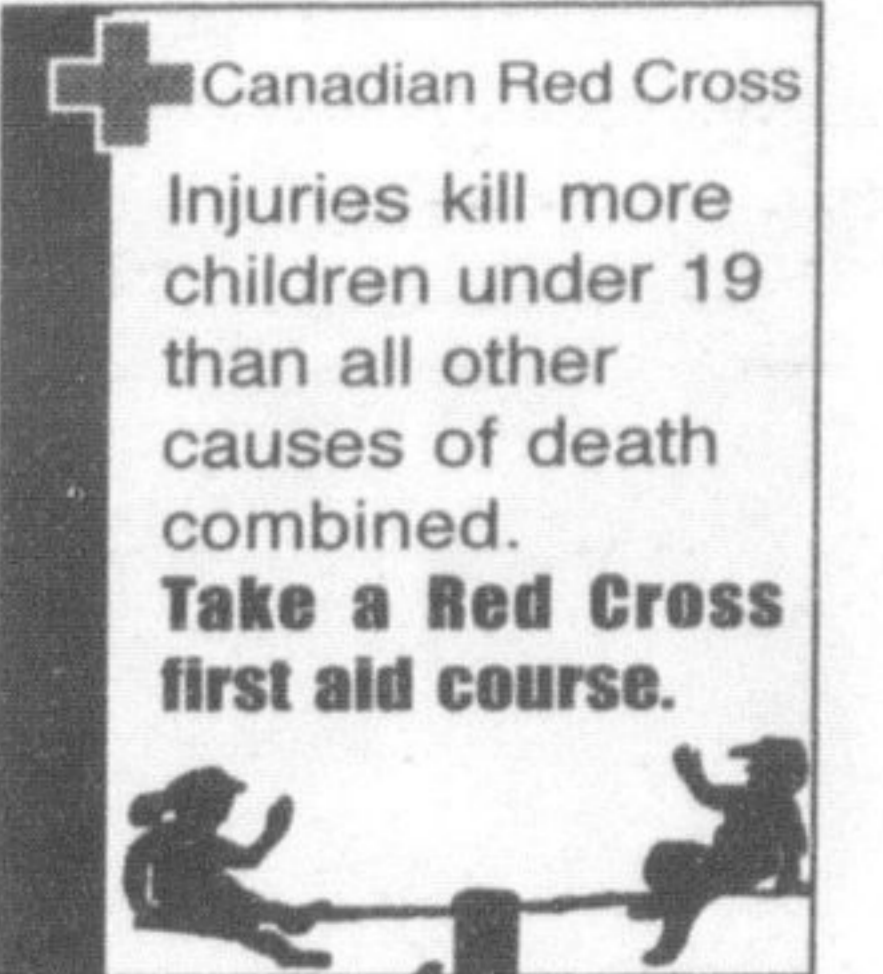
- Business programs — Workshops for businesses are offered to promote waste diversion and conservation practices within their organizations. Waste reduction tactics including 'litterless' lunches, recycling and reusing strategies will be discussed. Best practices in energy conservation will also be presented.

Workshops and tours are subject to availability and should be arranged at least one month in advance.

For more information about

Halton's waste management education and outreach programs contact the Region at (905) 825-6000, e-mail [accesshalton@halton.ca](mailto:accesshalton@halton.ca) or visit

[www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca), click on 'Garbage and Recycling' and then on 'Education and Outreach'.



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