

# Harvest Cleanup kicks off Saturday

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Register for the annual Harvest Cleanup now and you can have garbage bags, gloves and other supplies delivered right to your home.

Volunteers interested in helping clean up Brampton's green spaces this month can also register and pick up supplies at local recreation centres.

October is cleanup month and residents are encouraged to get together in groups or individually to help beautify the city before winter.

The Brampton Clean City Committee's annual fall cleanup is in its 12th year. Last year, more than 30,000 residents participated.

The kickoff is this Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at city hall. Residents are invited to help with a neighbourhood cleanup of the downtown and Gage Park.

Community sponsor Tim Hortons will supply free refreshments.

Several events will be held throughout the month. New this year will be Recycling Days at select recreation centres designated as "community hubs". It's a way to encourage participants to sort and recycle the trash they pick up in the parks, greenbelts, on boulevards or around their neighbourhoods. The community hubs will have recycling facilities available for easy drop-off during centre hours. Reusable clothes and small household items can also be dropped off at Loafer's Lake and South Fletcher's recreation centres for donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association's Clothesline program.

"Year after year, Bramptonians show their community pride by helping to beautify the city," said Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell. "This dedicated, month-long cleanup contributes to maintaining a clean and functional city."

The Brampton Clean City Committee is a committee of council made up of volunteer citizens. It promotes environmental awareness and a clean community. For more, call 905-874-2828 or visit [www.brampton.ca/cleancity](http://www.brampton.ca/cleancity).

Harvest Cleanup events include:

- Oct. 7, noon to 3 p.m. Corporate Challenge at Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre and Earnscliffe Recreation Centre. It's a friendly cleanup competition for Brampton businesses that pits the west side of the city against the east;
- Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28, Green Education Booths at city hall and the Civic Centre. The booths offer environmental information and giveaways for members of the public;
- Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., thank you event at Chinguacousy Park Optimist Centre. Volunteers are invited to enjoy entertainment, refreshments, displays and activities;
- Nov. 1, 4 to 7 p.m. The Great Pumpkin Party in Garden Square in front of the Rose Theatre. Light up your pumpkin one more time and then have it composted. This is sponsored by the downtown councillors, Region of Peel and the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation.