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Spring leaf clear bag pickup coming next week

Spring leaf clear bag pick-up will return to Vernon April 20 – 24, 2020.

Waste Connections of Canada will provide curbside collection of leaves and garden refuse to coincide with regular garbage collection days. In order to take part in the program, residents must use **clear plastic bags**.

City of Vernon Residents may put out an unlimited number of clear bags before 7:00 am on their designated day, at the same location as their regular garbage collection site.

To participate, there are some things to keep in mind:

- Any clear bags weighing more than 23 kilograms (50 lbs) will be considered overweight
 and will not be picked up. Any coloured bags will be considered as household garbage that
 is limited to the usual two bags or container quota;
- Please do not place leaves in paper yard waste bags, as these can cause issues for pickup; and
- As you tidy up the yard and collect leaves, we ask that nothing be raked into the street, as this can block storm drains and cause operational issues for street sweepers.

Normally, residents are encouraged to put bags of leaves out a week earlier so neighbours or other community members can pick them up for garden compost. However, in light of the current public health emergency, the City does not recommend collecting bags from other households at this time.