

DON'T LET YOUR YARD WASTE HAUNT GREEN SPACE!



CLIPPINGS THAT APPEAR DEAD CAN RETURN TO LIFE WITH TERRIFYING CONSEQUENCES!

Raked leaves, cut grass, branches, soil and debris from old planters; when dumped in green space and left unmonitored, yard waste can seriously impact our local environment and biodiversity. For example:

- Invasive plants can be introduced and spread from seeds, small sections of cut roots or branches.
- The debris can smother and kill native plants.
- Dumped waste is unsightly and diminishes the aesthetic value of green areas.
- Dumping yard waste encourages others to do the same, creating even more disturbance.
- Piles of dry debris create a fire hazard.
- Yard waste can attract rats and other pests.

Bylaw 6803 prohibits dumping yard waste or any other discarded materials on any road, park or public space.

Appropriate Disposal

Yard waste from single-family homes will be collected from bins that are 80 litres or smaller and marked with a Green Can decal. Do not place plastic or biodegradable bags in your Green Can.

Alternatively, the City Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane will collect one cubic yard per visit of yard waste without charge. Proof of residency is required.



WATCH OUT FOR THESE COMMON INVASIVE PLANTS:



Photo: L.Scott

Japanese knotweed

Sections as small as 4 cm can regenerate and spread throughout greenspaces.



Photo: J.Leekie

Common Periwinkle

Small stem and root fragments can regenerate and spread over large areas.



Photo: D.Hanna

English Ivy

Vines grow rapidly and can suffocate trees and shrubs. Be especially careful not to let ivy produce berries, grow up trees, or be left unattended.

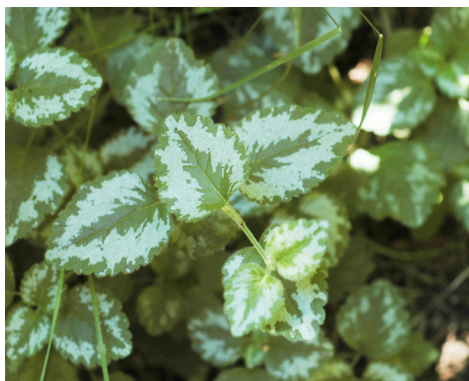


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Lamium

A common ground cover that can spread quickly.

To report an invasive plant on public property, please call 604-276-4316 or email invasiveplants@richmond.ca

For questions about yard waste, please call 604-276-4010 or email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca