



Time to Place Leaves on the Boulevard for Pick-up

Date: Friday, October 14, 2016

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Fall is in the air in Victoria, which means it is time to ‘Leaf it on the Boulevard’. City crews will begin collecting leaves in Victoria neighbourhoods next week. The City’s annual Leaf Pick-up program has been extended this year to start earlier and include two dates for neighbourhood leaf collection, instead of one.

Victoria residents are asked to have their leaves ready on the boulevard by the following dates. Leaves can be in loose piles or in tied, clear, 100% compostable bags. There is no limit to the number of loose piles or bags that can be set out.

Victoria Neighbourhood Leaf Pick-up Dates

- James Bay, Fairfield, Rockland, Gonzales – October 17 and December 13
- Oaklands, Fernwood, North Jubilee, South Jubilee – November 8 and December 20
- Victoria West, Burnside Gorge, Hillside Quadra, North Park, Harris Green, Downtown – November 29 and December 27

From October 17 to December 16, 2016 Victoria residents can also contact the City Parks office at parks@victoria.ca or 250.361.0600 to arrange for their bagged leaves to be picked up from the boulevard for free within five working days. Residents are asked to provide their name, address and phone number.

Leaves should be placed on the boulevard and be visible and accessible from the street. Temporary No Parking signs will be placed along streets one day before scheduled collection to ensure crews can quickly and efficiently pick up leaves.

With heavy rain and strong winds in the forecast, City crews are out clearing streets of leaves to prevent flooding. Residents are encouraged to secure leaves in bags or wire mesh rings and keep streets, sidewalks and gutters clear of leaves. The City is also asking for help in keeping storm drain grates clear, to allow stormwater to enter freely, by sweeping leaves away from grates. Blocked storm drain grates should be reported to the City’s 24-hour line at 250.361.0400.

Clear, 100% compostable bags can be purchased at the Public Service Centre at Victoria City Hall and at the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. A package of 10 bags is available for \$12.50 plus tax.

Victoria residents can also drop off their leaf and garden waste for free, year-round at the City of Victoria Public Works Yards at 417 Garbally Road on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proof of residency is required, in the form of a valid BC driver’s licence or a City of Victoria utility bill that indicates kitchen scraps and garbage service.

Leaves can also be kept to make mulch or to feed backyard composters.

For the Leaf Pick-up Schedule and Map, visit: victoria.ca/leafpickup

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

City Parks crews will be at Harris Green park collecting leaves:

WHEN: Friday, October 14, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

WHERE: Harris Green park, at the intersection of Pandora Avenue, Chambers Street and Rudlin Street.

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