



Brampton

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GET READY FOR SPRING CLEANUP

A number of community events planned throughout the month of April

BRAMPTON, ON: The City of Brampton is getting ready for the Annual Spring Cleanup, spearheaded by the Brampton Clean City Committee.

Spring Cleanup is a month-long cleanup blitz, mobilizing students from Brampton schools, community groups, residents and businesses to participate. Residents are encouraged to clean up their properties, neighbourhoods and local parks throughout the month of April.

This year, the cleanup encourages residents to organize their own cleanups at their convenience throughout the month. Register your cleanup at your local recreation centre or contact the Clean City office and get your Community Cleanup Kit.

Come celebrate a clean and green Brampton at one of our free community events:

Spring Cleanup Kick-off

April 4, 2009, 11 am – 3 pm

Gage Park

Join us for free refreshments and entertainment at this launch event for the whole city.

Youth Park Stewardship

10 am – 12 noon

April 4 – Balmoral Recreation Centre

April 11 – Kiwanis Park

April 18 – Chinguacousy Park

April 25 – Gage Park

1- 3 pm

May 3 - Chinguacousy Park & South Fletcher's Sportsplex (part of National Youth Week)

Teens are encouraged to register to join one of these organized park cleanups to meet new friends, have fun, and earn community service hours.

Clean & Green Corporate Challenge

April 17, 2009, 1 – 4 pm

Centennial Park

Brampton businesses are invited to join this cleanup and BBQ, hosted by the Brampton Board of Trade. Register for this event at www.bramptonbot.com

“Thank You” Ecofair

April 25, 2009, 11 am – 3 pm

Chinguacousy Park

Come celebrate with entertainment, refreshments, and environmental displays and activities to recognize the contributions of all cleanup participants.

Green Education Booths

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. 11 am – 3 pm

City Hall & Civic Centre

Visit our public education booths at City Hall and the Civic Centre for environmental information, activities and giveaways.

The Spring Cleanup is intended to engage the public in cleaning up litter in their community and increase environmental awareness and community pride. This is the 12th year of Brampton's Spring Cleanup. In 2008, the month-long effort attracted more than 53,000 participants, including businesses, community groups, schools and neighbourhood groups.

To register or for more information contact the Clean City office at 905-874-2300; email cleancity@brampton.ca or visit www.brampton.ca/cleancity

City of Brampton Cleanup

To help keep City roads clean of winter sand and debris, the City of Brampton will begin its annual spring street sweeping program mid-April, weather permitting. The City will sweep a total of 2,246 kilometres of roads with curbs and gutters. Streets without a topcoat of asphalt are exempt from this program. City-operated rural roads without curbs will be swept and/or flushed with water, and private roads remain the responsibility of the owner.

City crews will be removing winter debris from gutters, asphalt/concrete boulevards, roadway medians, sidewalks (plowed by the City during the winter), walkways, bridges and catch basins. Dirt and winter sand collected during the spring sweep will be screened free of garbage and is available to be used as clean fill for City and private construction projects this summer.

Weekend Downtown cleanups will start in June at the beginning of the Farmer's Market and end on Thanksgiving Day long weekend. The downtown core is flushed, swept and debris removed early on Sunday morning.

In addition, By-law Enforcement Property Standards Officers and Summer Inspectors will be patrolling neighbourhoods this spring and summer to ensure that property standards are maintained. Owners of properties that do not meet the City standards may be issued notices, orders to comply, and/or be charged and fined if necessary. For more information on By-law Enforcement visit www.brampton.ca/bylaws, call 905-458-3424 or e-mail enforcement@brampton.ca.

For up-to-date street sweeping and road works information for City of Brampton roads, visit www.brampton.ca/roadworks call 905-874-2500 or e-mail works@brampton.ca. For more information on regional roads visit www.peelregion.ca.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City's 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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