

Region holding excess garbage pick-up period

Peel Region is offering residents excess waste collection for two-weeks, ending Jan. 2.

During this time, residents may place unlimited quantities of acceptable garbage at the curb their scheduled waste collection day. No garbage tags will be required for this period only. Regular drop off fees still apply at all Community Recycling Centres.

Excess waste collection is an opportunity to get rid of household garbage that remains after residents have reused items or recycled acceptable materials, Director of Waste Management Norm Lee commented. This year's excess waste collection is well-timed for residents as they prepare for the start of bi-weekly, cart-based collection in January.

Bi-weekly, cart-based collection begins the first week of January, which means garbage and organics will be collected one week and recycling and organics will be picked up the next. Residents are urged to visit peelregion.ca/waste to find out if their collection day has changed and to view their 2016 collection schedule.

The Region is offering Christmas tree pick up from Monday, January 11 to Friday, January 22, Lee added. It is important residents determine their collection schedule, because Christmas trees will only be picked at the curb on residents' scheduled recycling week.

When setting Christmas trees at the curb, make sure to remove the tree stand and all tinsel; that all ornaments have been taken off the tree, as well as any plastic wrapping or bags; and keep trees away from snowbanks, as they will not be picked up if they are buried in snow.

Artificial trees or trees with fake snow (flocked) will not be accepted as part of the Christmas tree collection; however, they can be picked up as a bulky item residents' garbage collection week.