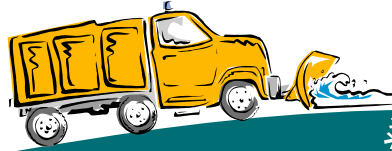


# Servicing VAUGHAN



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## The Battle Against Winter Will Soon Begin!

### Winter Road Maintenance Service Levels

The City's main objective during a snow storm is to keep primary roads clear for emergency and transit vehicles. When clearing operations begin, the City uses a priority based system to clear roads. The priority based system is as follows:

1. **Primary Roads** - High volume traffic, steep hills, sharp curves
2. **Secondary Roads** - Low volume traffic, all other residential streets
3. **Rear Laneways**

#### LESS THAN 5 cm or 2 in. of snowfall accumulated on the road

- The specific course of action (including salting and sanding) will be determined by the Supervisor, depending on snow depth, type of snow, drifting, icy conditions, temperature, etc.

#### MORE THAN 5 cm or 2 in. of snowfall accumulated on the road

- Road ploughing and windrow clearing operations commence in the priority sequence identified above



Circumstances permitting, it is the City's objective to plough all the City owned roads within 16 hours of a snowstorm's completion. It is acknowledged that in cases of heavy snowfalls, accidents, mechanical breakdowns and/or other operational problems, these objectives may not be met.

For more details on the City's Winter Maintenance Operations, our Salt Management Plan and other initiatives please visit:  
[www.city.vaughan.on.ca/snow/index.cfm](http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/snow/index.cfm)

## Where Did the Fire Hydrant Go?

During the winter season, fire hydrants may become buried in the snow. It is essential that Fire crews can find and have access to them. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your residence, please assist the City by ensuring it is visible and clear of snow at all times. You never know when it will be needed!



## Winter Maintenance Updates

- To help serve you better, the City of Vaughan provides regular updates on the progress of its winter snow clearing operations at: [www.city.vaughan.on.ca/snow/index.cfm](http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/snow/index.cfm)
- Those residents without Internet access can get updates on winter snow clearing operations by calling the SNOW Hotline at **905-879-SNOW (7669)**



# Residential Windrow Clearing Service

That pile of snow left by the plough at the end of your driveway is called a windrow. The City of Vaughan provides a residential windrow clearing service to help with the removal of this snow. Windrow machines are designed to clear approximately 80% of the material left at the end of your driveway.

Windrows should typically be cleared within 3 hours of the street clearing operations. This service can be impacted by:

- Size of storm
- Cars parked on the street
- Cars parked in a driveway that are either too close or overhanging the curb

Unfortunately, if you have to leave your home before the windrow machine has cleared the end of your driveway, and you can't drive through it, you will have to shovel your driveway entrance.



## Where is the Plough?

The City of Vaughan closely monitors the progression of its winter fleet through Global Positioning Systems (GPS).

During a storm, Vaughan residents can see the equipment in action by visiting the City's website at: [www.city.vaughan.on.ca/snow/index.cfm](http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/snow/index.cfm) and click on the "Where is my snow plow" link.



## Sidewalk Snow Clearing!

The Parks and Forestry Operations Department is responsible for the management of all municipal parks, open spaces, City trees, and winter sidewalk maintenance.

Snow removal operations on City owned sidewalks will commence when accumulations of snow have reached 5 cm (2 in.) based on the following priority system:

- 1. Primary Sidewalks** are cleared within approximately 8 hours of commencing ploughing operations. A Primary Sidewalk is a municipally owned sidewalk on a street serviced by York Region Transit within the City of Vaughan, as well as sidewalks adjacent to schools or places of worship.
- 2. Secondary Sidewalks** are all other sidewalks, and are addressed only after all the Primary Sidewalks are deemed completed.

### By-law Requirements

- Residents and property owners are required to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting their property within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall (By-law #300-93).
- Please refrain from parking at the end of your driveway or over the sidewalk (By-law #1-96; Section 4-6A).
- Encroachments, such as landscaping curbs and wooden timbers on City property, are illegal and can be hazardous to the snow plough operators (By-law #244-2005). As such, they should be removed.



# "Waste Item Look-up Tool"

[www.greeningvaughan.ca](http://www.greeningvaughan.ca)

**NEW**  
How do I  
dispose of...?  
**CLICK HERE**

If you don't know where to dispose of a waste item, check out Vaughan's new "Waste Item Look-up Tool" at [www.greeningvaughan.ca](http://www.greeningvaughan.ca)

## Winter Waste Placement Reminders!

During heavy snowstorms, waste and blue box materials can become buried during snow clearing operations. Below are a few tips to help ensure your blue boxes, green bins and garbage items don't get damaged or left behind.

**DO** Place collectible materials on the **RIGHT** side of the driveway and set them back approximately 0.9 metres (3 ft.) from the curbside. The **RIGHT** side of the driveway is defined as the right side when standing at the curb facing the house.

**DON'T** Place waste materials on top of, or behind, snow banks. Waste materials buried by snow clearing operations or placed on top of and/or behind snow banks will not be collected.

**DON'T** Put waste materials on the road as this impedes ploughing & windrow clearing operations.



## Christmas Tree Collection

This year, Christmas tree collection will occur during the weeks of **January 5 and January 12**, on your regular collection day.

