

## Public Works - Summer

### Public Works Services at a glance:

- Catch Basin
- Culvert Repairs
- Deceased animal on side of road
- Debris & Litter Pick-up
- Drainage Ditches
- Graffiti
- Gravel Road Grading
- Park Maintenance
- Potholes
- Sidewalk Program
- Sign & Streetlight Maintenance
- Sod Repair
- Sweeping and Dust Control
- Tree Program

### When will the road be graded?

After the winter season, when roads are deemed dry enough, gravel roads will be graded.

### When will the dust control be applied to gravel roads?

The Town of Halton Hills applies liquid calcium chloride twice a year on all gravel roads in Halton Hills. This program usually begins in late May or early June. A second application begins in late August, early September.

### There are potholes in the road. Can they be fixed?

Potholes result from water getting in the granular base below the surface asphalt. This weakens the pavement and allows the traffic to create cracks which then breaks the road surface. The winter freeze and thaw cycle accelerates this process. Contact Public Works 905-873-2601 ext. 2603.

### Planning a New Driveway?

Area residents considering the installation of new asphalt, concrete or interlocking stone driveways are asked to notify Public Works one

year in advance if they feel the curb or sidewalk should be replaced so that staff has the opportunity to include these sections of curb or sidewalk in the program.

A Driveway permit is required to install a new driveway or entrance in the rural area. Engineering Development Coordinator 905-873-2601 ext. 2200

### What happens if there is flooding on the road?

In the event of flooding on the road, Public Works staff will work to clear the culverts and ditches. Halton Region is responsible to repair any watermain breaks.

### Streetlight is not working?

If a streetlight in the Town is out or turning off and on intermittently, please contact Halton Hills Hydro at 519-853-3700 ext. 226.

### Earth Day

Earth day is a terrific way for citizens to participate in a community effort to improve our planet for future generations. Residents are invited to join in the Town's Earth Day Celebration on the fourth Saturday of April for the Annual Tree Sale at Robert C. Austin Operations Centre. Residents can bring their own containers and shovels to pick up free compost from the Yard Waste Program or purchase trees for a nominal cost.

### Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Strategy

The Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic wood-boring beetle native to East Asia that is emerald green in colour and less than 14 mm (1/2 inch) long and is known to feed only on Ash trees in North America.

- EAB affects only Ash trees.
- Attacks both healthy and distressed trees.
- Citizens are responsible for trees on their private property and to contact local tree service companies for further assistance.
- Do not plant Ash trees.
- Early detection is extremely difficult.

The Town has purchased and installed green prism traps to monitor insect movement during

summer months. The goal is to plant new trees, provide treatment for existing trees and to provide education to the citizens.

**The tree on the boulevard is dead. Can it be replaced?**

If a resident believes that the tree on Town property is dying or is dead, contact Public Works at 905-873-2601 ext. 2603 to arrange for staff to assess the tree in question.

**Tree Planting and Removal**

Public Works has regularly scheduled program for the replacement of dead trees on Town of Halton Hills boulevards, which consists of annual spring and fall planting. If a resident feels they have a tree, which is on Town property, that is dying or is already dead, please call Public Works to arrange for staff to view the tree. If a dead tree and stump is removed by the Town on the boulevard, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the area after it is topsoiled and seeded.

It is Halton Hills Hydro, not the Town of Halton Hills, who completes tree trimming around hydro wires.  
519-853-3700 ext. 253

**Can dandelions covering the boulevards or fields be sprayed?**

The Town of Halton Hills has adopted a pesticide reduction program and will not spray dandelions or weeds on boulevards or Town-owned open space. Sports fields, parks and cemeteries will be sprayed if the weed threshold has been exceeded.

**Where are composters available?**

Composters are available at the Region of Halton. Check the waste calendar for further information [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca). Halton Region provides Public Works with free compost on Earth Day only. It can be picked up on Earth Day at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, Georgetown. Please bring shovel and container. Donations to the food bank are appreciated.

**Where can Blue Boxes be acquired?**

New residents of Halton Hills can pick-up 2 blue boxes at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre at 11620 Trafalgar Road. Current residents may have 1 blue box per year, free of charge and can purchase additional blue boxes from Halton Region. [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

**Litter and Debris**

Illegal dumping is a major concern and the Infrastructure Services Department is asking for the public's assistance to help clean up the town. Anyone witnessing illegal dumping activities should note the license plate number and report this information to Public Works. Citizens should not attempt to stop the dumping themselves.

**School Crossing Guard inquiries?**

The Town of Halton Hills administers 26 School Crossing Guard locations within Acton, Georgetown and Glen Williams. For specific location, times and/or employment opportunities, visit [www.haltonhills.ca/schools/crossingguards.php](http://www.haltonhills.ca/schools/crossingguards.php)  
Public Works at 905-873-2601 ext. 2610

**Who is eligible for ActiVan?**

ActiVan is accessible transportation for seniors (65 and older) and persons with disabilities. Passengers must be registered.  
[www.haltonhills.ca/transit/index.php](http://www.haltonhills.ca/transit/index.php)  
Public Works at 905-873-2601 ext. 2617

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**Public Works After-Hours**

Contact 905-873-2600

- '1' for Live After-Hours Answering Service
- '2' to Page the On-Call Supervisor
- '3' to leave a general Public Works inquiry message