

Yard waste collection starts early in Peel

Residents in urban areas of Caledon are advised that yard waste collection started last week.

Additionally, residents in rural areas of Caledon will now have their yard waste picked up eight times a year.

"We are pleased to offer residents an early start to yard waste collection," Peel's Director of Waste Management Norm Lee said.

"Extending the yard waste collection season gives residents more time for yard clean up and additional collection days to set unlimited amounts of acceptable lawn or garden material at the curb for pick up."

Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. residents' collection day in acceptable bins, containers and/or bags.

A bin/container used for yard waste collection must be:

- clearly labelled "Yard Waste";

- rigid and reusable with handles that are attached or molded to the exterior;

- smaller than 60 centimetres (24 inches) wide and 95 centimetres (38 inches) high; and,

- weigh less than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) when full.

A Kraft brown paper bag used for yard waste collection must:

- support a maximum weight of 20 kilograms (44 pounds) when lifted, without tearing;

- securely close when full; and,

- be smaller than 66 centimetres (26 inches) wide and 90 centimetres (35 inches) high.

Residents can also use their old garbage container or blue/grey box to set out yard waste for collection. All repurposed containers must be in good condition and clearly labelled "Yard Waste" to be collected.

Residents are encouraged to visit peelregion.ca/waste and use "When Does It Go?" to receive personalized information related to their collection schedule, download their calendar or add their schedule into a personal electronic device.