Laval is recruiting 20,000 new star players for the organic waste collection.

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GO!

"What's important is to do your part and do your best!"

On Laval territory, recycling collections are carried out at all buildings with 7 housing units or less. Ville de Laval wants to further reduce the volume of landfill waste by diverting as well both green waste and food scraps from waste disposal (landfill) sites in order to convert this organic waste into compost.

Such organic waste collections have other positive advantages, too: For instance, they will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which significantly contribute to climate change. The objective by the year 2020 is to expand the organic waste collection to all buildings with 7 housing units or less.

To take up this challenge, we need all players to team up with us. The Game Plan will give you all the information you need to successfully launch your career as a star player in the organic waste collection!

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BROWN

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The ball is in your camp!

**Eliminating**
Peels, egg shells and other food scraps must be disposed of directly into the kitchen mini-bin. Its contents must then be emptied into the brown bin, along with any green waste you may have put there.

**Collecting**
Organic waste in the brown bin is picked up every week, and every second week during the winter. It is then transported directly to the composting centre located outside Laval.

**Composting**
At the centre, in a few months' time, windrow-type operations—through loosening, turning over and mixing as well as through the action of micro-organisms—produce a nutrient-rich, dark brown compost with the consistency and odour of potting soil.

**Fertilizing**
The compost produced in this way, after several months, is returned to the earth to enrich the soil, fields and vegetable gardens. Ville de Laval receives it in bulk, to be used by its municipal services and Laval organizations. Part of it is packaged for sale to residents at low cost.

**Harvesting**
Spreading (or using) compost promotes the growth of tasty vegetables, colourful flowers and strong grass, while limiting the use of chemical fertilizers. It is by putting precious nutrients back into the earth that the life cycle of organic materials continues on.

**Foul ball!**
Organic waste disposed of in a garbage can is sent to the waste disposal centre following waste collections. The cycle ends here. The waste materials decompose with the other garbage, producing greenhouse gases.
The champion's routine!

In your home
1. Put your mini-bin in an easy-to-reach place in your kitchen.
2. If need be, line the bottom of your mini-bin with some newspaper or a paper bag to absorb any liquids.
3. Drain and accumulate your food scraps in your mini-bin.
4. Transfer the contents of the mini-bin to your wheeled brown bin, as necessary.

Lawn and garden
Place green waste from your lawn and garden directly inside your wheeled brown bin. Excess green waste may be placed in cardboard boxes or paper bags next to your brown bin, on the day of the collection.

En route to the major leagues

Even the biggest champions started their careers learning how to tie their shoe laces! Organic waste collection requires cultivating new habits. Little by little, practise your skills with easy-to-collect waste materials and then gradually make more progress at your own pace...

Beginners' level
Collect garden waste, papers and soiled cardboard, paper towels and facial tissue.

Major junior level
Add kitchen scraps, such as fruits and vegetables, as well as egg shells.

Pro level
Add meat waste and dairy products.

At any time, you can go back to a lower level. Go up to the next level when you feel at ease in doing so. Everything in its own time!
— The coach
Get in position!

Place your wheeled brown bin on your property before 7 a.m. on the day of the collection or after 7 p.m. the day before. Leave 1-metre clearance around the bin to make it easier for the collection workers.

So as not to interfere with traffic or public road maintenance, the bin must be placed in front of your building, set back from the street curb or sidewalk—but no more than 30 cm (12 inches) away.

Turn to the last page to find out what your collection day is.

YOUR BUILDING

WHEELS TURNED TOWARD YOUR BUILDING

PUBLIC ROADWAY

It’s all in the bag!

**Compostables, biodegradables or ordinary ones?**

At the composting site, it is impossible to differentiate the types of plastic bags once the trucks have been unloaded. So that is why ALL PLASTIC BAGS, even the so-called compostable ones, are PROHIBITED in the brown bin. In this way, we avoid contaminating the compost with plastic, non-compostable materials.

**Paper bags: the winning choice**

They decompose in the soil at the same time as organic waste and are easy to identify when the trucks are unloaded. They are perfect for collecting organic waste, but are not indispensable. A few sheets of newspaper, placed at the bottom of the mini-bin to absorb any liquids, are a very good alternative!
THE STARTING LINE-UP
THE WINNING TRIO

Brown bin

Food scraps
- Coffee filters, coffee grounds, tea bags and tea residue
- Cooked or uncooked fruits and vegetables (including peels, pits and seeds)
- Nuts (shells and husks)
- Eggs
- Bread, cereal, grains, pasta
- Powdered food products (flour, sugar, etc.)
- Solid milk products
- Table scraps
- Meat, fish and seafood, including shells, bones, scales and fat (ideally wrapped in newsprint)

PLEASE NOTE:
Plastic bags (including compostable, oxo-biodegradable ones) must not be used in brown bins. Only paper bags are accepted.

