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### **Yard waste drop-off centre to move to new location – Unlimited curbside pickup continues**

Campbell River's yard waste drop-off centre on Willis Road will close at the end of July, and Emterra Environmental is actively seeking a new location for this service.

In the meantime, City residents can continue to have unlimited amounts of yard waste collected at the curb each week.

People can also take yard waste to the Campbell River Waste Management Centre at 6700 Argonaut Road. The facility is open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There is no fee to drop off grass and leaves. For any branches or other materials requiring chipping, fees are \$10 for less than 100 kilograms or \$65/tonne. (The fee for garbage is \$130/tonne.)

*"We appreciate that this change could be inconvenient for some people. While Emterra is working to find a new location as quickly as possible, we're encouraging people to continue to put out unlimited amounts of yard waste for curbside collection,"* says Drew Hadfield, the City's director of operations. *"Please follow all the guidelines for bundling and labeling to ensure safe and efficient handling on pick-up days."*

Emterra is closing the Willis Road site at the end of July to have it cleaned up by Sept. 15 when their lease with the We Wai Kai Nation will be terminated.

Emterra's solid waste contract with the City includes providing a suitable yard waste drop-off site. The City and Emterra continue to work together to confirm potential locations.

*"We extend a big thank-you to the We Wai Kai Nation for the use of their lands for this opportunity to recycle/repurpose yard waste materials into usable top soil,"* says Dave Ross, Emterra's North Island operations manager. *"Thanks too, to all of the Campbell River residents who participated in our yard waste program over the years. We ask for your understanding and patience while we continue to look for another suitable site."*

### **Important how-to tips for curbside yard waste collection:**

- Place yard waste in a rigid, lidded container no larger than 80 litres each (maximum weight 20kg/44lbs).
- Container must be clearly marked Yard Waste.
- Tie branches and prunings in secure bundles measuring maximum 90 centimetres (36 inches) long and 60 centimetres (24 inches) wide. Diameter of individual branches must not exceed 7.5 centimetres (3 inches).
- ***Please note: Curbside collection does not accept yard waste in plastic bags, even if they are labelled biodegradable (paper bags are acceptable).***

The City of Campbell River provides weekly pick up of unlimited amounts of yard waste from March through November each year.

Find more information on the City's curbside collection program under City Services at [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca).

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