



# GARBAGE BINS

## **YOU DON'T HAVE A WHEELED GARBAGE BIN? [Read this](#)**

Please note that **as of January 1st, 2023**, the wheeled bin for the collection of household waste will be mandatory to comply with the mechanized truck system. The type of bin that will be accepted by the contractor is as shown below, the European model in either black or green color and with a capacity of 240 or 360 liters.



This new procedure will not apply to the big garbage collection day.

Garbage that is left in:

- a wooden, metal or any other type of boxes;
- in a round trash can;
- bags placed directly on the ground;
- or that does not correspond to the suggested models:

**WILL NOT BE  
PICKED UP**

# YOUR SEPTIC TANK OVERFLOWS?

It is important to recognize the signs of a septic tank backflow. In order to be able to act quickly, here are some indicative signs of a septic tank problem:

- Water from toilets, drains and sinks that backs up into the house;
- Water from the bathtub, shower or sinks that takes time to drain;
- Gurgling noises in the pipes;
- Standing water near the septic tank or drain field;
- The presence of bad smell;
- Melting snow or heavy rain can also become a problem if the ground is saturated with water.

It is urgent to use the services of a professional to inspect, empty and unblock the pipes of the installation or to carry out excavation work on the ground, if necessary.

If your tank has been well designed, well located and well installed, emptying it on a regular basis can allow you to prolong the life of your septic system.

**Never clean or empty your septic tank by yourself.**



## THAW PERIOD

We would like to remind heavy vehicle users, farmers and transportation companies that the authorized load limits are reduced during the thaw period on all public roads. This is done every year to take into account the lower carrying capacity of the road network during this period.

For the 2022 thaw period, the official dates are as follows:  
Zone 1: from March 21<sup>st</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (11:59 p.m.)



## TREE DAY

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, there will be distribution of trees at the municipal parking lot. The activity will take place between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Compost will also be available for citizens who will come with their containers, bins, buckets or any other equipment to transport it. **Don't forget your containers !!!!**

Please note that in order to give everyone a chance, it will not be possible to fill a trailer

## THANKS TO OUR VOLONTEERS

From April 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, it's volunteer action week.

Given the short deadline, it was not possible to organize a ceremony with the participating municipalities of Richmond, Cleveland, Ulverton and Kingsbury, to highlight the work of the many volunteers of our municipality.

We take this opportunity to thank the many people who give their time and devote themselves to helping people in need. Your work is greatly appreciated. Volunteers put heart into their communities. These people are empathetic, compassionate and generous with their time. It allows people from different backgrounds and with varied experiences to come together.

Volunteering also changes the lives of those to whom we reach out. Each voluntary act, whatever the gesture, has a positive impact and contributes to making a precious and above all essential gesture with those who need it most.

Keep up the good work because volunteering is life changing!



## NEW IN MELBOURNE

To follow up on the text published in the last bulletin concerning styrofoam, the council of Melbourne has decided to install a bin that can collect expanded polystyrene.

Commonly called styrofoam, it is recyclable, but it is not accepted in the blue bin selective collection and therefore ends up in the landfill increasing the expenses for all the citizens. This material is already accepted at the Ecocentre, which sends it to Soprema, in Sherbrooke, to be integrated into the manufacture of insulating panels. The MRC's expanded polystyrene recovery pilot project aims to facilitate the recovery of this material by citizens by installing municipal drop-off points. Clean containers can be placed in the box that will be installed near the municipal garage in early May.

Visit our website for all the details.



## REMINDER

- + Statutory holiday – office closed for Easter - Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup>
- + Temporary car shelter – are prohibited after April 15<sup>th</sup>. Violators will be notified.
- + Mandatory fire permit – cost 10 \$ - call Mr Steve St-Laurent at 819-826-2427 ext 302