



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Disposing of Broken and Fallen Trees/Branches Due to Storm

ABBOTSFORD – January 15, 2018 – With the extreme winter weather conditions, residents may have additional tree branches and yard waste that requires disposal. Please refer to the appropriate section below rural or urban, for appropriate disposal methods.

RURAL PROPERTIES ONLY - DISPOSAL BY BURNING PERMIT

Due to the excessive amounts of green and agricultural waste generated on “Rural” properties from the recent extreme weather, the Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service will be adjusting the Burning Permit Process, allowing for a single permit to be issued to burn from the date the permit is issued up to and including March 31, 2018. This revised permit will allow the property owner to burn a single pile each day up to and including March 31, 2018.

- [Open Air Burning Regulations and Guidelines](#): Rules and regulations remain in place for the types of materials, clearances and size of piles as per our current guide.
- [Check Before You Burn](#): Burning will only be allowed on days where the venting index for Abbotsford meets a “good” rating, so please remember to check before you burn.
- Please remember that Open air burning is **NOT permitted in URBAN** areas at any time of the year. Please [look up your address online](#) to ensure you are permitted to burn at your location.

URBAN AND RURAL PROPERTIES - DISPOSAL BY CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Tree branches and green waste can be disposed of as part of the City’s curbside collection service in the weekly compost/yard waste by crews as follows:

- Branches can be tied in bundles or placed in compostable waste containers or paper yard bags;
- Branch bundles can be up to 1m (3.3’) in length and up to 60 cm (2’) in diameter;
- Bundles must be tied with cotton or natural string/twine;
- Branches and stumps can be up to 15cm (6”) in diameter; and
- Up to ten items (combination of containers, bags or bundles) will be collected each week.

Materials that do not meet the above packaging unfortunately cannot be accepted with the curbside collection. With the expected disposal volumes, collection services may temporarily extend into the early evenings.

Alternatively, tree branches and yard waste can be dropped off at the [Net Zero Waste](#) composting facility at 5050 Gladwin Rd:

- Residents that receive the City’s curbside collection service can use one of the yard waste coupons that were recently mailed out with the annual collection calendar;
- Additional charges may apply for larger diameter stumps and branches; and
- A gate charge will apply for those without a coupon.

Larger stumps and branches are best handled by a tree service contractor or residents can bring these items to Net Zero Waste for a charge.

Other storm-related debris such as damaged fences and building material can be taken to:

- First Class Transfer Station at 34613 Vye Road
- Waste Connections of Canada Transfer Station at 34321 Industrial Way.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Daily Venting Report](#)
- [City of Abbotsford Rural Burning Guide](#)
- [Apply for an open air RURAL burning permit](#)

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