

Le Canton de Melbourne se réjouit de confirmer le retour, pour une nouvelle saison, des membres de l'Escouade Verte dédiés à la sensibilisation environnementale.

Cette équipe fera du porte à porte sur notre territoire du 25 juin au 12 juillet. Le but principal est de sensibiliser l'ensemble des citoyens aux problématiques environnementales et à l'importance de modifier nos comportements et nos habitudes de consommation, dans la perspective d'adopter des pratiques écoresponsables et de contribuer ainsi au développement durable de notre municipalité.

Voici les membres de l'Escouade Verte 2019 :

Hugo Vallée et
Sabrina Turcotte

Lors de leur passage ils pourront répondre à vos interrogations et aussi vous donner :

- De l'information et sensibilisation sur des services de récupération et de valorisation disponibles sur le territoire ;
- Vous dirigez sur la gestion écoresponsable des matières résiduelles dans différents événements ;
- Vous sensibilisez à la gestion des déchets ;
- Promotion du Zéro Déchet.

Grâce à leur travail sur le terrain, l'Escouade Verte entre ainsi en contact direct avec les citoyens afin de les encourager et stimuler leur participation vers l'adoption de pratiques plus écoresponsables, comme le compostage maison.

De cette façon, chaque citoyen sera outillé afin de contribuer à un environnement plus sain et à une meilleure qualité de vie.

Si vous croisez les membres de l'Escouade cet été, n'hésitez pas à les saluer au passage et à leur piquer un brin de jasette !

The Township of Melbourne is pleased to confirm the return for a new season, of members of the Green Squad dedicated to environmental awareness.

This team will be going door to door, visiting citizen of the municipality from June 25 to July 12. The main goal is to raise awareness among all the citizens of the municipality on environmental issues and the importance of changing our behavior and our consumption habits. With an additional goal of adopting eco-responsible practices and thus contributing to the sustainable development of our municipality.

Here are the members for our 2019 Green Squad:

Hugo Vallée and
Sabrina Turcotte

The purpose of their visit will be to answer your questions and also offer you:

- Information about organic or household waste and awareness on services available on our territory;
- Eco-responsible management of residual materials at different events;
- Environmental sensitization and awareness of waste management;
- Promotion of the Zero Waste Goal.

Through their fieldwork, the Green Squad will be in direct contact with citizens to encourage and stimulate their participation towards more environmentally responsible practices such as home composting.

In this way, every citizen will be equipped to contribute to a healthier environment and a better quality of life.

If you get to meet one of the members of the Squad this summer, do not hesitate to greet them and ask questions!



Since the episode of cyanobacteria from 2006 to 2012, Quebecers and the government have become aware of the fragility of rivers. The different problems are of a human nature in the important contribution of phosphorus. Several life habits, especially waterside, are to blame such as deforestation, agricultural activity, but also obsolete wastewater disposal systems (septic installations).

Currently, septic installations that comply with the standards only release a small amount of phosphorus and this is diluted in the soil. On the other hand, those systems that do not conform, release large quantities of phosphorus that can not be treated by the soil. These obsolete systems can also release different bacteria of domestic origin that can have a great impact on public health. Current government standards governing wastewater disposal systems are very strict.

For the Township of Melbourne, it is important to ensure that existing and future wastewater systems meet current building standards. The regulation Q-2 r.22¹ sets out standards for the planning, the type of installation and the different technologies for all situations encountered in order to allow the proper purification of wastewater. It also regulates the frequency of septic tank emptying. In Article 13, it is specified that a septic tank used seasonally² must be emptied at least once every 4 years and a septic tank used year-round must be emptied every 2 years. Please note that additives can not reduce the frequency of emptying. The MDDELCC³ does not recommend the use of these additives⁴ and reminds citizens that they must comply with the regulations regarding the maintenance.

The Township of Melbourne is committed to promoting the natural environment and the well-being of its citizens. The Municipality contributes through several actions in the field to offer a healthy living environment to its citizens. For this reason, the Municipality plans to undertake the management of septic tank emptying with the collaboration of a private contractor. The municipality has a duty⁶ to apply the regulation Q-2 r.22.

During 2019 a regulation on the emptying of septic tanks will be adopted. There are approximately 560 septic tanks to be emptied in the Township of Melbourne. This will be done alternately, by sector, in order to obtain a homogeneity of the work. This measure will be implemented in 2020 and citizens will be notified of the procedure.

Citizens wishing to obtain more information can contact the Municipality.

1 Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings Environment Quality Act

2 Habitation utilisée 180 jours ou moins par année

3 MDDELCC « Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques »

4 Guide technique sur le traitement des eaux usées des résidences isolées – Partie B (consulté le 2019-06-19)
http://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/eau/eaux-usees/residences_isolees/guide_interpretation/index.htm

5 57% des municipalité du Québec se charge de la vidange – Maxine Dallaire, juin 2016

6 Article 88 of the Q-2 r.22