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A Second Edition for the Vaudreuil-Dorion Horticultural Fair

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 3, 2021 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce it will be offering citizens a quantity of compost, wood chips, eco-friendly lawn seeds, shrubs and small trees, which, once planted, will help make the City greener and more beautiful. Those interested in this event, which will take place in the municipal arena's parking lot from May 27th to May 30th, are invited to book their time slot ahead of time in order to avoid gatherings.

Distribution of shrubs, small trees and seeds

Six types of shrubs are available at a low cost of \$10 per unit. Citizens can book a maximum of two shrubs per residence starting May 10th at 9:00 a.m., online at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca under Online Services, or by calling 450-455-3371, option 1. Residents must be available to pick up their items on Thursday, May 27th, between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. The shrubs, which include the following species, will be available in limited quantities.

- Autumn Magic Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa* "Autumn Magic")
- Degroote's Spire Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis* "Degroote's Spire")
- Wayfaring Tree (*Viburnum lantana* "mohican")
- Rustic rose (*Rosa rugosa* "Nicolas")
- Northern Gold Forsythia (*Forsythia* "Northern Gold")
- Red-osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)

A description of each plant is available on the City's website in the News section at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca.

Also, 300 small deciduous trees and conifers will be donated through 4-H Quebec and *le ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs du Québec*. Three hundred 750-gram bags of chinch-bug resistant lawn seed mix will also be available to citizens. Both the trees and bags of seed are free but interested citizens will again need to book a time slot to pick them up by contacting the City online starting on May 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Self-serve compost and wood chips

On May 28th and 29th, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., residents of Vaudreuil-Dorion will have access to free compost made from the food waste matter collected and wood chips produced from trees shredded by the Public Works Department. People are asked to bring their own containers or trailers, shovels and gloves. No equipment will be loaned on site. Interested parties will

also have to make an appointment. Lastly, compost will be available on Sundays between 8 a.m. and noon. Any remaining quantities may be collected by residents and organizations without an appointment.

Second distribution location

Residents from more remote areas will be able to pick up their compost at 5130 Route Harwood (at the intersection of Montée Alstonvale) on May 29th, between 8 a.m. and noon, again after making an appointment beforehand.

"The Horticultural Fair debuted in 2019 with a simple compost distribution. The great enthusiasm of the citizens encouraged us to improve the event, among other things by adding shrubs, wood chips, etc. This activity, which will return year after year, is part of the 73 actions that make up the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's 2020-2025 strategic plan," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Compliance with health measures

In order to make sure the event runs smoothly, citizens are asked to observe social distancing measures at all times. Masks are also mandatory for everyone while on site.

The goal of the Horticultural Fair is to promote gardening activities. The event is part of the Environmental Policy and Healthy Living initiative, which takes place throughout the month of May. For more information, people are invited to visit the City's website or contact the Environment Department at 450-455-3371, Option 1.

