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ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION



DID YOU KNOW?



Organic waste includes green waste and food scraps.



At the present time, organic waste accounts for nearly 45% of waste materials produced by Montrealers.



Organic waste is used to produce compost.

Within the next few months, the Borough of Saint-Laurent will be carrying out an organic waste collection for residents living in **dwelling units with 4 housing units or less**. A brown bin will be delivered free of charge to each household this fall.

Why have an organic waste collection?

When organic waste is buried, it produces a lot of greenhouse gases, which contribute to climate change. The organic waste collection therefore aims to:

- Cut down on the amount of waste sent to landfill.
- Reduce greenhouse gases.
- Produce compost to enrich soil.

How often will the collections be carried out?

Since nearly half of your household waste bin consists of organic waste, the waste collections will be carried out as follows, starting in the fall:

- One organic waste collection per week.
- One household waste collection **every two weeks**.

The collection schedule will remain unchanged for recyclables as well as for recoverable large trash items. A detailed schedule of the collection days will soon be distributed to the residents concerned.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Food

- Fruits and vegetables (raw, cooked, rotten)
- Fish and seafood (bones, skin)
- Meat and poultry (bones, fat)
- Eggs and shells
- Solid milk products (cheese, butter, yogurt)
- Grain products (bread, cereal, pasta, rice)
- Nuts and shells
- Desserts and sweets
- Spices and fine herbs
- Tea and coffee grains
- Sauces and salad dressings

Soiled paper and cardboard

- Tablecloths, napkins
- Pizza boxes
- Facial tissues, paper towels
- Paper cups and plates

Green waste

- Leaves
- Evergreen tree branches
- Grass clippings
- Weeds and gardening waste

Miscellaneous

- Pet hair and feathers
- Cold ashes from untreated wood
- Toothpicks



REFUSED MATERIALS

- Plastic bags (including compostable bags)
- Diapers and sanitary products
- Pet litter
- Recyclable materials
- Garbage for the waste collection
- Hazardous household waste (HHW)



What becomes of organic waste?

It will be sent to a processing plant in order to produce compost—a natural fertilizer—which will be used by the City and offered to residents free of charge during compost distribution days.

How to take part in the brown bin collection?

At home, dispose of your organic waste in a little kitchen bin. For example, you could use an ice cream container or a little wastepaper basket for this purpose. Then transfer the unsorted waste, without any plastic bags, into the outdoor brown bin given to you by Saint-Laurent.

If you have excess green waste (leaves, garden waste) that doesn't fit into the brown bin, you may use rigid containers or paper bags and place them next to your brown bin for the collection.

The brown bins will be distributed in the fall, along with an information kit.

Residents living in dwellings with 4 housing units or less are required to take part in the organic waste collection. (RCA10-08-7)

Thanks to your support, Saint-Laurent has become a leader in sustainable development. Your participation in this new collection is of the utmost importance in order to pursue our common efforts for responsible waste management. Together, we can do a lot to protect the environment. Every good deed counts to make our Borough even greener than it already is!

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