



ROSEMÈRE

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**READY FOR
COMPOSTING**

WHY AN ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION?

The pick-up of organic waste is an ecoresponsible measure for preserving our environment. The following information will help you grasp its importance and the reason why this measure is being implemented.

WHAT ARE ORGANIC MATERIALS?

These materials fall into the following three broad categories of waste: green waste (vegetal residue resulting from the development and maintenance of green spaces), food waste (scraps from food preparation and consumption), and soiled fibres (paper towels, facial tissues, non-recyclable paper and cardboard soiled by food waste).

WHAT IS COMPOSTING?

Composting is a process that involves the accelerated and controlled biological decomposition of organic materials that occurs in the presence of oxygen. It yields a stable, sanitized product rich in moist compounds, known as "compost", which is used primarily as a soil amendment and fertilizer.

WHAT WILL THE TOWN DO WITH THE ORGANIC WASTE IT COLLECTS?

Organic waste will be sent to a composting site where it will be converted into compost. Part of this compost will be redistributed to residents at events such as Earth Day.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF COMPOSTING?

1. REDUCING THE VOLUME OF WASTE IN LANDFILLS

The Town of Rosemère has made it its goal to meet the objectives of the Québec Policy on the management of residual waste, notably by recycling 60% of its organic materials.

2. REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The decomposition of buried organic waste impacts our environment in a number of negative ways, including the production of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. By recovering and composting this waste, Rosemerites actively help meet the Québec objectives of the Climate Change Action Plan.

WHO DO ORGANIC WASTE PICK-UPS TARGET?

Organic waste will be collected from residents, industries, businesses and institutions currently benefitting from the pick-up of recyclable materials and domestic waste.

DID YOU KNOW?

In spite of the quantities of green waste already recovered, organic matter accounts for more than 50% of garbage produced by Rosemerites. This represents approximately 185 kg of organic waste eliminated per person every year.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 ton of food waste, when composted, emits **15 TIMES** fewer greenhouse gases than 1 ton in a landfill site. ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Excerpt from ICF Consulting, 2005 (in the case of a landfill site where the biogas collected replaces natural gas).

GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

1. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY BROWN BIN?

You will receive your 80-litre brown bin (240 litres for multi-housing buildings and some businesses) in early September. You can start recovering your organic waste as soon as you receive your brown bin.

Along with the bin, you will be receiving a start-up kit, which includes a kitchen minibin, a pick-up schedule, samples of paper bags and a sticker for green waste surpluses.

2. WHEN WILL ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTIONS START?

As of September 2016, the Town of Rosemère will begin the pick-up of organic waste in all residential, commercial and institutional sectors served. The first pick-up will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016. See the calendar in this brochure for a detailed schedule.

WHAT TO DO WITH GREEN WASTE SURPLUSES?

Green waste surpluses are quantities of green waste that exceed the brown bin's capacity. This occurs mainly during peak production periods in the spring and fall. Excess green waste is picked up weekly, year-round, by the same truck collecting other organic waste from brown bins. Simply place your excess green waste in paper bags or a reusable plastic or metal container identified by a sticker provided by the Town for this purpose.

The use of clear or orange plastic bags will be authorized for only 6 pick-ups a year, i.e. for dead leaves in the fall. These pick-ups are clearly identified in the collection calendar. Except for these six pick-ups, it is forbidden to use plastic bags, even the biodegradable or compostable type, in the brown bins.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

HOW TO USE MY KITCHEN MINIBIN?

1. Keep the kitchen minibin in a handy location like your kitchen counter, and discard your food waste into it.
2. At the end of the day, or as needed, empty the contents of your kitchen minibin into the brown bin.
3. Wash the kitchen minibin with dishwashing detergent and water every time you empty it (your kitchen minibin is also dishwasher safe).
4. To avoid odours, the proliferation of small flies and the appearance of white worms, you can also line the inside of your minibin with newsprint or a paper bag and wrap your food waste in newsprint. The use of plastic bags, even the biodegradable or compostable type, is prohibited.

HOW TO USE MY BROWN BIN?

1. Close the lid of your brown bin and lock it after emptying the contents of your kitchen minibin.
2. Drop your green waste into your brown bin as well.
3. To avoid odours, the appearance of white worms, and to keep small animals at bay, you can place newsprint on the bottom of your brown bin, line the bin with a paper bag designed for this purpose, or cover your food scraps with a layer of green waste. The use of plastic bags, even the biodegradable or compostable type, is prohibited.
4. Place your brown bin, wheels facing the house, by the side of the street after 6 p.m. on the eve of pick-up day, or before 7 a.m. on the day of the pick-up. Have your bin emptied weekly, even if it is not full.

I AM ALREADY COMPOSTING. AM I STILL REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOWN OF ROSEMÈRE'S ORGANIC WASTE PICK-UPS?

Of course, we encourage you to keep making your own compost, while disposing of organic materials not recovered in household composting (animal waste, fats, soiled fibres, etc.) in your brown bin. The brown bin then becomes a welcome complement to your composting efforts, helping you further reduce the amount of waste you produce! See the table at the centre of this brochure for a list of materials accepted in the brown bin.

HOW TO AVOID ODOURS, THE PROLIFERATION OF WHITE WORMS AND THE PRESENCE OF ANIMALS?

To limit odours related to organic waste, the Town of Rosemère will conduct pick-ups every Monday, year-round. In addition, the Town has fitted the bins with a lock that will prevent small animals from opening them.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid odours, the proliferation of white worms and the presence of animals:

- Have your bin emptied every week, even if it is not full, by putting it out by the side of the street.
- Wrap your moist food waste, meat and bones in a paper bag or newsprint.
- Either line your brown bin with a paper bag designed for this purpose or put newsprint on the bottom of the bin.
- Place your bin in the shade, especially in summer.
- When your bin is empty, rinse it from time to time, using water and vinegar or baking soda.

