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Question #2 – Leaf and yard waste?

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Dear Trash Talk Trish and Tabitha:

I'm drowning in leaves right now!!! My gardens are all dead and I realize that I only have a 3 bag limit for my curbside garbage. So now what? What do you suggest I do with all this leaf and yard waste???

RC Jarvis

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Dear RC:

Our first response would be to throw you a floatation device! Once we knew that you were OK we could deal with this type of material in a responsible way! So, no fear, we are here for you!

Haldimand County does offer a leaf and yard waste curbside collection program (5 weeks in the spring and 6 weeks in the fall). If you live within the urban boundary of Jarvis then you would qualify for this service. The same goes for people living within the urban boundaries of Caledonia, Cayuga, Dunnville Hagersville and Townsend. In a nut shell, leaf and yard waste will be picked up curbside, on your regular collection day within those 11 weeks. The program is pretty simple. Place material in paper bags, yard waste and garden waste is acceptable, no grass clippings and absolutely NO PET WASTE. You may set out as much as Mother Nature *LEAVES* you. Oh and your timing is bang on with this question because the program starts October 22 this year. So if you do the math then it ends on November 30<sup>th</sup>.....2019 dates will be announced after our meeting with Mother Nature and the Farmer's that write the Almanac.

But RC, we are not sure where you live. So, if your address happens to be outside of the urban boundaries (as defined within the Haldimand County Official Plan) then unfortunately this service is not offered to your address then Haldimand County does offer a free drop off period at our transfer station (9 weeks in the spring and 13 weeks in the fall). Just bag all those leaves, garden waste etc., and haul them on down to us at the Canborough Waste Management Facility located at 499 James Road, Dunnville, up until December 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and we will gladly take them, for free!!!! We always like having visitors!!!

OH and NEW just this year (for the next 2 years to be exact).....we are running a PILOT PROJECT for leaf and yard waste curbside collection that includes qualifying Hamlets and a section along our scenic Lake Erie lakeshore .

RC, I'm not sure how much time you have here and we are running out of space so for the sake of keeping this answer short and to the point (lol) you may want to go directly to our website and read up some more on our Pilot Project and the actual leaf and yard waste program itself.

P.S. Haldimand County always has composters for sale!

Thank you for your question RC and good luck with putting your lawn and gardens to rest for a long winter's nap!