

Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle



by Regional Chair Gary Carr

It has been over one year since Halton Region implemented new waste collection programs, including weekly collection of Blue Box and GreenCart materials and every other week collection of garbage. As a result of the new programs, residents are now diverting just

over 60 per cent of waste or 27,448 tonnes of garbage away from the landfill.

I thank Halton residents for their commitment to the environment and for making the new waste collection programs such a success! Your ongoing participation plays an important role in protecting and preserving the environment for generations to come. I encourage every resident to continue to take actions to reduce, reuse and recycle in order to divert more than 60 percent of waste away from Halton's landfill site.

What Do I Do With?

Many residents often ask how to dispose of specific items, instead of sending them to the landfill. I am encouraged by this trend because it demonstrates we are changing how we look at our waste. Below you will find some household items with options for reusing or recycling.

Metal and Appliances

Metal and appliances are collected by Halton Region on a call-in basis only. You must schedule a metal and appliance pick up date before placing material out for collection. Contact Halton Region by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866). This service is not offered in Halton Hills collection areas 1 and 2.

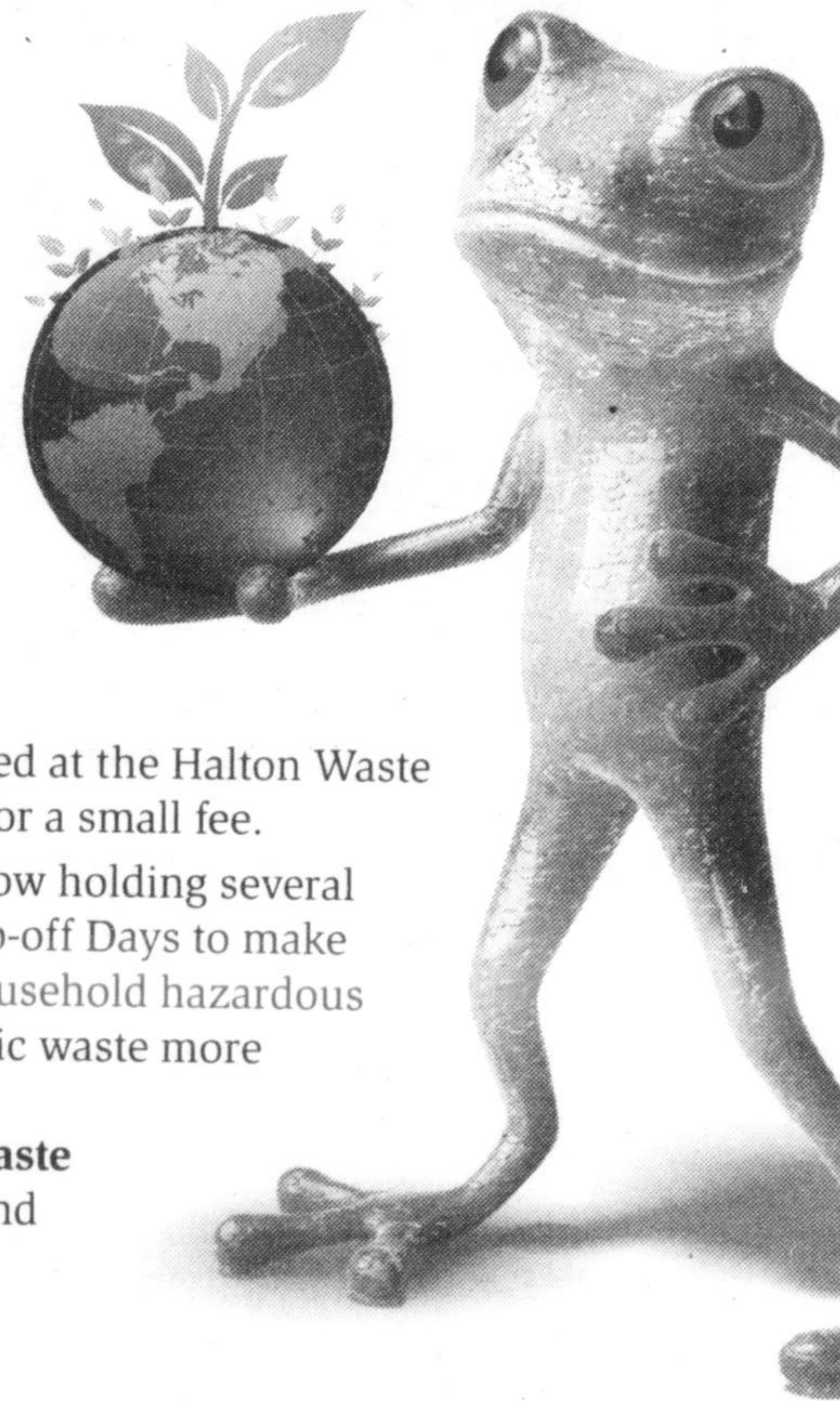
Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics

Materials such as batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, paint, chlorine, pesticides and motor oil can harm the environment if disposed of incorrectly. Bring these materials to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot located at the Halton Waste Management Site at 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton. Household hazardous waste will be recycled, refined or disposed of safely, free of charge (20 L limit).

