

Vital Statistics

MANAGEMENT: Registered non-profit charity run by a board of directors & managed by Debbie Smart.

OPENED: 1991
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HOW BEGUN: Concerned citizens fighting local proposals for incinerators & a landfill decided to demonstrate alternatives for waste. Their model was based on Urban Ore of California.

GOOD FOR: Recycling and reusing a wide variety of goods & materials. Finds solutions to garbage & recycling questions. Offers quality used goods. Helps Town of Halton Hills provide large blue metal recycling containers in local public places.

GOALS:

1. To promote reduction, re-use and recycling of waste in Halton Hills;
2. To divert resources from disposal through outlets for all re-usable & recyclable items;
3. To educate and encourage efficient methods of waste management;
4. To conduct research & education in waste management, encourage waste reduction & promote recycling.

THE EXTRA MILE:

Offers recycling & reuse under the same roof. Wastewise is self supporting, gives scholarships to high school students, helps with a composting demonstration in Willow Park Ecology Centre, Norval & donates to environmental programs.

WHY IT'S WORTH THE VISIT:

"It's fun! You never know what treasure you'll find to complete a collection, finish a room or find the last book in a series."



▲ Debbie Smart, manager of Wastewise

Everything including on occasion, the kitchen sink, is available in the reuse part of Wastewise. ►

Antiques & collectibles are sold by week-long silent auctions. ▼ PHOTOS BY MIKE DAVIS.

