

Apartment Resident

# Waste Diversion Guide

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# Green Cart

## The Green Cart program is now available in your building!

Halton staff worked with your building's board of directors and/or property management team to develop a Green Cart program that will make sorting your waste convenient and easy for you.

The Kitchen Catcher and Green Cart are used to collect food waste and compostable papers.

Materials are diverted from landfill and turned into compost. The finished compost is used in agricultural and landscape projects in Halton.

### Instructions

- Empty your kitchen catcher frequently into the building's Green Cart.
- Ensure the kitchen catcher lid is closed properly during storage and transportation to the Green Cart.
- Keep your kitchen catcher clean. Rinse regularly with hot water and soap, or place it in the dishwasher.



Sort your waste using the Acceptable Items sticker and Put Waste in its Place flyer included in your resident kit. You can also visit [halton.ca/waste](https://www.halton.ca/waste) or download the OneHalton app to use our easy online sorting tool.

# Green Cart

## Acceptable items



**Fruit**  
including cores & pits



**Vegetables**



**Meat, fish & shellfish**  
including bones



**Bread, cereal & pizza**



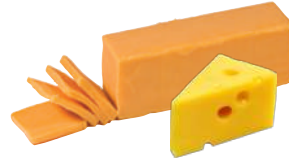
**Baked goods, cakes & muffins**



**Pasta, couscous, rice, flour & grains**



**Eggs & egg shells**



**Dairy products, cheese & yogurt**



**Sauces, fat, oils & butter**



**Houseplants**  
(no plastic pots)



**Shredded paper**  
no plastic bags



**Tea bags, coffee filters & grinds**



**Pizza boxes, paper cups, paper plates, paper egg cartons, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, popsicle sticks, wooden toothpicks & wooden cutlery**

## Helpful tips

- Wrap food waste in newspaper or soiled paper towels to absorb moisture.
- Sprinkle a handful of salt, baking soda or powdered ginger in the Kitchen Catcher to avoid insects.

## Kitchen catcher liners

You can line your Kitchen Catcher with certified compostable bags with the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo, as seen below:



**Liners must carry the BPI logo.**

### Other acceptable liners include:

- Paper towels
- Newspaper/flyers
- Paper bags



## Unacceptable liners



Plastic bags



Garbage bags



Plastic green or blue recycling bags



Oxo-biodegradable or degradable bags

## Keep our compost clean



No plastic bags



No stickers or elastic bands



No pet waste



No diapers or sanitary products

# Did you know?

**Food waste and compostable papers get collected in the green cart, helping to divert waste and extend the life of the landfill. It is then composted into natural fertilizer farmers use on their fields to grow more food for us.**

Food waste is sent to an indoor facility where it also creates renewable energy!





# Blue Cart

Use your reusable blue bag to collect and store acceptable recycling materials. You can use your blue bag to carry recyclable materials to the Blue Cart.



## Instructions

- You can mix papers, containers and bundled plastics in the same Blue Cart.
- Clean, dry and empty all recyclable plastics.
- Bundle all plastic bags and overwrap in one plastic bag and tie shut.
- Papers can be bundled and tied or placed loose.
- Flatten cardboard and boxboard.
- Tie cardboard in bundles no larger than 120 cm x 120 cm x 30 cm (4 ft x 4 ft x 1 ft).

## Did you know?

**Materials are diverted from landfill and recycled into new items you can use or wear.**

Plastic containers, for example, are converted into polar fleece, carpet, tote bags, flooring, compost bins, garbage cans, paint trays and more.



