

# USER GUIDE

## Organic waste collection in Deux-Montagnes



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VILLE DE DEUX-MONTAGNES

# ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

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## Why an organic waste collection?

The Government of Quebec has been reviewing its Quebec Residual Materials Management Policy from many years. One of the main measures in the ministerial policy is the complete elimination of organic matter (food, plant and animal waste) from landfills. All Quebec cities and RCMs must comply by 2022. For more information regarding policy consult the web site of ministère Environnement et Lutte contre les changements climatiques at the section of PTMOBC program.

## Organic waste collection allows us to:

- Reduce waste going to landfills
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Optimize the production of green energy (biogas)
- Enrich and fertilize the soil

## Do you have a composter at home?

You can still take advantage of municipal organic waste collection for waste not handled by home composters, including meat, bones, fish, soiled paper and cardboard, weeds, and leaves.

## Collection schedule:

**Starting April 1, 2019**, organic waste will be collected from all residential areas

every Monday from April to November, and once every two weeks during the month of December, January, February and March. On January 2020, check the waste collection map available on the city website.

## Handy tips:

### How to place the brown rollout bin curbside:

- Put your bin out the night before collection.
- Wheels should face the curb.

### The right bags to use:

- Only paper bags are allowed.
- No plastic bags are allowed, not even biodegradable and compostable ones.

### What to do if your bin is damaged or stolen?

- Call the Public Works Department at 450-473-4688 to get a new one. Fees may applicable.

### What to do before you move:

- You must clean your bins before you move and leave them on site for the next occupants.
- Bins are the property of the City of Deux-Montagnes



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## TIPS AND TRICKS

- Line the bottoms of rollout and countertop bins with newspaper.
- Place rollout bin in the shade, out of direct sunlight.
- Close lid tightly to keep small animals out. Apply a small amount of cough syrup along edge of cover. The smell repels small animals.
- To prevent fruit flies and maggots in brown bins during summer months, wrap leftovers in newspaper or put in a paper bag before putting in the bin.
- To prevent waste from sticking to the rollout bins during winter months, line bottom with newspaper, cardboard, or paper bag.
- Wrap each batch of leftovers tightly in newspaper after each meal.
- Make sure bins go out for every collection even if they're not full.
- For easier maintenance, add a little baking soda to bottoms of bins.
- Leftover meat and bones wrapped in newspaper should be kept in freezer until collection day.
- Never put liquids in brown bins.



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## ACCEPTED WASTE

### FOOD WASTE (raw, cooked, or expired)

- Leftovers;
- Fruits and vegetables (pits, peels, and seeds);
- Meat and poultry (bones and fat);
- Animal and vegetable fat;
- Fish (with bones);
- Seafood (bodies and shells);
- Eggs and shells;
- Nuts and shells ;
- Solid dairy products (cheese, butter, and yogurt);
- Bread, cereal products, pasta, and rice;
- Cakes, biscuits, candies, and sweets;
- Spreads, jams, and condiments;
- Flour, sugar, and powdered food products;
- Residue of tea, herbal tea, coffee, filters, and bags;
- Fried goods and gravy;
- Pet food.

### PLANT AND ANIMAL WASTE

- Leaves (fresh or dead);
- Flowers, house plants, and potting residue;
- Garden waste and weeding (plant roots);
- Conifer needles, pine cones, and samaras;
- Small branches, and twigs;
- Wood chips and tree bark;
- Lawn and other plant cuttings ;
- Hay, straw, mulch, and thatch;
- Sawdust and untreated wood chips;
- Hair, animal fur, and feathers.

### SOILED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Newsprint;
- Every kind of paper bag;
- Food-soiled cardboard packaging;
- Unwaxed paper and cardboard without plastic;
- Pizza, pastry, and french-fry packaging
- Biodegradable and compostable paper bags ;
- Paper towels (that have not been used with chemicals);
- Napkins, paper tablecloths, facial tissues;
- Soiled disposable cardboard dishes;
- Toothpicks, skewer sticks, corks;
- Sand, soil, and potting soil in small quantities;
- Natural-fibre string.



## REJECTED WASTE

- Plastic bags (even biodegradable/compostable ones);
- Metallic, plastic, or waxed packaging;
- Liquids of any kind (oil, soup, milk, juice, coffee);
- Chewing gum;
- Single-use coffee pods;
- Plastic or metal caps;
- Dead animals;
- Fecal matter;
- Animal bedding;
- Carcasses and rendering bones;
- Cosmetic products;
- Diapers, tampons, and sanitary napkins;
- Q-tips and dental floss;
- Drugs and biomedical waste;
- Household products and soap;
- Dryer lint;
- Vacuum cleaner contents and dust;
- Rocks, gravel;
- Ashes (even when cooled);
- Candles and cigarette butts;
- Bags of autumn leaves;
- Textiles.