



Workshop Shows How to Put Gardens to Bed Naturally

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VICTORIA, BC – The way we put our gardens to bed can reduce or eliminate problem weeds, pests and some diseases in the spring. The City of Victoria is offering a free, hands-on, fall gardening workshop this Saturday at Beacon Hill Park to provide residents an opportunity to learn more about mulching, pruning and how to select healthy bulbs, shrubs and trees.

Participants will visit three outdoor stations and are asked to bring their own pruners and gloves, and to dress for the weather as the workshop will take place rain or shine.

What: WORKSHOP: Put Your Garden to Bed Naturally
When: Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 10 a.m. – noon
Where: Beacon Hill Park Service Yard
 (on Bridge Way, between the children's playground park and the public washrooms)

Registration is not required. Hot refreshments will be served.

In February, the City of Victoria became the first municipality in the Capital Region to adopt a bylaw to regulate the cosmetic use of pesticide on public and private property. Enforcement of the City's bylaw begins in January with a focus on public education. A series of organic gardening workshops is planned for the spring.

For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca/pesticide_reduction and click on *Gardening Workshops*.

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