

Yard Waste FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)



Dauphin

1. What is Automated Yard Waste Collection?

Automated Yard Waste Collection is a voluntary, seasonal program where yard waste will be collected at the curb using rolling green containers with a mechanical arm, similar to the garbage and recycling programs. The actual collection will be done by City staff using the City's garbage truck on opposite weeks to garbage collection.

2. Why is a third container required for this system?

Yard waste must be separated from garbage and recycling as it will be delivered to a Provincially licensed compost site, to be located at the Dauphin Landfill site. As it will not be considered "waste", the Province will not collect the \$10/tonne levy on material and it will not use valuable space in the City's landfill site.

3. What type of materials are considered "Yard Waste"?

Yard waste material includes grass clippings, leaves, small tree branches, garden waste, fruit from trees and similar organic material generated in your yard. It does not include garbage or recycling.

4. Can my yard waste or compostable material be put in plastic bags in the green Yard Waste container?

No! There are to be no plastic bags in the container. If you collect your yard waste material in a plastic bag, please dump that material into the green container, and dispose of the plastic bag in your garbage container. Plastic bags are not compostable and will create a problem at the compost site.

5. Can I also put compostable materials in my green Yard Waste container?

Yes! For those who understand composting, please feel free to include compostable material in the green container, along with your yard waste, however any garbage or recycling found in the yard waste container may result in a fine. For a listing of eligible compostable material, please visit www.dauphin.ca/publicworks/recycling-waste/

6. Is there a weight restriction for the yard waste container?

The maximum weight is 100 kgs/220 lbs. Please be mindful of weight when filling your container with dense heavy items.

7. What day will my Yard Waste container be collected, and will it be on the same day as garbage/recycling?

Yard Waste Collection will occur on the same day-of-the-week as your garbage and recycling is collected. However, they will be collected in the week in-between the garbage/recycling collection. For example, if your garbage and recycling are collected on a Thursday, then your yard waste container will be collected the following Thursday.



8. Do I need to pay for Yard Waste Collection?

There is no charge for Yard Waste Collection. The containers are provided free-of-charge to qualifying properties, and collection is paid for through property taxes at large.

9. Who is eligible for a green Yard Waste container?

Any property in Dauphin that has a lawn is eligible, other than those owned or operated by the Federal or Provincial governments, or a crown corporation of such levels of government. Therefore residential (single-family and multi-family), commercial and industrial properties are all eligible for this new program.

10. Who will own the new containers once they are delivered?

The containers will remain the property of the City of Dauphin, and therefore will be assigned to the property (not the owner). If you move, or relocate, do **NOT** take the container with you. However, you are responsible for maintenance of the container and periodic rinsing or washing of the inside is recommended.

11. What if my container is lost, stolen or damaged?

The rolling yard waste container is the property of the City but it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the maintenance and security of the container. The City of Dauphin will replace any lost, stolen or damaged containers upon receiving payment for the replacement. In accordance with the City of Dauphin *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, the current charge for replacement is \$100 plus applicable taxes.

12. Our property generates a lot of yard waste and composting. Can I get a second rolling yard waste container?

No. At the present time the City of Dauphin is only offering each property one yard waste container, however this will be evaluated as the program moves forward. If you have excess yard waste the City will continue to collect it annually during Spring and Fall clean-up, or alternatively it could be delivered free-of-charge to the compost site at the landfill.

13. Where do I place the Yard Waste container for pickup on my collection day?

The yard waste container should be placed with wheels against the curb, in the same general location as your garbage and recycling containers. Please ensure you have a minimum of three (3) feet clearance on either side of the cart to allow for efficient collection.