

Mayor Marolyn Morrison ? May be a backlog when it comes to collecting yard waste from storm

Bi-weekly yard waste collection started Tuesday (April 1) in the Town of Caledon.

After a harsh winter, Caledon residents are finally able to start clearing some of the debris. The ice storm of December 2013 forever changed the landscape of Caledon and there is much work to be done. Many residents are eager to commence clean-up of their properties.

The ice storm may cause potential collection delays, as higher-than-normal amounts of yard waste may be collected. Yard waste that isn't collected on regularly scheduled collection days should be left at the curb to be picked up in priority sequence.

To help clean up, if rural residents choose to burn their brush, they must obtain a burn permit. Residents must apply for a burn permit in person at the Fire Administration Headquarters (6211 Old Church Rd., Caledon East) during regular business hours.

Identification is required and your signature must be given in order for the permit to be issued. There is a \$15 annual fee.

Please burn only wood products, no plastics or treated wood, nothing toxic or harmful to the environment. Burning can only be done during the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during spring and summer and until 5 p.m. during winter and fall. The burning pile cannot be more than one cubic metre in size, 25 metres away from all combustibles and supervised at all times by a responsible person. There must be a convenient means to extinguish the fire (i.e. garden hose or fire extinguisher).

Stay tuned for more news as we are working toward burn permit applications becoming available online this summer.

As I look across my yard, I see many broken apple tree branches and other damage caused by the ice storm. It will soon be time to roll up my sleeves and dive in.

Remember to be safe and take your time during your clean up.

Best of luck

