

COMPOSTING SPECIAL

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WHAT'S NEW



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A Word from the Mayor

We have been talking about composting for several years and, finally, food waste collection will begin this year in our region. Since major changes in lifestyle habits raise significant questions and concerns, the city councillors, city staff and I would like to initiate a citizen collaboration project. I invite you to read this special edition of What's New and get involved in the Zero Waste Brigade.

We strongly believe that composting has exponential benefits for the environment and, ultimately, for the future of our children.

Yours sincerely,

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In fall 2018, food waste collection will begin in the RCM of Vaudreuil-Soulanges. The City of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot applauds this long-awaited initiative and, along with the regional promotion campaign, invites residents who are concerned about the environment to play an active role in the successful implementation of this service by joining the Zero Waste Brigade. In each district, the City will recruit a team of volunteers wishing to become actively involved in improving the city's waste management record. After brown bins have been distributed (September 2018), the ambassadors of the Zero Waste Brigade will meet residents to answer questions and concerns about food waste collection and to give them tips and tricks!

If you are interested in joining the Zero Waste Brigade, please call the City at 514-453-4128 or complete the online form on the website. Brigade members will receive training from the City.

Did you know...



Some interesting figures on waste management in NDIP in 2017.

Domestic waste: 3,528 tonnes

Large waste items: 170 tonnes

Landfill cost: \$52/tonne

Yard waste: 262 tonnes

Recyclable material: 1,101 tonnes, or an average of 101 kg/person (RCM average: 109 kg/person)

Ecocentres in our RCM: 557 tonnes of material from 3,106 NDIP residents

Unsurprisingly, household waste represents by far the largest proportion of the waste produced in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. With an estimated 60% of household waste consisting of organic material, more than 2,000 tonnes of material could be diverted from landfills through food waste collection, yard waste collection, home composting, grasscycling and leaf mulching. Impressive!

HOT TOPIC 1

Waste Reduction

An Environmental and Economic Solution

Did you know that 57% of curbside household waste is recyclable organic material? This represents an average of 162 kg per person per year of food waste, yard waste, grass clippings and leaves. Long considered waste, this organic material is a valuable resource for producing compost and enriching our soil, and sending it to the landfill is a major expense for cities (\$52 per tonne, plus the cost of collection and transport).

By 2020, throwing out organic material will be prohibited under the Quebec Policy on Residual Materials. Cities must therefore take measures to divert organic material from landfills. It is in this context that food waste collection will be implemented in fall 2018 across the RCM of Vaudreuil-Soulanges. The cities will also continue to provide yard waste collection and encourage residents to do home composting, grasscycling and leaf mulching.

By collectively reducing the amount of waste produced, the City will reduce landfill costs, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and receive royalties for superior territorial waste management performance.



FOOD WASTE COLLECTION IN NDIP

In Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, weekly food waste collection will begin on Monday, October 15. As with recycling and household waste collection, residents are to place their brown bin at the curb each Monday before 7 a.m.

FOOD WASTE COLLECTION IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

MARCH TO APRIL

Zero Waste Brigade volunteers are recruited and trained.

APRIL 21

Earth Day—the Zero Waste Brigade is officially launched.

MAY 7

Yard waste collection begins (every two weeks, ongoing).

EARLY SEPTEMBER

Brown bins, small kitchen bins and information kits are distributed to each household.

MID-SEPTEMBER

The Zero Waste Brigade teams visit the different neighbourhoods.

OCTOBER 15

Weekly food waste collection begins, and biweekly yard waste collection continues.

HOT TOPIC 2

Food Waste Collection

Food waste management responsibilities are clear: the RCM of Vaudreuil-Soulanges is responsible for processing and recycling, while the cities are responsible for collection and transport. In this context, the RCM has opted for innovative food waste processing technology that ultimately produces superior compost. To achieve this goal, the food waste collected must not contain any yard waste. It is crucial to separate yard waste (not accepted in the brown bin) from food waste (accepted in the brown bin), and your co-operation is critical.

Accepted waste in your brown bin

Food waste



Other organic waste

- ✓ Small quantities of liquid food
- ✓ Fatty materials (vegetable oil, mayonnaise, salad dressing, etc.)
- ✓ Wood sticks or toothpicks, hair, pet hair, feathers
- ✓ Sanitary fibers: napkins, paper towels, facial tissues
- ✓ Food-soiled paper and cardboard
- ✓ Paper bags
- ✓ Cold hashes

Prohibited waste in your brown bin

Green waste (garden waste)

- ✗ Dead leaves, grass clippings, other cut grass
- ✗ Flowers, house plants, potting residuals, including sand and earth
- ✗ Branches

Prohibited unwanted materials

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Compostable dinnerware
- ✗ Pet droppings and litters
- ✗ Dead animals or parts of dead animals
- ✗ Diapers, sanitary pads and tampons
- ✗ Rock, gravel
- ✗ Corks

Contaminated or non-compostable residues

- ✗ Waxed cardboard or composite containers and packaging
- ✗ Dental floss, cotton swabs, makeup remover wipes, moist wipes, dryer sheets
- ✗ Candles
- ✗ Vacuum cleaner bags and dust
- ✗ Drugs and biomedical waste
- ✗ Construction, renovation and demolition waste
- ✗ Recyclable materials: plastics, glass, metals, textiles and fibers
- ✗ All electronic devices
- ✗ Hazardous household waste
- ✗ Sanitary fibers in contact with chemical products

! Yard waste will also be collected in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. Unlike previous years, yard waste collection will begin in May and will continue throughout the year, every two weeks. Also new, plastic bags will no longer be accepted. Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or in reusable containers (for example garbage cans or plastic bins).