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Curbside Give Away Weekend

On October 13 & 14, 2018 FREE yourself of clutter and find some great FREE items of your own! Put out your unwanted household items during Curbside Give Away Weekend instead of discarding them. It's a great way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill, while letting someone else find something new. **This event happens rain or shine.**

On Curbside Give Away Weekend:

- place re-usable household items at the curb in front of your home during the weekend
- only place items that are free that are clearly marked with a "FREE" sign
- post your items on the Interactive Map or Facebook event

Then sit back and watch your old stuff be adopted by your neighbours, or complete strangers scouring the city for discarded gems. Share your finds and connect with other treasure hunters on Facebook and Twitter and use the hashtag #hfxcurbside. If no one picks up your stuff, remember that unclaimed items must be removed from the curb by dusk on Sunday. Consider donating unclaimed items to charitable organizations, and place any garbage for collection on your regular garbage day and week.

For more information about the Curbside Give Away Weekend, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/education-outreach/curbside-give-away-weekend>

What Do You Think About Taxi Service in Our Region?

Halifax Regional Council asked staff to undertake a review of the taxi and limousine vehicle for hire industry in the municipality. The consultant's report will be ready for Council's consideration this fall.

We want to know about what matters to you when using a vehicle for hire service. Please take five minutes to complete this [survey](#). The results will be shared with Council in the overall report.



Open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)



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Cannabis and Smoking in HRM

Cannabis will be legalized on October 17, 2018 and changes are needed at all levels of government to address its legalization.

At the municipal level, this means amendments to [By-Law N-300](#), The Nuisance By-law, and [By-Law P-600](#), respecting Municipal Parks. Amendments will also be required to the [Regional Plan and Land Use By-laws](#) regarding appropriate zones and land use controls for commercial cannabis production facilities.

Rather than singling out cannabis use, all smoking and vaping will be treated the same. An awareness campaign was launched in September outlining what the public can expect from the By-law changes. In the meantime, learn more about what these by-law amendments mean for you.

For more information about the cannabis legalization, visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/legislation-by-laws/by-law-standards/cannabis-smoking-halifax>



MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The next Fairview Food Market will be held on Saturday, October 6th from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Titus Smith Park. For more information visit <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

Neighbourhood Placemaking

Neighbourhood Placemaking provides guidance and support to community members interested in hosting a project in their neighbourhood.



This could be painting an intersection, building of benches for a local gathering place, planting a community garden, or any idea that brings together community members to create public art that activates shared public spaces to create a sense of place and build a sense of community.

Municipal staff provides support to seek necessary approvals and work collaboratively with community members to design accessible, creative, and successful project plans.

Would you like your neighbourhood to be next? Download the [Neighbourhood Placemaking Application and Toolkit \[PDF\]](#) for detailed instructions on the 13-step process to host your own placemaking event.

For more information about the Neighbourhood Placemaking Project visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/arts-culture-heritage/community-arts/north-common-plazas/neighbourhood-placemaking>

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Applications are due by October 30 for neighbourhoods wishing to create a project the following summer.

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Did You Know?

Did you know that the best time to prepare your lawn to be healthy, believe it or not, is in the fall – before the snow falls and things go dormant for the season? This allows your lawn to absorb the nutrients it will need to become beautiful next spring. Here are a few tips to help prepare your lawn for the winter:

Change how you mow – once the fall sets in around early October, begin to mow your grass quite a bit shorter than you would during the summer. The ideal setting is about two inches: short enough that it will prevent the grass from matting under the snow, but long enough to keep the roots alive. The prevention of matting is important to keep the grass healthy while it is snow covered, and will lead to a thicker, fuller lawn come spring.

Fertilize when the leaves start to change – Invest in a good quality fertilizer and begin applying it to your lawn, according to the manufacturer's directions, in early October.

Re-seed your lawn – Applying more grass seed in the fall versus the spring will allow fresh, healthy grass to begin to grow in the spring. Water lightly until just prior to the first frost.

Summer Green Cart Collection

The summer green cart collection program has ended. Effective Monday, October 1st, solid waste and green cart collection reverts back to its normal schedule. For information on solid waste collection including schedules visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/garbage-collection>

Any leaves that you do not [mulch](#) or backyard compost can go in your green cart or large paper leaf and yard waste bags for collection. Up to 20 bags, 25 kg (55 lb) maximum weight each, are allowed each green cart collection day. Branches should be tied in armload-sized bundles to a **maximum of 5 bundles each collection day**. No bundle can exceed 34 kg (75 lb) and no individual piece can be more than 4 feet long (1.2 m) or larger than 8 inches (0.2m) in diameter. For more information about green carts and leaf and yard material visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/green-carts-leaf-yard-material>

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