Green waste
- Bark, wood chips, sawdust, roots
- Dried leaves, needles and pine cones, samaras
- Hay and straw
- Grass, sand and garden soil (don’t fill more than half the bin)
- Small branches (maximum: 1.2 metres long, 5 cm in diameter) and twigs
- Gardening waste and thatch
- Clippings of grass and other herbaceous plants

Other compostable materials
- Hair and feathers
- Toothpicks, wooden stir sticks
- Pet litter
- Food-soiled paper and cardboard (for example, pizza boxes)
- Paper table napkins, paper towels, facial tissues
Les Pages vertes
de Laval
(Laval's green pages)

To find out where to dispose of other waste materials (electronic equipment, small household appliances, toys, construction materials, hazardous materials, etc.), consult our Pages vertes (green pages)

? laval.ca/pages-vertes

ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION ISSUE
Blue bin

Paper and cardboard
• Egg crates
• Milk and juice cartons
• Aseptic containers (Tetra Pak-type)
• Sheets of paper, paper envelopes and paper bags
• Newspapers, circulars, magazines, books and catalogues
• Paper cores and cardboard boxes

Plastic
• Caps and lids
• Bottles and wrappers from food products, drinks, cosmetics, personal hygiene and household maintenance products bearing one of the following symbols:
  1 2 3 4 5 7
• Plastic bags and plastic wrap

Glass
• Bottles and jars, regardless of the colour

Metal
• Food cans
• Caps and lids
• Paper, containers, aluminum bottles and cans (money-back ones or not)

Garbage can

Ultimate waste
• Electric light bulbs (except LED lamps, which are hazardous household waste)
• Cork stoppers
• Rubber (a watering hose, for example)
• Diapers and hygienic products (sanitary napkins and towelettes, for example)
• Paper towels soiled with toxic cleaning products
• Electrical wires
• Broken toys
• Absorbent cotton, cotton balls, cotton swabs (Q-tips), dental floss
• Waxed paper and parchment paper
• Photos
• Plastics with the symbol 6 in a triangle and without any symbol in the triangle
• Biodegradable bags
• Bags from chips, wrappers made of non-stretchy plastic
• Styrofoam
• Dinnerware, mirrors, porcelain (china) and utensils
The Coach’s advice

In summer
During the hot weather season, keep your wheeled brown bin in a shaded area, if possible. Keep meat leftovers in the freezer and place them in your bin only just before the collection.

Odours
In the brown bin, alternate layers of moist waste (food scraps) with dry waste (cardboards, newspapers, dry leaves, etc.). Place your bin by the curb every week, even if it is not full. If need be, sprinkle baking soda or lime on the contents of the bin to neutralize the odours.

Small mammals
Do you have any little visitors? Spread some menthol ointment around the lid and air holes of the brown bin in order to block odours that might attract animals. Some animals are agile little devils! So place your bin far away from balconies and fences. Also make sure you tightly close the lid. Place a weight, if necessary, and remove it on the day of the collection.

Fruit flies and company
If you see any fruit flies or white grubs in your bin, don’t panic! It can happen from time to time. Sprinkle some salt or vinegar in your bin. Prevent these little undesirable creatures from coming there by frequently emptying the contents of your mini-bin into your brown bin.

In winter
The organic waste collection continues on during the winter. In order to prevent waste materials from freezing at the bottom of your brown bin, line it with newspaper. Or put your organic waste in a cardboard bag and then put that bag in your bin.

Keep your bin clean
From time to time, rinse out your brown bin, using some mild soap or vinegar mixed into a bit of water. Place your newspaper sheets at the bottom so that they absorb the liquids and prevent the waste materials from sticking to the sides of the bin.

Did you know?
In decomposing, grass clippings and dry leaves make very good natural fertilizer. Ville de Laval encourages its residents to spread them on their grass and flower or plant beds rather than disposing of them in their brown bin.
2016 Facts & Figures
ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

18,068 participating households, including 10,950 new recruits since September 2016

2978 tons of recovered organic waste, and therefore diverted from the landfill (waste disposal) site

The equivalent of 254 kg per household, per year, diverted from the landfill site

Nearly 300 fully-loaded trucks not sent to the landfill site

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**composting**

Residents who are already doing home composting are encouraged to keep up their good habits! It is an excellent way to cut down on sending organic waste to waste disposal (land-fill) sites, because the compost produced is ideal for enriching your soil and your plants.

Notice to residents interested in composting: Ville de Laval offers a $50 rebate on the purchase of a home composter.

? laval.ca, under Citizens/ Grant Programs
RELY ON THE TEAM!
Adopting a new habit takes time. You may also have questions or need some help in making it easier for you to learn. That’s very normal and there are a number of solutions to help you reach your objective.

Online
allezlesbruns.laval.ca, and click on English
Detailed map of the areas concerned by the organic waste collection, the start of the winter schedule, answers to questions not covered by the Game Plan... You will find all this at one single address.

By phone
311
The 311 telephone service allows you to directly speak to an agent who will help you find the answers to your questions or put you in touch with an employee in the Service de l’environnement, if necessary.

In person
Door-to-door
A few weeks after the brown bins are delivered, employees from Ville de Laval’s Service de l’environnement will be coming to meet the new players in the organic waste collection. These coaches will be there to answer your questions and give you tips on how to make your collection easier.

Talks
Short talks on the organic waste collection will be given within the Laval libraries’ cultural program—an ideal opportunity to ask your questions and talk to people who, like yourself, are just starting to play on the team.

• Thursday, June 1, 7 p.m.
  Marius-Barbeau library
• Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.
  Émile-Nelligan library
• Tuesday, July 4, 7 p.m.
  Gabrielle-Roy library
• Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.
  Sylvain-Garneau library
• Monday, July 17, 7 p.m.
  Laure-Conan library
• Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m.
  Yves-Thériault library

Online registration starting May 17 at inscriptions.laval.ca
20,000
new recruits

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ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION ISSUE
COLLECTION SCHEDULE

(clockwise on map)
Mercredi = Wednesday
Vendredi = Friday
Mardi = Tuesday
Jeudi = Thursday
Lundi = Monday

The organic waste collection is carried out two working days after the recycling collection. For example, if this collection is on a Tuesday at a given address, the organic waste collection will be on a Thursday.

During the year, the brown bin contents are picked up every week, except during the winter (every second week).

The detailed map of the collection days, by sector, may be found online at allezlesbruns.laval.ca.

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