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Regular leaf and yard waste collection restarts in Simcoe County on April 28

Midhurst/April 24, 2025 – After prioritizing ice storm clean up in our hardest hit communities the past two weeks, the County of Simcoe will commence regular collection for leaf and yard waste across the region during the weeks of April 28 and May 5. Residents will receive three weeks of collection, occurring bi-weekly, always coinciding with garbage collection weeks.

Residents are asked to place leaf and yard waste out by the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. Collection may occur any day during the week, so please be patient and leave your leaf and yard waste curbside if it's not collected on your garbage day. Regular leaf and yard waste collection takes place bi-weekly from April 28 to June 6. *This program does not apply to the cities of Barrie and Orillia*.

Leaf and yard waste collection includes leaves, grass, garden waste and branches that are sized and bundled appropriately. Residents are reminded to use kraft paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes, or open-ended rigid containers to place out for collection. For more information on accepted materials and how to prepare for collection, please click here.

"We thank residents for their patience as our collection crews and resources prioritized ice storm clean up in some of our hardest hit communities," said Warden Basil Clarke. "We know residents rely on our leaf and yard waste collection program and we ask for you continued patience as we ramp up collection a little bit later than usual this year."

Updates on ice storm clean up efforts

Brush Drop-Off:

As a reminder to residents that continue to deal with brush and debris from the ice storm, County waste sites will continue to accept drop-offs of brush free of charge until the end of May. Temporary brush drop-off sites continue to be available for a limited time. For a full list of locations and hours, please click here.

Larger Brush Collection:

Curbside brush collection is still ongoing in some of the hardest hit communities such as Ramara, Oro-Medonte and Severn. Crews have also begun progressing into communities in Innisfil, Springwater and Essa, with chipper crews expected to mobilize in the coming days. The County will communicate more information about larger brush collection in the coming days.

For up-to-date information and notices regarding collections, download the <u>Simcoe County Collects</u> <u>App</u>. For inquiries and questions, residents can contact the Service Simcoe Contact Centre by phone at 1-800-263-3199 or by email at <u>service@simcoe.ca</u>.

About the County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at **simcoe.ca**.

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