

Yard waste collection has resumed again in Caledon

Peel Region's yard waste collection services started this week in Caledon.

In urban settlement areas and rural subdivisions, yard waste is collected every-other-week from April to November. To see their collection day schedule, residents should refer to their 2015 Annual Guide or visit peelregion.ca/waste to view an online schedule for their address.

In rural areas, the Region collects unlimited amounts of acceptable yard waste three times in the spring and three times in the fall to help residents manage during peak seasons. The spring collection days this year will be April 27, May 25 and June 22. The fall collection days will be Oct. 26, Nov. 9 and Nov. 23.

Caledon residents may also drop off dedicated loads of residential yard waste, free of charge and year-round, at the Caledon and Bolton Community Recycling Centres (CRCs). Visit peelregion.ca/waste for hours of operation and locations.

Businesses, such as lawn maintenance companies, disposing of yard waste are subject to standard drop-off fees.

Yard waste collection tips

Residents are asked to follow these steps when putting yard waste at the curb for collection.

? Place yard waste in labelled, open, rigid and reusable containers; bushel baskets; or paper yard waste bags.

? Set out yard waste and recyclable material on the opposite side of the driveway from garbage, if possible.

? Tie brush securely in bundles up to 1.2 metres (four feet) in length and 76 centimetres (30 inches) in width, weighing no more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds).

? Brush and tree trimmings must be 10 centimetres (four inches) or less in diameter.

Tree debris exceeding 1.2 metres (four feet) in length and 7.5 centimetres (three inches) in diameter and weighing more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) needs to be cut into smaller pieces and bundled according to set-out standards in order to be collected curbside. Residents are reminded that cutting and removal of trees and related debris is a specialized skill, and are encouraged to hire a contractor to do the work for them.

Additional guidelines

? Leaves, garden trimmings, plants, grass clippings, twigs, branches and lawn edgings (earth removed) can be set out as yard waste.

? Fruits and vegetables from the garden should be placed in backyard composters or set out as yard waste.

? Shredded paper should be placed loose in yard waste containers or green bins.

? Do not use plastic bags, cardboard boxes, green bins or blue boxes for yard waste.

? Do not include stumps, soil, sod or stones with yard waste.

? Stumps, soil, sod and stones can be taken to any of Peel's CRCs for disposal ? drop-off fees apply.

For more information on these programs, call the Region at 905-791-9499 or 905-584-2216, or visit peelregion.ca/waste