



Branch Pick-up Begins on Monday, February 15

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Branches can soon be set out for pick up by City crews. This year, Victoria residents are asked to set out their branch piles at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday, February 15.

Each household in Victoria is allowed one branch pile, limited to 1.2 metres x 1.2 metres x 1.8 metres (4 feet x 4 feet x 6 feet). This is the approximate amount that a half-ton pick-up truck can hold. Branches in excess of this volume will be left behind for residents to remove.

To assist Parks crews:

- Make sure branches are no shorter than 1.2 metres (4 feet)
- Loosely stack branches with cut ends facing the street
- Do not place branches in bags, boxes, or tie with string or wire.

City trucks make only one pass down a street. If a return trip is required, a fee of \$40 will be charged per request.

Once collected, branches are transported to the Parks Maintenance Yard in Beacon Hill Park where they are composted for reuse in City gardens. Branch pick-up is expected to be completed in approximately 6 – 8 weeks.

Victoria residents can also drop off their garden waste for free, year-round at the City's Public Works Yard at 417 Garbally Road on Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proof of residency is required.

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