Unwanted electronics should not go in the landfill. Most parts of electronics – steel, glass, copper, aluminum, plastics and precious metals – can be recycled to make new products. Electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, computers and

printers are accepted at the Halton Waste Management Site for a small fee.

Halton Region is now holding several Special Waste Drop-off Days to make the recycling of household hazardous waste and electronic waste more convenient. Visit www.halton.ca/waste for specific dates and locations in your community.



TAKE IT BACK! HALTON

www.halton.ca/takeitback

Take It Back! Halton is a directory of local businesses, non-profit organizations and municipal facilities that take back many common household materials, to be reused, recycled or disposed of. The following items are currently accepted by local partners.

- Batteries
- Ink & Toner Cartridges
- Cell Phones
- Light Bulbs
- Natural Cork
- Medications
- Electronics
- Paint
- Eye Glasses
- Plastic Plant Pots and Flats
- Plastic Shopping Bags
- Refrigerators & Freezers
- Sharps (needles & syringes)
- Old Vehicles & Auto components

Visit www.halton.ca/takeitback for a list of partners and materials.

Plastic Bags

Reduce your waste—use reusable shopping bags or bins when visiting the grocery store or mall. Plastic shopping bags can be taken back to participating retailers as part of Take it Back! Halton to be recycled into more bags or other plastic items. Plastic bags marked as “Oxo-biodegradable” are not accepted for recycling as they cause contamination with regular plastic bags.

Visit www.halton.ca/takeitback for a list of stores that take back plastic shopping bags.

Are you using acceptable GreenCart liners?

If you choose to line your GreenCart, please ensure you are purchasing and using acceptable liners. Not all liners sold in local stores are accepted for use in Halton's GreenCart program; some packaging looks similar to compostable liners but they are in fact plastic liners. Plastic liners are not accepted in Halton's GreenCart program. **Acceptable liners include:**

- Certified compostable bags with the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo shown below:

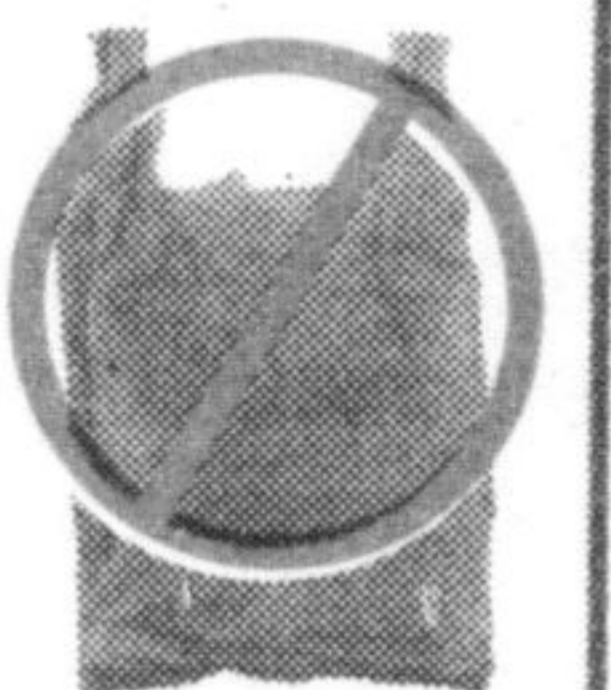


- Newspaper/flyers
- Paper towels
- Cardboard
- Paper bags
- Paper food waste bags

For a complete list of GreenCart acceptable liners and where they can be purchased, visit www.halton.ca/waste

The following bags are not accepted and will not be collected:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Plastic garbage bags
- Green plastic recycling bags
- Oxo-biodegradable or Oxo-degradable bags



By excluding these plastic bags, the composting facility is supplied with a clean material, resulting in a higher quality final compost product.

July Meetings at Halton Region Headquarters

- July 1** Offices closed for Canada Day
- July 7, 9:30 a.m.** Health & Social Services Cte
- July 8, 9:30 a.m.** Planning & Public Works Cte
- July 8, 1:30 p.m.** Administration & Finance Cte
- July 15, 9:30 a.m.** Regional Council

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca

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