



**WASTE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY  
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**TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**FROM: B. MITCHELL, MANAGER OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PLANNING, EXT. 5802**

**NOTED: S. MACK, P.ENG., ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

**B. ARANIYASUNDARAN, P.ENG., GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

**M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**RE: ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT TO WASTE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW 2024-044**

**DATE: AUGUST 14, 2024**

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council notification of an administrative amendment to Waste Management By-law 2024-044 to align the by-law with changes to yard waste collection which began on June 17, 2024.

### **Background**

A new Waste Management By-law (By-law) was developed and adopted earlier this spring (WMES01-240320, March 27, 2024) to align with a number of waste system changes initiated with the transition of the Blue Box program and the City's new waste collection contract, beginning May 1, 2024.

Currently, the By-law requires yard waste to be set out no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday of the designated Collection Week (Section 3.1.5) and 5:00 a.m. during an Early Collection Event (i.e. an extreme heat wave) (Section 3.1.6 i).

Over the first month of the contract, the City's collection contractor, Emterra Environmental (Emterra), was able to consistently collect the set-out volume of yard waste on the designated collection day throughout the City. This was particularly frustrating for property owners in Thursday and Friday collection areas that had placed yard waste out on Monday.

Emterra indicated that for the majority of the yard waste collection season (April through November), they will be able to manage yard waste volumes if set out on the designated collection day utilizing trucks that collect organics and yard waste. Yard waste volumes, however, are unpredictable and there will be times during periods of heavy volume (generally mid to late fall) when they will need an additional day(s) and/or to "jump ahead" and collect material that has been set out early.

### **Changes to Yard Waste Collection**

Further to the above and to align with how Emterra is collecting yard waste, the City made a change on June 17, 2024, to permit yard waste to be set out on the designated collection day.

Property owners may now place yard waste materials curbside by 7:00 a.m. on their designated collection day of their yard waste week (alternate to their garbage collection week), to be collected before the end of day Friday.



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**Required Changes to By-law**

Given the changes noted above, it is necessary to undertake some minor administrative amendments to the By-law so that it allows for set out of yard waste on the regular collection day by 7:00 a.m. (or 5:00 a.m. during an Early Collection Event). The impacted sections have been updated as follows:

- 3.1.5 Collectable Waste, limited to Christmas Trees and Yard Waste as set out in Schedule “C” of this By-law, shall be set out no later 7:00 a.m. on the designated Collection Day and no earlier than the weekend prior to the designated Collection Week.
- 3.1.6 Notwithstanding Sections 3.1.4 and 3.1.5,
  - i. During an Early Collection Event, Collectable Waste shall be set out no later than 5:00 a.m. on the designated Collection Day.
  - ii. Eligible Properties located in the Business Improvement Area shall set out Collectable Waste no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to Collection Day, and no later than 4:30 a.m. on the designated Collection Day.
- 3.1.8 The Owner of the Eligible Property shall remove Approved Containers set out by such Owner or person in respect of such premise, together with any Waste or Non-Collectable Waste that was not collected for any reason from the Collection Point as soon as possible after collection, but not later than 7:00 p.m. on the designated Collection Day or Friday of the designated Collection Week for Yard Waste and Christmas Tree collection.
- 3.1.9 Notwithstanding Section 3.1.8, Eligible Properties located in the Business Improvement Area shall remove Approved Containers set out by such Owner or person in respect of such premise, together with any Waste or Non-Collectable Waste that was not collected for any reason from the Collection Point as soon as possible after collection, but not later than 10:00 a.m. on the designated Collection Day or Friday of the designated Collection Week for Yard Waste and Christmas Tree collection.

Additionally, Emterra has requested the City allow residents to place yard waste containers out for collection with lids on to assist with minimizing the amount of precipitation that can accumulate in a container without a lid. This will also require an amendment as the current by-law requires that containers used for the collection of yard waste be set out without lids. The impacted definition has been updated as follows:

- 1.5.86 “Yard Waste Container” includes kraft paper bags or other compostable bags specifically designed for Yard Waste and rigid open-top reusable containers with handles (excluding Recycling and Organics Containers), with or without a lid, and a capacity of not more than 125 litres, or such other container as may be approved from time to time by the Designated Municipal Official.

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