



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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The Vaudreuil-Dorion Horticultural Fair: a new and improved version for its third edition

Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 19, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce it will be again holding its Horticultural Fair in the parking lot of the municipal arena (9 rue Jeannotte) for the third consecutive year. On May 14th and 15th, citizens will be able to obtain compost, wood chips and shrubs, which, once planted, will help make the City greener and more beautiful. Those interested in this event are invited to book a time slot online for their visit ahead of time.

Distribution of shrubs

Six types of shrubs are available at a low cost of \$10 per unit. Citizens can reserve a maximum of two shrubs per residence as of **April 25th, at 9 a.m.**, by visiting the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, and clicking on Online Services. Residents will be able to pick up their plants on May 14th and 15th at the selected time, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Sunday. The shrubs, which include the following species, will be available in limited quantities:

- *Purple Flowering Raspberry (Rubus odoratus)*
- *Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac (Rhus aromatica gro-low)*
- *Golden Elder (Sambucus canadensis Aurea)*
- *Northblue Blueberry Bush (Vaccinium corymbosum Northblue)*
- *Bog Labrador Tea (Ledum groenlandicum)*
- *Northern White Cedar (Thuja occidentalis Rheingold)*

A description of each plant is available on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca under Environment/Environmental Initiatives/Environmental Activities.

Self-serve compost and wood chips

On May 14th and 15th, 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 containers or trailers, shovels and gloves. No equipment will be loaned on site. Interested parties will also need to make an appointment. Afterward, any remaining quantities may be collected by residents and organizations without an appointment on Monday, May 16th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Information booths and lectures

This year, to mark the Year of the Garden and pollinator protection, the City has some surprises in store, which will be available from the booths.

There will be two information booths at the arena, one about the environment and the other about pollinators. Seeds for an environmentally friendly lawn, small trees, honey plants and milkweed seeds will be handed out. The small trees will be donated by Quebec 4-H and the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs du Québec.

Also during the Horticultural Fair, William Mailhot - Awareness Facilitator and Beekeeper at Miel Montréal - will give a lecture on pollinators and honey plants, as part of the Écodécouvertes lectures. Weather permitting, the lecture will take place outdoors. Participants are urged to bring blankets. To attend, participants must reserve their spot online at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca.

Starting April 25th at 9 a.m., citizens who have some general questions about the Horticultural Fair will be able to call the dedicated telephone line at 450-455-5505.

Second distribution location

Residents from more remote areas will be able to pick up their compost and, for the first time this year, wood chips, at 5130 Route Harwood (at the intersection of Montée Alstonvale) on May 14th, between 8 a.m. and noon, also after making an appointment. People will also be able to collect their surprises from an on-site booth.

About the Horticultural Fair

The Horticultural Fair is one of the 73 actions that make up the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Strategic Plan 2020-2025. This event, expected to be held every year, aims to promote gardening activities. The Horticultural Fair is part of the Environmental Policy.