



Residential Branch Collection Begins Monday

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VICTORIA, BC — Branches cut over the winter months can soon be set out at the curb for pick up. The City of Victoria's annual residential branch collection begins next Monday and continues through to the end of March.

A flyer was distributed in the fall to Victoria households noting the deadline for each neighbourhood to place branch piles at the curb. Residents are asked to put out their branches no more than 10 days prior to a neighbourhood's pick-up date.

Only residential tree and shrub branches are accepted. Each household is allowed one branch pile measuring 1.2 metres x 1.2 metres x 1.8 metres; the approximate amount that a half-ton pickup truck can hold. Branches no shorter than 1.2 metres should be loosely stacked with their cut ends together facing the same direction. Branches should not be placed in bags, boxes, or tied with wire or string.

Residents who miss their pick-up date can take their yard and garden waste to the City of Victoria Public Works Yard, located at 417 Garbally Road. Open year-round on Saturdays from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., the yard accepts residential branches, vines, leaves, grass and compost free of charge.

For more information, or to view the collection schedule, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

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