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The Vaudreuil-Dorion Horticultural Fair returns from May 12th to 14th

Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 24, 2023 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce it will again be holding its Horticultural Fair in the parking lot of the municipal arena (9 rue Jeannotte) for the fourth consecutive year. The event will take place over three days, from Friday to Sunday, May 12th to 14th, and citizens will be able to obtain compost, wood chips and shrubs. Those interested in participating are invited to book a time slot online ahead of their visit starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 1st.

Distribution of shrubs

Six types of shrubs will be available at a low cost of \$10 per unit. Citizens will be able to go online at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, in the Online Services section, starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 1st to reserve a maximum of two shrubs per residence. Residents will be able to pick up their plants on May 12th, 13th or 14th at the time of their choice between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and 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*)
- Snowy Mespilus (different varieties offered)

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 Friday, May 12th, between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday, May 13th and 14th, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 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. Those interested will also have to make an appointment. Afterward, any remaining quantities may be picked up by residents and organizations without an appointment on Monday, May 15th between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Second point of distribution

Residents in more remote areas will be able to collect their compost and wood chips at 5130 Route Harwood (at the intersection of *Montée d'Alstonvale*) on May 13th between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., by also making an appointment beforehand.

Information booths and lectures

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*.

A lecture on eco-lawns will be held at the municipal library (*51 rue Jeannotte*) on Thursday, May 11th, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. as part of the *Écodécouvertes* series of lectures. This event, presented by Edith Smeesters - biologist, author and speaker well known for her ecological approach to gardening and landscaping, is included in the Horticultural Fair's programming. To attend, please register online on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 1st, citizens with general questions about the Horticultural Fair will be able to call the dedicated telephone line at 450 455-5505.

About the Horticultural Fair

The Horticultural Fair is one of the goals established in the Environmental Policy, and is one of the 73 actions that make up the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Strategic Plan 2020-2025. This annual event aims to promote gardening activities and pollinator protection.