



Hanging Basket Removal One Week Earlier This Year

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VICTORIA, BC – Due to unusually hot summer temperatures, Victoria’s signature hanging baskets are set to come down one week early, starting Monday.

Each year, over 1,600 flowering hanging baskets are grown and assembled in the Beacon Hill Park greenhouse and adorn downtown lampposts from early June until mid-September. Although some baskets still look acceptable, the extreme summer heat has caused the summer baskets to wilt, and cooler temperatures will trigger seed production resulting in a diminished flower display.

What: Removal of Victoria’s Signature Hanging Flower Baskets
When: Monday, September 14 – Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Downtown streets including Douglas, Fort, Government, View, Yates, Pandora, Broad, Wharf, Belleville, Courtney, Broughton and Burdett

It will take approximately three days to remove the sun baskets, with the shade basket removal taking place the following week. Upon removal, the hardware is dismantled, cleaned and stored for reuse, and the plant material and soil is composted at the Beacon Hill Park Maintenance Yard.

Initiated in 1937 to mark the City’s 75th year of incorporation, the flower baskets have become a trademark of Victoria and continue to highlight Victoria’s reputation as the “City of Gardens.” To learn more about the City of Victoria’s hanging basket program, visit www.victoria.ca and click on *What’s New?*

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