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## The Vaudreuil-Dorion Horticultural Fair: The Star Event from May 10-12

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 24, 2024** - The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce it will again be hosting its Horticultural Fair in the parking lot of the municipal arena (9 rue Jeannotte), with new additions to its program this year in the form of horticultural exhibitions. The event will take place from May 10th to 12th, and residents will be able to obtain compost and wood chips. Those interested are invited to book a time slot online starting May 1st at 9 a.m. A valid citizen card is required to complete the booking. Compost and wood chips will be available to be collected on a self-serve basis on Sunday, May 12th, while supplies last.

New this year, visitors will be able to attend free presentations on gardening topics on Saturday, May 11th. At 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Patrick Legault, who is a foreman with Horticulture and Urban Forestry at the Public Works Department, will share various tips and tricks for a beautifully done ornamental flower planter. At 2 p.m., Katryne Delisle, Horticulturist and co-founder of *L'Atelier Paysan*, will present the multiple benefits of lasagna gardening, a technique that promotes the maintenance of a rich soil and the reuse of elements already present in the environment.

### Distribution of shrubs

Five types of shrubs will be available at a low cost of \$10 per unit. Citizens will be able to go to [ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://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. Residents will be able to pick up their plants anytime on May 10th and 11th, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The shrubs, which include the following species, will be available in limited quantities:

- Honeyberry (*Lonicera caerulea "Borealis"*)
- Currant White Pearl (*Ribes rubrum*)
- Autumn Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus Heritage*)
- Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium Bluecrop*)
- Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

To encourage the Honeyberry and Blueberry plants to bear fruit, at least one other plant must be planted nearby. Therefore, upon purchase, these varieties will automatically be sold in pairs for a total of \$20.

A description of each plant is available on the City's website at [ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca) (Environment/Environmental Initiatives/Environmental Activities).

## **Compost & Wood Chips**

From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 10th and 11th, residents of Vaudreuil-Dorion will be able to stock up on free compost made from the food waste matter collected and wood chips produced from trees shredded by the Public Works Department. Residents are asked to bring containers or trailers, shovels, and gloves. No equipment will be loaned onsite. Those interested will also need to make an appointment. Afterward, any remaining quantities may be picked up by residents and organizations without an appointment on Sunday, May 12th.

## **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 Alstonvale*) on Saturday, May 11th, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., by also making an appointment beforehand. Remaining quantities will be available for self-serve pick-up on Sunday, May 12th, while supplies last, without the need to book an appointment.

## **Information Booths on May 11th**

Several booths operated by the City will be onsite at the arena, including one from the Environment Division to promote the Butterfly Effect movement and the pilot project for Biodiversity Islands. Information will also be provided on organic matter collection. Citizens will be able to obtain free melliferous plants, lawn seeds and milkweed seeds, as well as certified compostable bags. The library staff will be on hand to present their *jardinothèque* and *bouturothèque* projects, where seeds and plant cuttings can be exchanged. To learn more about horticulture and the importance of the urban canopy, employees from the Urban Forestry and Horticulture Division will be on hand to answer any questions, and hand out trees, courtesy of the *Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP)*. *L'Atelier Paysan* will operate a booth to offer tips on how to produce a successful vegetable garden. *Hub Vaudreuil-Soulanges*, a mobile farmer's market, will also be on site between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. with local products to sell.

Citizens with general queries about the horticultural fair are urged to call 450-455-3371, option 1.

## **Self-serve wood chips**

Please note that citizens who wish to obtain wood chips can collect them on their own at any time from the entrance to the snow deposit site located on *rue du Voiturier*, accessible from Rang Saint-Antoine. The site is open every day, 24 hours a day. The chips available have been produced from the various branch collections that have taken place on the territory, or from City trees that have required pruning or cutting down.