### Helpful Reminders:

- Do not wrap your tree in plastic
- Remove all tinsel, ornaments and tree stands before placing your tree out for collection
- Christmas trees that exceed 7 feet must be cut in half, as they will not fit into our collection vehicles

### Disposal Options:

- If you miss your Christmas tree collection(s), the following disposal options are available:
- Take your tree to Miller Waste Systems Composting Facility located at 1351 Bloomington Rd. in Richmond Hill (no charge). Visit [www.york.ca/waste](http://www.york.ca/waste) for more information
  - Wait until the start of the City's Spring Leaf and Yard Collection Program

## Holiday Waste Collection Reminders

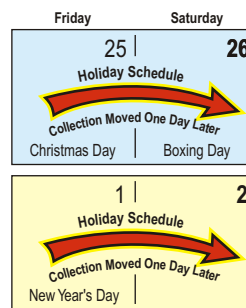
### CHRISTMAS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- Friday, December 25, 2009 CHANGED TO Saturday, December 26, 2009

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- Friday, January 1, 2010 CHANGED TO Saturday, January 2, 2010

All other collections will remain the same.



## Use Only City Approved Blue Boxes for Recycling Collection!

A number of Vaughan residents have purchased oversized recycling containers (typically blue with wheels and attached lids) from retail outlets. Unfortunately, the City is unable to collect recyclables from these bins as the size and loaded weight of these containers prevent safe and effective manual curbside collection.

Blue boxes purchased from retail outlets must be similar to those offered by the City in both dimension and size. The City of Vaughan sells 64 litre blue boxes (as shown) for \$6.00 each. \*Price is subject to change.

Refer to [www.greeningvaughan.ca](http://www.greeningvaughan.ca) for blue box sales locations.



# York Region's McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre

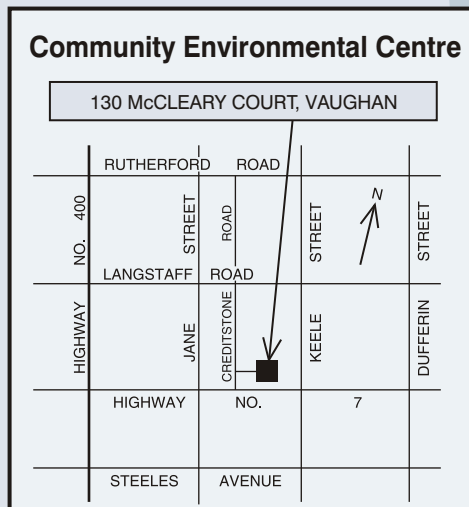
York Region's McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre (CEC) is York Region's first waste management facility to provide residents with a convenient one-stop location to drop off reusable and recyclable materials such as furniture, electronics, building supplies, drywall, tires, Blue Box recyclables and scrap metal.

Residents can drop off reusable and recyclable materials at the CEC free-of-charge. A fee is charged for dropping off residual waste (garbage) or appliances containing CFCs (i.e. refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners).

The CEC does not accept Green Bin organics, leaf and yard waste or Household Hazardous Waste, with the exception of small household batteries and energy-efficient light bulbs.

The CEC is located at 130 McCleary Court in the City of Vaughan (at Highway 7 and Creditstone Road). Hours of operation are Thursday to Monday (including weekends) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Operational hours on Thursdays will be extended to 7 p.m. from April 1, 2010 until October 31, 2010.

For more information on York Region's waste management programs and services, please visit [www.york.ca/waste](http://www.york.ca/waste) or call 1-877-464-9675.



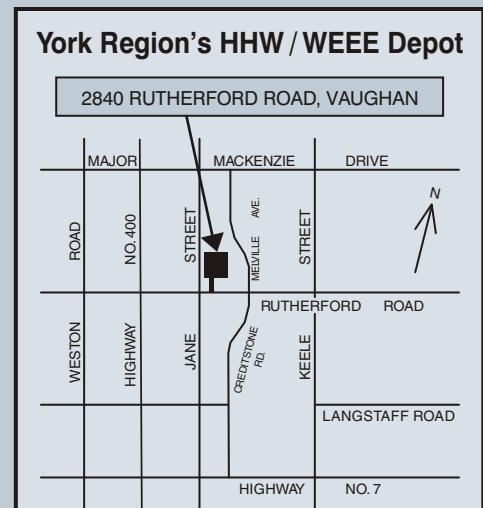
# Household Hazardous Waste Depot Hours



The Region's Vaughan Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot is now open five days per week, from Thursday to Monday (including weekends) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Vaughan HHW depot will be closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and on statutory holidays. Extended hours will be offered from April to October 2010.

Residents can drop off unwanted hazardous waste products such as household cleaners, propane cylinders, paints and batteries. Electronics, such as televisions, computers, monitors and stereos are also accepted at this location. Disposal of HHW is a free service for York Region residents.

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## For more information on the winter maintenance of:

**City roads** call Public Works at 905-879-SNOW (7669)

**Sidewalks** call Parks at 905-879-SNOW (7669)

**Regional roads** call York Region at 905-764-6346 x 5200

**407/ETR** call 905-264-5380

**400 series highways** call 1-800-268-4686



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