

Region holding fall compost giveaway at landfill site

Attention local green thumbs. The Region's fall compost giveaway will return to the landfill site this week. Today, along with tomorrow and this Monday, residents who stop by the Halton Waste Management Site between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. will have more than 1,000 tonnes of finished compost available to them for free.

The compost is made from residential yard waste collected by the Region at curbsides throughout Halton as part of its strategy to divert waste from the landfill.

"The annual compost giveaways are very popular with our residents and are a wonderful illustration of a successful recycling program," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Residents can pick up free of charge rich, garden-friendly compost produced from the leaves, brush and other yard waste material they put out for collection."

Residents are encouraged to bring a

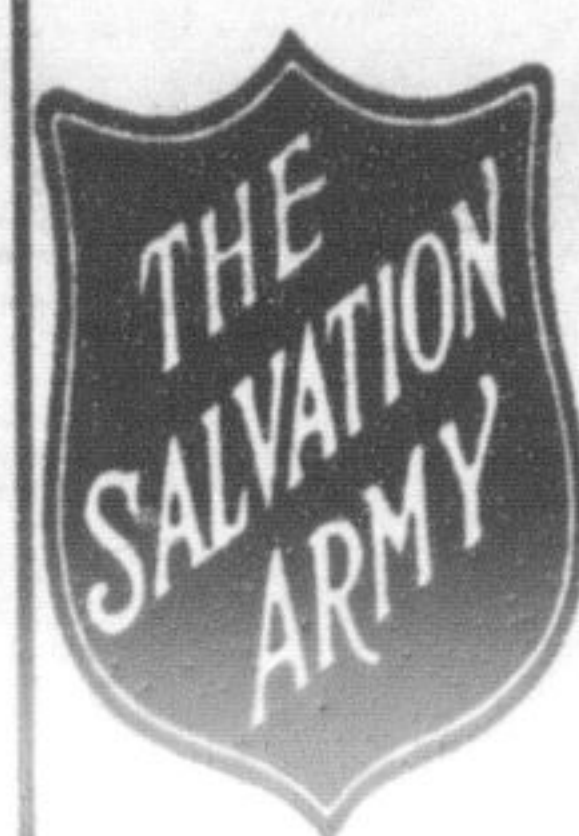
non-perishable food item or cash donation for local food banks when picking up their compost. At the 2007 spring compost giveaway Halton residents donated a record \$10,274 in cash and about eight tonnes of food.

"I would like to thank Halton residents for their continued generosity in assisting those less fortunate in our region through their donations of food and money at the compost giveaways," said Carr.

Residents must bring their own bags or containers (maximum seven per household) and a shovel in order to bag their own compost.

2007 marks the 13th year of Halton's compost giveaway program, with events being held in the spring and fall of each year. Almost 30,000 tonnes of yard waste was collected by the Region and diverted from the landfill last year.

The Halton Waste Management Site is located at 5400 Regional Road 25.



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