



## Garbage Pick Up Newsletter to Residents

Dear Residents,

G & R Garbage Ltd. has been our garbage contractor for many years and they do an excellent job at a very reasonable cost to the Municipality. However, they now advise us that they have some concerns and in the Municipality's views, these concerns are legitimate. These concerns are with the weight of garbage containers or bags and the overwhelming amount of heavy wet grass clippings being put out for pick up.

Accordingly, we request your cooperation to resolve the following issues:

- The first request is that regulation size garbage containers must be used. Old barrels and other containers are too heavy. Secondly, we request that if you must put grass clippings in the garbage, please do not use oversize plastic bags. Please remember that Workplace, Safety and Health regulations provide for guidelines in the amount of weight that an employee can lift. Therefore, we are suggesting that any garbage container should not be any heavier than 18 kg. (40 lbs).
- The second request is that all garbage must be placed within the municipal road shoulder and where applicable at the asphalt surface. The Compactor must try to remain on the road surface, otherwise the shoulder and asphalt are damaged by the weight of the truck.

To assist with the large amount of heavy wet grass clippings the current rainy spell is producing, the Municipality will set up a composting area at the municipal landfill site (1373 Bernat Rd) where residents can drop off their cuttings at a **compost area**. This **environmentally friendly solution** will be available at no cost to residents and we encourage you to use it.

We would appreciate your immediate co-operation in this manner as our garbage contractor has given us notice that he will not continue to endure the extra work that is outside of his contract requirements. Containers, the amount and type of garbage collected at the curbside are regulated in most other municipal jurisdictions. The Contractor may at his discretion not pick up any items, which are not household garbage and any containers or bags that exceed 18 kg (40 lbs)

Due to the urgency in sending this newsletter to residents, the French version was not available at the time of mailing but will be made available on our web site ([www.ritchot.com](http://www.ritchot.com)) or by contacting the Municipal Office at 883-2293 and a copy can be mailed to you.

We greatly appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter and for more information on garbage issues, please review your tax insert.

Yves Sabourin, Chief Administrative Officer, R.M. of Ritchot  
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