



## Residential Branch Chipping Starts Monday, February 15

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria provides an annual branch chipping service to help residents remove tree branches from their yard. Victoria residents are asked to set out their tree branch pile on the boulevard for chipping by **Monday, February 15 at 7 a.m.**

A short video offers residents tips on how to prepare their branch pile. It can be viewed at [www.victoria.ca/branchchipping](http://www.victoria.ca/branchchipping).

Each Victoria household can put out one branch pile, limited to 1.2 m x 1.2 m x 1.8 m (4' x 4' x 6'). This is the approximate amount that a half-ton pick-up truck can hold. Tree branches must be between 2.5 cm and 25 cm in diameter for chipping. Branches that are smaller or larger than this will clog the chipping machine and will not be accepted.

Other items that are not accepted include: shrubs and plants, holly, ivy clippings, blackberry canes, morning glory, garden refuse, compost, lawn clippings, loose leaves, soil, rocks, roots, stumps, construction lumber, and material from commercial tree contractors.

Please stack tree branches with their cut ends together, facing the boulevard. Branches should not be placed in bags or boxes or tied with string. City trucks make one pass down a street. If a return trip is required, a fee of \$40 will be charged per request.

The wood chips produced are mixed with leaf mulch. This mixture helps suppress weeds and holds in moisture in City garden beds. Branch chipping is expected to be completed by the end of March.

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. (excluding statutory holidays). Please bring a City of Victoria utility bill or a driver's licence which shows residence at a property that has Kitchen Scraps and Garbage service.

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