WHO OWNS THE BROWN BIN AND KITCHEN MINIBIN?

The brown bin belongs to the Town of Rosemère and is assigned to your address, its cost being amortized thanks to municipal taxes. If you move, clean the bin and leave it in your driveway. The kitchen minibin will not be replaced should it be broken or lost.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR BROWN BIN IS BROKEN OR STOLEN?

If your brown bin is defective, broken or stolen, contact the Technical Services, Public Works and Environment Department at 450 621-3500, ext. 3300.

WHAT IS GREEN WASTE?

Green waste includes dead leaves, grasses, lawn clippings, small branches and residue from flowerbeds. It will be picked up every Monday, i.e., the same day as the organic waste pick-up.

WHAT CONTAINERS CAN I USE FOR GREEN WASTE IF THE BROWN BIN IS INSUFFICIENT? AND AM I REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEM?

Basically, you provide the containers used for the pick-up of green waste. You can use paper bags, cardboard boxes or reusable containers (except for the grey and blue bins) identified with a sticker provided by the Town of Rosemère for that specific purpose. You can obtain additional stickers from the Technical Services, Public Works and Environment Department at 450 621-3500, ext. 3300.

HOW MANY PICK-UPS OF DEAD LEAVES IN THE FALL?

Dead leaves will be picked up on six Mondays in October and November. Clear or orange plastic bags are authorized for these six pick-ups only.

INFORMATION

Two information sessions on the collection of organic waste will be held: from 7 to 8:30 p.m., August 30, at Externat Sacré-Coeur and September 20 (location to be announced).

Please confirm your attendance at compostage@ville.rosemere.qc.ca.



THE TOWN OF ROSEMÈRE
SEEKS TO COLLECT
2,600 TONS OF ORGANIC
WASTE PER YEAR.

WHAT CAN GO IN THE BINS?

As of September 2016, the management of residual waste will involve three main collections: brown bin (organic waste), blue bin (recycling) and grey bin (domestic waste). Special pick-ups will also be held throughout the year for large items, branches and natural Christmas trees.

To help you integrate this new pick-up in your daily life, the following table summarizes what is accepted and refused by each of the three main waste collections.

ECOCENTRE

The Town's ecocentre is located at 190 Charbonneau Street and is available to citizens free of charge. The ecocentre's schedule varies according to the season. From December 31st to March 1st inclusively, it is closed Sunday and Monday, and open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. From April 1st to November 30, it is closed Monday, but open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. till noon on Sunday. Citizens must produce proof of residency in the form of photo ID with address.

		BROWN BIN (ORGANIC MATTER)
MATERIALS ACCEPTED	FOOD RESIDUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fruits and vegetables (raw or cooked), including peels ✓ Meat (raw or cooked) and bones ✓ Fish and seafood (raw or cooked) ✓ Eggs and shells ✓ Pasta, bread and grain products ✓ Flour, sugar and other powdered food products ✓ Solid dairy products ✓ Tea, herbal tea and coffee residues, bags and paper filters
	OTHER COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Compostable disposable dishes ✓ Paper and cardboard soiled by food residue and non-recyclable (ex.: pizza boxes, cardboard plates, etc.) ✓ Sanitary fibres (paper towels, facial tissues, etc.) except for diapers and sanitary napkins ✓ Paper bags with cellulose coating ✓ Pet litter and excrement
MATERIALS REFUSED		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Diapers and sanitary napkins ✗ Glass, dishes and utensils ✗ Plastic wrap ✗ Wax and parchment paper ✗ Styrofoam ✗ Paper towels soiled by a cleaning product ✗ Recyclable materials
	Sector 1	Every Monday
Sector 2	Every Monday	
Sector 3	Every Monday	
Sector 4	Every Monday	

GREEN WASTE	BLUE BIN (RECYCLING)	GREY BIN (DOMESTIC WASTE)	LARGE ITEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Dead leaves ✔ Flowerbed residue ✔ Cedar and shrub clippings ✔ Grasses and lawn clippings ✔ Small branches (less than 2.5 cm in diameter and 1 m long) ✔ Other horticultural residue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Glass, paper (news papers, magazines, paper, etc.) ✔ Plastic (all containers as well as #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 plastic) ✔ Metal (food cans, etc.) ✔ Cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Lightbulbs ✔ Water hoses ✔ Dryer lint ✔ Diapers and sanitary napkins ✔ Waxed meat or cheese packaging ✔ Soiled litter ✔ Broken mirrors and dishes ✔ Wax paper (ex.: ice cream containers) ✔ Pottery ✔ Dental floss ✔ Styrofoam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Anything that cannot be recycled and will not fit in the garbage bin (ex.: mattresses, sofas, chairs, furniture)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Large branches are not accepted <p><i>Note: Branch pick-ups are held every 3rd Monday from April to November.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Glass panes, windows, drinking glasses, mirrors ✘ Soiled, wax or laminated paper, #6 plastic ✘ Propane tanks, aerosol bottles ✘ Large metal items, small household appliances <p><i>Note: items must be placed in the bin loose and not in plastic bags.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Construction materials (ex.: wood, concrete, asphalt) ✘ Hazardous domestic waste ✘ Computer equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Construction materials (ex.: wood, concrete, asphalt) ✘ Hazardous domestic waste ✘ Computer equipment
	Tuesday: Alternating every second week	2 nd Monday of the month	
	Wednesday: Alternating every second week	2 nd Monday of the month	
	Thursday: Alternating every second week	2 nd Monday of the month	
	Friday: Alternating every second week	2 nd Monday of the month	

