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## **Environment: New Subsidies Available to Citizens**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 16, 2019** – In the past few weeks, the city of Vaudreuil-Dorion has started offering new environmental subsidies related to day-to-day zero-waste products and radon detectors.

### **Zero waste: Everyday Products**

To encourage the use of everyday products aimed at reducing waste, the City will reimburse 50% of the cost of such products purchased from a Quebec-based company, up to a maximum of \$100 per year per residence. The refund will be increased to 75% if all products are purchased from a Vaudreuil-Dorion business. Eligible items include fruit and vegetable bags for groceries, feminine hygiene products, washable cleansing pads, and reusable food wrapping made from beeswax. A complete list is available on the City's website ([ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca)) by clicking on the Environment tab.

### **Radon Detectors**

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in the soil which originates from the degradation of uranium. This colorless, odorless and tasteless gas can seep into buildings and accumulate. Depending on the concentration, it can result in health problems. The City is offering to supply residents with a radon detector at a cost of \$5 at City Hall, which includes the cost of mailing and analysis performed.

### **A Few Changes**

Some small changes have been made to some of the subsidies. It is now required that washable diapers be purchased from a Quebec-based company. The City will reimburse 50% of the cost of purchase or rental of reusable diapers, including swim diapers, flat diapers, diaper covers, inserts and washable liners, up to a maximum of \$100.

As for the tree-planting subsidies, two new species have been added to the list of eligible trees: The domestic plum tree (*Prunus domestica*) - Garden plum or President, as well as the Burbank, Early Golden, Formosa or Santa Rosa Japanese plum tree (*Prunus*). The Black Cherry tree (*Prunus serotina*) was withdrawn from the list.

Finally, it should be noted that only applications requiring a refund of more than \$15 will be eligible.

Please note that over a dozen environmental grants are offered by the city of Vaudreuil-Dorion. All details are available on the website at [ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca).