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**City opens year-round yard waste drop-off centre, begins weekly yard waste collection**

People participating in the City's residential garbage collection program will have weekly curbside yard waste collection starting April 4, and the City's yard waste drop-off centre is now open year-round.

The City's curbside yard waste collection service will continue weekly until Nov. 25. This complements the curbside collection of unlimited amounts of recycling and up to 80 litres of garbage.

Guidelines for curbside yard waste collection:

- Place yard waste in a rigid, lidded container, maximum weight 20kg / 44lbs.
- Containers should be clearly marked *Yard Waste* in bold lettering or with a yellow decal (available on the City website or for purchase at City Hall and the Sportsplex).
- Yard waste can also be placed in bags that are labeled as biodegradable or compostable by the manufacturer.
- Tie branches and prunings with twine or biodegradable string in secure bundles measuring maximum 90cm (36") long and 60cm (24") wide. Individual branches must not exceed 7.5cm (3") in diameter.
- Items not accepted at the facility include: rocks, stumps, painted or treated wood, garbage, kitchen waste and home renovation or construction materials.

The year-round drop-off centre is located on We Wai Kai Nation land, just west of the Inland Highway #19 by the Shell Convenience Centre off Willis Road. Follow signs for the *Yard Waste Drop-Off Centre* to access the facility. The yard waste drop-off centre is open to local residents receiving the City's curbside waste collection services. There is no fee at the staffed, self-serve facility, where community members can unload an unlimited amount of yard waste. The centre is open Friday to Tuesday (closed Wednesday and Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Size and acceptable materials guidelines are the same as for curbside collection, except there is no need to bundle yard waste for the drop-off centre.

*"The year-round drop-off centre complements the eight-month residential yard waste pick up program to reduce the waste going into our landfill," says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. "This should also discourage illegal dumping of yard waste in the City's public spaces."*

Also coming into effect on April 4 is the 80-litre garbage limit. One container of garbage within the 80L volume and 20kg or 44lbs weight limit will be collected. Larger containers can be used provided they contain a maximum volume of 80 litres of garbage. Additional garbage will be collected if a single-use garbage tag is attached to surplus containers. Garbage tags can be purchased for \$2 at City Hall, the Community Centre or at the Sportsplex.

Residents have received a brochure in the mail outlining curbside collection services. For more information about ways to reduce household waste, please visit [www.campbellriverrecycles.ca](http://www.campbellriverrecycles.ca).

Residents can direct questions about curbside collection services or the drop-off centre to Emterra at: 250-286-0211.

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