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THE FACTS

Did you know that the content of a garbage bag has over 55% of food scraps?



Contrary to popular belief, organic matter cannot decompose once buried, as it has no oxygen. Rather than becoming compost, these organic matters pollute our soils and emit methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Since 2013, the Township of Melbourne has implemented a program promoting the management of organic matter by practicing home composting, and we regularly encourage it. Despite this, we're still a long way from the government's 70% minimum management target.

GOOD NEWS

The Council of the Township of Melbourne wishes to introduce the collection of organic matter on 100% of its territory in order to qualify for the MELCCFP's² requirements under the Municipal Redistribution Program.

This solution is being considered for our entire municipality, and to achieve it, the council is aiming for a hybrid formula. There will be a brown bin for residences in or near the extended urban perimeter, and domestic composters elsewhere in the municipality, at the rate of one for all units that still have none. This program will begin in 2024. The delivery of the bins and the collection schedule will be communicated at the beginning of the year, for the spring period.



Extended urban perimeter or near:

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| ✓ Bellevue | ✓ Garrett |
| ✓ Camping (du) <i>from 1175 to 1183</i> | ✓ Hirondelles (des) |
| ✓ Cimetière (du) | ✓ Hume |
| ✓ Colibris (des) | ✓ Marguerites (des) |
| ✓ Doyle | ✓ Thomas |
| ✓ Ely <i>from 1103 to 1244</i> | ✓ Tournesol (du) |
| ✓ Fortier | ✓ Route 143 <i>from 80 to 104</i> |
| | ✓ Route 243 <i>from 1055 to 1387</i> |

As a result, all residences in the municipality will have access to composting. The project is also in line with the «*Plan de gestion des matières résiduelles 2023-2030*» of the MRC du Val-Saint-François, which aims to introduce organic matter management on 100% of the municipal territory by 2025.

² Ministère de l'Environnement et la lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faunes et des Parcs



Why use a brown bin if I already compost at home?

The use of a brown bin to collect organic matter can be a complementary tool to home composting for those who already practice it, since this represents a small percentage of the population. The brown bin will be useful for certain wastes not accepted in the home composter, such as leftover meat, fish or dairy products.

It will also be your ally if you generate larger quantities of organic matter (e.g. dead leaves, weeds, etc.). It may also be more accessible in winter!

We still encourage you to continue sorting at source.



Why here in our township?

The Quebec government pays a contribution to municipalities, based on their performance in managing residual materials, including organic waste.

As of 2024, this contribution will be conditional on compliance with certain eligibility criteria. The minimum target to obtain is that at least 70% of the municipality's dwellings manage their organic waste.



An inventory carried out in 2022 revealed that we are far from this figure, which means that there will be no more payments for the Township of Melbourne if no action is taken to comply with the program's criteria.

The participation of our citizens in this process is both desirable and, above all, necessary in order to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Consequences of heat waves

Extreme heat affects everyone. Reduce your heat-related risks. Reduce your physical exertion and plan your outdoor activities for the cooler hours of the day, as your health can deteriorate rapidly.

Improve your comfort by staying sufficiently hydrated. There are many ways to refresh yourself. Take advantage of a beach, a swimming pool, a cool shower, go to air-conditioned places or spray cold water on your face.

These preventive measures apply to everyone



Forest fires and fire permits

The area ravaged by forest fires across the country this year is more than 10 times the average number of hectares burned per decade, and Quebec is the hardest-hit province. High concentrations of fine particles from forest fires are leading to poor air quality and reduced visibility in places.



Fire permits are MANDATORY. Contact Mr. Steve St-Laurent, preventionist, at 819-826-2427 ext. 302.