



### Delivery of brown bins and domestic composters

As announced in our July 2023 bulletin, the Township of Melbourne is in the process of introducing the treatment of organic matter on 100% of its territory, in order to qualify for the MELCCFP's<sup>2</sup> requirements under the Municipal Redistribution Program.

The 2022 inventory showed that only 27% of the properties visited were already composting, out of a requirement of 70% to comply with the minimal standards of the Municipal Redistribution Program. The type of bin counted for the purposes of the program are commercial composters and homemade bins. Manure pits and/or the accumulation of table waste were not retained as composting methods by the Ministry.

Subsidies were available for the purchase of various composting bins, to be delivered to addresses that didn't have any. As a result, 100% of Melbourne Township will comply with MELCCFP<sup>2</sup> requirements. The bins will be distributed as follows.



**Brown bins** will be delivered directly to properties within the expanded urban perimeter and located on the following roads:

<u>Extended urban perimeter:</u>	
✓ 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>






The delivery will begin the *week of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024* and an information session will be offered to citizens on *Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.* at the Town Hall community hall.

Organic matter collection will be every Monday starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. A calendar with collection dates will be distributed with the bins, along with a mini guide to composting.

Small countertop bins are still available while stocks last, at the Town hall.



**Black domestic composters** will be delivered throughout the rest of the territory to addresses which, according to the July 2022 inventory, did not have a commercial composter or homemade bin.

The delivery will begin the week of *April 29<sup>th</sup>*, and an information session will be held on *Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7 p.m.* at the Town hall community hall.

## **A brown bin in addition to home composting? Of course!**

The use of a brown bin to collect organic matter can be a complementary tool to home composting for those who already practicing 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 is also more accessible in winter!

We still encourage you to continue sorting at source.

Composting is a simple way of managing fruit and vegetable residues. Composting saves you money, as well as the municipality, by reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill site, thus cutting the associated costs. Composting also reduces our impact on the environment, as sending food waste to landfills generates large quantities of greenhouse gases.

By composting, you'll improve the health and fertility of your soil, returning organic matter to the soil in a natural cycle. All from your own waste.



## **The generations chair**

Made by children and placed around the tables where decisions are made, a Generations Chair is intended to be the voice of children. The chair allows children to express themselves through their creativity.

The aim of this chair is to remind elected municipal officials that the future is shaped by the decisions taken around the table by our decision-makers, in favor of a sustainable future.

The Generations Chair is a project from the « *Mères au Front* » organization. They would like all decisions to be examined in terms of their impact on the environment, in order to protect the future of our children and future generations.



*Children from the township of Melbourne present the chair at the January 15<sup>th</sup> municipal council meeting*



*Our artists, the daughters of Élisabeth Trovett and Édith Poirier*