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**Residents help keep Brampton Clean and Green
Spring Cleanup events planned throughout the month of April**

BRAMPTON, ON: Now that spring has officially arrived, residents, community groups and businesses are gearing up to participate in the City of Brampton's Annual Spring Cleanup. Spearheaded by the Brampton Clean City Committee, Spring Cleanup is a month-long blitz designed to encourage the community members to clean up their properties, neighbourhoods and local parks.

To participate, residents can organize a cleanup at their convenience throughout the month. They can register their cleanup at a local recreation centre or by contacting the Clean City office. They will also receive a Community Cleanup Kit that includes latex gloves, garbage bags and cleanup information.

Residents are also invited to celebrate a clean and green Brampton at free community events. Schedules of events throughout the month of April are listed below.

Education

Educating residents about the impact that litter has on the community is an important component of the Spring Cleanup activities. Throughout the month, education booths will be located at City Hall and the Civic Centre. They will offer environmental information, activities and giveaways.

This is the 13th year of Brampton's Spring Cleanup. In 2009, the month-long effort attracted more than 66,000 participants, including businesses, community groups, schools and neighbourhood groups.

To register or for more information contact the Clean City office at 905-874-2828; email cleancity@brampton.ca or visit www.brampton.ca/cleancity

Street Sweeping and Debris Pickup

To help keep City roads clean of winter sand and debris, the City of Brampton will begin its annual spring street sweeping program on April 6, weather permitting. The City will sweep more than 2,500 kilometres of roads with curbs and gutters. Streets without a topcoat of asphalt are exempt from this program.

Other work includes cleanup of City-operated rural roads without curbs. They will be swept and/or flushed with water. City crews will also 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 will be used as clean fill for City and private construction projects this summer.

City clean-up activities continue throughout the summer. Weekend downtown cleanups will start in June and end on the Thanksgiving Day long weekend. The downtown core is flushed, swept and will have debris removed on Sunday mornings.

For up-to-date street sweeping information for City of Brampton roads, visit www.brampton.ca/streetsweeping, 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's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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Spring Cleanup 2010 Schedule of Events

Community Cleanup events

Saturdays, 10 am – 1 pm at various locations

April 10 - Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre & Century Gardens Recreation Centre

April 17 - South Fletcher's Sportsplex (TBC) & Brampton Soccer Centre

April 24 - Cassie Campbell Recreation Centre & Earnscliffe Recreation Centre

Informal community events at recreation centres to raise awareness about reducing, reusing, and recycling. Also a drop-off depot for cleanup participants to bring recyclables that they have collected.

Youth Park Stewardship

Saturdays, 10 am – 12 noon

April 3 – Gage Park

April 10 – Loafer's Lake

April 17 – Centennial Park

April 24 – Chinguacousy Park

Teens register to join one of these organized park cleanups and earn community service hours.

Youth Trail Stewardship Program

Sundays, 10 am – 12 pm

April 11 – Start Jefferson Park / end Chinguacousy Wellness Centre

April 18 – Start Loafer's Lake Park / end Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre

April 25 – Start Chinguacousy Park (Fire Life Safety building) / end Manitou Park

Teens register to join one of these organized trail cleanups and earn community service hours.

Corporate Challenge BBQ and Cleanup

April 16, 12 – 3 pm

Centennial Park (across from Cardinal Leger Secondary School)

A special cleanup and BBQ for the business community. Businesses must register to participate.

Anti-littering Licensing 'FUN' Stations

Tuesdays, 11 am – 3 pm

April 6 & 20, City Hall

April 13 & 27, Civic Centre

Brampton residents are encouraged to visit the "Anti-Littering Licensing Station" to show their commitment to keeping Brampton 'clean & green'

- Receive a free wallet-sized license that shows your commitment to the cause
- Receive a cleanup kit
- Learn about waste management practices in the City of Brampton

Spring Cleanup Recognition event

Saturday, May 1, 10 am – 1 pm

Rose Theatre Garden Square

A community 'thank you' event to celebrate Spring Cleanup. The event will offer entertainment, refreshments, and informational displays and activities on environmental themes.