



Remember to Have Branches at the Curb by 7 a.m. Monday

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VICTORIA, BC — Victoria residents are reminded to set aside time this weekend to place their branches at the curb, as the City of Victoria's residential branch pick-up begins at 7 a.m. on Monday.

Each household in Victoria is allowed one branch pile – the approximate amount that a half-ton pick-up truck can hold (1.2 metres x 1.2 metres x 1.8 metres). 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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