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Spring yard waste collection starts April 1

The City of Campbell River's popular curbside yard waste collection program starts again April 1. The spring collection service will run until May 24, 2013.

"Spring is one of the peak seasons for yard waste volume generated since many residents are getting their gardens ready, doing pruning and cleaning up from the winter," says Amber Zirnhelt, the City's sustainability manager.

Yard waste is collected during the spring on a weekly basis on the same day as residential garbage and recycling. Unlimited amounts of yard waste are accepted as long as they are placed in a rigid lidded container no larger than 80L each (maximum 20kg/44lbs), clearly marked **Yard Waste**, or bags labeled as biodegradable or compostable by the manufacturer. Branches and prunings must be tied in secure bundles measuring maximum 90cm (36") long and 60cm (24") wide. Individual branches must not exceed 7.5cm (3") in diameter.

Residents can also visit the free Yard Waste Drop-off centre that is open year-round (Friday to Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Yard Waste Drop-off Centre is located west of the Inland Highway off Willis Road, past the Shell Station.

The Campbell River Waste Management Centre also accepts leaves and grass clippings free of twigs at no charge and charges \$65/tonne for all other yard waste and woody debris.

"These three options for handling yard waste provide residents with an environmentally-friendly option for disposing of yard waste," says Councillor Larry Samson. "We also remind residents that disposing of yard waste in nature and City green spaces is prohibited by City bylaws because it can smother and kill native plants, spread invasive species, and, on steep slopes, can lead to slope failure and erosion."

For more information on the City's curbside collection program, visit www.campbellriver.ca

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