



Hanging Basket Removal a Sure Sign of Fall

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VICTORIA, BC – Timed with the change of season, Victoria’s signature hanging baskets are set to come down starting Monday.

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

What: Removal of Victoria’s Signature Hanging Flower Baskets
When: Monday, September 20 – Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Downtown streets including Douglas, Fort, 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 are composted at the Beacon Hill Park Maintenance Yard.

This year, in addition to the traditional sun baskets, different plantings were piloted to determine which could best withstand warmer temperatures and bloom into October. Due to cooler temperatures at the start of summer, City Parks staff plan to continue with these trials next year. Nine different varieties of plants will continue to be used, with a total of 25 plants featured in each sun basket.

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 its reputation as a “City of Gardens.”

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