

GreenCart Tips

- Put your GreenCart out at the curb every week, even if it is only partially full.
- Only put your GreenCart at the curb. Do not place your Kitchen Catcher or compostable bags at the curb; the Kitchen Catcher is more likely to blow away in the wind and compostable bags may leak or break apart. They are only meant to be liners.
- Ensure the GreenCart lid is closed and locked.
- Avoid insects and other pests by sprinkling a handful of salt, garden lime, baking soda or powdered ginger in the GreenCart or Kitchen Catcher.
- Wrap meat and bones in paper and add additional layers of paper to the GreenCart each time you empty your Kitchen Catcher.
- To reduce odours, clean out your fridge the day before GreenCart collection.
- Store meat, poultry, fish and bones in the freezer until your collection day.
- Empty the contents of your Kitchen Catcher into your GreenCart daily.
- To determine whether paper products are compostable and can go into the GreenCart – give them a rip. If the paper product is difficult to rip, or if there is visible plastic or metallic lining, it cannot go in the GreenCart.
- If you choose to line your GreenCart, you can use newspapers, flyers, cardboard boxes, paper yard waste bags, paper food waste bags, and certified compostable bags with the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo:



Sponsorship opportunities still available for the Regional Chair's Environmental Awards

The Environmental Awards program recognizes students who demonstrate their environmental leadership through initiatives in their school or in their community. Recipients of the Awards are honoured at the annual Regional Chair's Environmental Awards Breakfast made possible primarily through the generosity of Halton's business community. This year the event will feature **Jay Ingram**, author, co-host and producer of the Discovery Channel television show *Daily Planet*. I encourage the business community and residents to show their support by sponsoring an award or scholarship, or by purchasing a table at the upcoming awards breakfast on April 23, 2009. For details visit www.halton.ca.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

March 24	9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Committee
March 25	9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Committee
	1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee

Blue Box Tips

Blue Box materials remain the responsibility of the homeowner until the materials are collected. Help reduce litter by following these tips to keep your neighbourhood clean.



Squish It!

Before putting containers in your Blue Box—give them a squish!

Squish your aluminum pop cans, plastic pop and water bottles, beverage cartons and Tetra Paks.

Not only will squishing save space in your Blue Box for more items, but it will help collection because space will be used effectively inside the truck.



Flatten It!

Before putting boxboard in your Blue Box—flatten it!

By flattening boxboard, you help prevent litter, save space in your Blue Box for more materials, and save space inside the collection truck.



Tie It!

Before putting corrugated cardboard in your Blue Box—tie it up!

Tie corrugated cardboard in bundles no larger than 90 cm x 90 cm x 30 cm (3 ft x 3 ft x 1 ft) and place beside your Blue Box.

Not only will tying corrugated cardboard prevent litter, but it will help speed up collection because collectors can more easily pick up the tied cardboard.



Stack It!

When putting your Blue Boxes at the curb—stack it!

Stack your Blue Boxes and place heavier items such as phone books and magazines on top of loose containers.

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