

Region releases schedule for holiday waste collection

Peel Region has released its schedule for garbage collection over the holidays.

There are some schedule changes, and also a waste exemption period and Christmas tree collection.

Regarding curbside collection, all recycling, garbage and organics collection will be one day later for the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Holiday waste exemption period will be on scheduled garbage collection days during the weeks of Dec. 27 to 30 and Jan. 3 to 6.

During this period, people who receive curbside collection can place unlimited amounts of acceptable excess garbage at the curb without garbage bag tags. Bags must weigh no more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) each. Residents are asked to ensure that there is one metre of space between excess bags of garbage and the garbage and organics carts.

Real Christmas trees will be collected if placed at the curb on regularly scheduled recycling collection days during the weeks of Jan. 9 and 16. Christmas trees can also be taken to a Community Recycling Centre (CRC).

Trees taller than three metres (10 feet) must be cut in half to be collected at the curb or dropped off at a CRC. There will be no drop-off fees at the CRCs for Christmas trees during the Christmas tree collection period.

Remove all outer plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, nails, wire and tree stands from trees for them to be collected. Trees placed in or on snowbanks will not be collected. Residents of apartments or condos can put trees at the curb by the driveway entrance to the property, but they are asked to ensure that these do not obstruct the road or sidewalk.

CRCs will be following holiday hours:

? Dec. 24 ? 8:30 a.m. to noon.

? Dec. 25 ? closed.

? Dec. 26 ? closed.

? Dec. 27 to Dec. 30 ? regular hours at all CRCs.

? Dec. 31 ? 8:30 a.m. to noon.

? Jan. 1 ? closed.

? Jan. 2 ? closed.

? Jan. 3 ? regular hours resume at all CRCs.

Check peelregion.ca/waste for collection and waste exemption dates (see ?when does it go?) and regular CRC hours.