



## Roll-Out of Trademark Hanging Baskets Signals Summer is Around the Corner

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VICTORIA, BC – The annual roll-out of Victoria’s trademark hanging baskets every June is the unofficial start to summer in our city. Starting Monday, City crews will begin installing approximately 1,300 hanging baskets on downtown lampposts featuring flowers that were grown at the Beacon Hill Park nursery.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

What: Installation of Victoria’s Trademark Hanging Baskets Downtown  
When: Monday, June 6, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Where: Douglas Street, between Fisgard and Belleville Streets; Government Street (Upper Causeway)  
Wharf Street between Fisgard and Belleville Streets

Each year Parks staff create both sun and shade baskets to ensure the baskets thrive in their chosen location. Begonias ‘Summerwings’, successful last year, will once again be featured in Bastion Square. Look for them to be accompanied by trailing golden leaves of the Lysimachia ‘Goldilocks’. Impatiens ‘South Beach Mix’ will be trialled in shade baskets this year and tested for mildew resistance.

Once the baskets are assembled they remain inside the Beacon Hill Park greenhouses for one week, before being moved outside to become acclimatized. When fully grown, the hanging baskets can weigh over 20 kilograms (approximately 45 pounds). The baskets remain on lampposts until late September. After removal, the hardware is dismantled for reuse and the plant material is composted in the Beacon Hill Park Maintenance Yard.

Victoria’s hanging flower baskets are a trademark recognized around the world and were introduced in 1937 to celebrate the City of Victoria’s 75th year of incorporation. For more information on Victoria’s hanging baskets or to learn how to make your own, visit: [www.victoria.ca/hangingbaskets](http://www.victoria.ca/hangingbaskets)

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