# Blue Cart

## Acceptable items



**Plastic bags & plastic overwrap**



**Plastic containers & bottles (remove lids)**



**Plastic dinnerware & food containers (no cutlery)**



**Plastic plant pots & trays (free of dirt)**



**Glass bottles & jars (including metal lids)**



**Cartons & cardboard cans**



**Metal cans & aluminum foil/trays**



**Metal pots, pans & baking sheets**



**Metal paint cans (lids removed)**



**Newspapers, flyers, fine paper, magazines, books & envelopes**



**Boxboard, cereal/cracker & tissue boxes (plastic removed)**

# Garbage



**Plastic resealable bags, food wrap & bubble wrap**



**Coffee Pods**



**Polystyrene Foam**



**Chip and cookie bags, wrappers, cracker & cereal liner bags**



**Stand up pouches**



**Plastic cutlery, stir sticks & straws**



**Floss, make-up sponges, cotton swabs & cotton balls**



**Diapers & sanitary products**



**Sanitizing wipes, baby wipes & dryer sheets**



**Pet waste**



**Cold cigarette butts & ashes**



**Light bulbs (not CFLs), ceramics & drinking glasses**



**Plastic, wood or metal hangers**



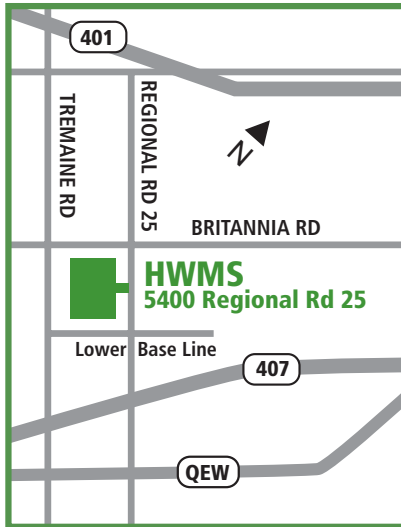
**Shoes, carpet/mats, food storage containers & broken kids toys**

Please ensure all garbage is bagged and securely tied.



## Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS)

The Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) provides Halton residents with a convenient one-stop location for the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), proper waste disposal and more.



### HWMS

5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Open: Monday – Saturday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Every Sunday between May 1 and  
June 30  
8 a.m. to noon.

Closed the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Canada Day
- Family Day
- Civic Holiday
- Good Friday
- Labour Day
- Victoria Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

### Visitor Information

- Pre-sort loads prior to arrival to ensure proper disposal and recycling of items.
- Please secure all open loads with a tarp or rope.
- Halton staff are not permitted to assist with the unloading of items.

For more information, fees and instructions, visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste).

### Waste and Recycling Depot

In addition to regular waste disposal, the following materials can be diverted from landfill:

- Appliances
- Natural cork
- Bikes
- Scrap metal
- Electronics
- Tires
- Eye glasses
- Wood

# Other Ways to Reduce Your Waste

## Household Hazardous Waste Depot

Household hazardous waste can damage the environment if disposed of improperly. Do not place in garbage or pour down drains.

Residential hazardous waste is usually labelled as:



Poison



Explosive



Corrosive



Flammable

Halton residents can drop off household hazardous waste, free of charge. Please bring any hazardous materials in a securely closed container labeled with information about the contents. Maximum of 20 litres per visit. For more information on hazardous waste disposal visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste)



## Electronic Waste

Electronics can be dropped off at HWMS, free of charge. You can also visit [recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca) to find alternative drop off locations near you.



## Battery Recycling Depot

Drop off batteries and cell phones for recycling at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot. You can also visit [rpra.ca](http://rpra.ca) to find alternative drop-off locations near you.



## Paint and Stain Reuse Depot

Painting your apartment? Pick up and drop off usable paint and stain, free of charge, from spring to fall.

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## Medications and sharps

Drop off unused or expired medications and sharps at a location near you. Visit [healthsteward.ca](http://healthsteward.ca) to learn more.

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## Reuse Depot

Drop off unwanted household items in good condition, free of charge, and help support local charities and programs.

For a list of locations, visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste).



## Special Waste Events

To make the recycling and safe disposal of household hazardous waste and electronics more convenient for residents, Halton Region holds Special Waste Drop-off Days throughout the year. Items are free to drop off.

Visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste) to learn more about upcoming waste events.



# Managing your waste is easy!

Find more waste information at [halton.ca/waste](https://www.halton.ca/waste)

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