



Halloween Pumpkins

What to do with Jack when Halloween is over?

"Jack" has Curb Appeal

- Recycle Jack in your Green Can (maximum can size is 80 litres and 20 kilograms).

Have "Jack" for Dinner

- Consider pureeing and freezing the pumpkin for baking or cooking as long as it's within the first 48 hours of carving.

Put "Jack" in the Box

- Compost Jack in home compost bins.
- Worms like Jack finely chopped and mixed with yard trimmings in a backyard compost bin or in a porch/balcony vermicompost bin; the worms will help create a nutrient-rich compost.



Return "Jack" to his Roots

- Dig a trench in your vegetable or flower garden. Shred Jack and disperse and cover with soil. Jack will compost and break down and leave nutrients into the soil.



Prevent Localized Flooding by Keeping Leaves off the Road

During the fall season, trees drop their leaves and our neighbourhood becomes draped in a colourful carpet of foliage. Unfortunately, leaves can accumulate around road drains (storm grates) and block rain water from draining. This can lead to localized flooding. To prevent this:

- please do not rake leaves from your property or boulevard onto the sidewalk or street. Leaves on sidewalks can present a slipping hazard to pedestrians
- remove leaves and other debris away from the road drains/storm sewer grates to keep a clear path for water to drain

The above will help to minimize water from ponding and reduce the instances of localized flooding.



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Fall Leaves and Trimmings



Reduce waste. Recycle and compost leaves and trimmings.

Environmental Programs
Information Line: 604-276-4010
www.richmond.ca/recycle

Help Keep Your Neighbourhood Attractive and Safe

With the fall season comes the beautiful colour of leaves. What also comes with it is the work needed to rake and dispose of leaves and other fall trimmings. This brochure will provide proper disposal information, diverting valuable soil amendment materials from the waste stream.

It also provides tips on recycling Halloween Pumpkins. Important safety information is also included to help keep leaves from causing localized flooding concerns.

Richmond residents can dispose of leaves and yard trimmings in 3 ways:

1. Backyard Composting



Compost leaves and trimmings in backyard compost bins. Bins are available for purchase from the City for \$25 at the City's Recycling Depot. See "Yard & Garden Trimmings Drop-Off Program" panel for contact information.

Leaves provide an important nutrient in the composting process and help produce outstanding nutrient soil for use in home gardens.

Tips: Chop leaves down with a lawnmower to speed up their breakdown. You can also spread Fall leaves as mulch in garden beds, around trees and shrubs to control weeds.

For composting information and free composting workshops, please visit www.richmond.ca/services/recycling/composting.htm.

2. Green Can food Scraps & Yard Trimmings Program

Recycle leaves and trimmings through the City's Green Can Program. Residents in single-family homes may place unlimited amounts of food scraps, leaves, and trimmings in labelled Green Cans:

- Green Cans must be 80 litres or smaller and weigh less than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) when filled.
- Extra leaves and yard trimmings can be placed in paper yard waste bags or in tied bundles no larger than 3 feet x 2 feet x 4 inches in diameter.



Residents may place an unlimited number of Green Cans and paper yard waste bags out for collection.

Tips: To keep your Green Can from becoming too heavy, keep the lid closed at all times. This will keep out unwanted water.

To keep your Green Can clean and reduce odours, wrap food waste in used paper towels, used grocery bags or newspaper. You may also layer food scraps with drier materials such as leaves and yard trimmings.

To keep paper bags from ripping, leave enough room when filling so that the top can be folded over to secure contents.

Help keep paper bags sturdy by storing them under a covered area, in a shed, garage or adjacent to your home to protect them from rain weather exposure.

Note: We regret we cannot collect Green Cans lined with plastic or collect yard trimmings in plastic or biodegradable/compostable bags.

For more information, call 604-276-4010 or visit www.richmond.ca/services/recycling/food-yard.htm.

3. Yard & Garden Trimmings Drop-Off Program

Richmond residents with proof of Richmond residency can drop off leaves and yard trimmings at:

Ecowaste Industries Ltd.

Accepts unlimited amounts of yard trimmings from Richmond residents free of charge.

Address:

15111 Williams Road
(Triangle Road off the South foot of No. 6 Road.)

Phone:

604-277-1410

Operating Hours:

Mon. to Fri., 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

City Recycling Depot

Accepts up to one cubic yard of trimmings free of charge. A fee of \$20 applies to each additional cubic yard.

Address:

5555 Lynas Lane

Phone:

604-276-4010

Operating Hours:

Wed. to Sun., 9:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Charges will be applied to anyone deemed to be operating for commercial purposes.

Note: Food scraps are not accepted as part of this yard and garden trimmings drop-off program.

