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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 443-2003

To amend Municipal Code Chapter 844, Waste Collection, Residential Properties, to provide for the collection of Organic Materials and to make other minor amendments.

WHEREAS certain provisions in Municipal Code Chapter 844, Waste Collection, Residential Properties, require amendment to provide for the collection of Organic Materials; and

WHEREAS certain provisions in Municipal Code Chapter 844, Waste Collection, Residential Properties, require clarification:

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended as follows:

A. Section 844-1 is amended as follows:

(1) By adding the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials” wherever they appear in the definitions of COLLECTION POINT, CURBSIDE COLLECTION, GARBAGE and WASTE.

(2) By adding the following subsection to the definition of CONTAMINATION:

E. Organic materials.

(3) By adding the following definitions after the definition of NIGHTTIME COLLECTION PERIOD:

ORGANIC MATERIALS – The items, other than recyclable materials and yardwaste, referred to in Schedule B at the end of this chapter.

ORGANICS CONTAINER – A container for setting out organic materials which meet the requirements set out in §§ 844-12C.

ORGANIC COLLECTION SERVICES – The services provided by the City for the removal of organic materials from residential properties in the City.

(4) By adding the words “and organic materials” after the words “yard waste” in the definition of RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

(5) By adding the words “or an organics container” after the words “yardwaste container” in the definition of REGULATION CONTAINER.

(6) By adding the words “organics collection services” after the words “recycling collection services” in the definition of SERVICES.

- (7) By adding the words “organic materials” after the words “yard waste” in the definition of WASTE.
 - (8) By deleting the definition of YARD WASTE and substituting the following:
YARD WASTE – The waste items, other than recyclable materials and organics materials referred to in Schedule B at the end of this chapter.
- B. Section 844-3 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding in Subsection A, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
 - (2) By adding in Subsection C, the words “ and organics” after the word “recycling”.
 - (3) By adding in Subsection D, the words “or organic materials” after both instances of the words “recyclable materials”.
- C. Section 844-4 is amended by deleting Subsection A and substituting the following:
- A. The City shall collect garbage from household residences and multiple household residences who receive curbside collection:
- (1) No more than once per week if the household or multiple household residence does not receive organics collection services; or
 - (2) No more than once every two weeks if the household or multiple household residence does receive organics collection services.
- D. Subsection 844-6 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding the words “and organics collection services” at the end of the heading.
 - (2) By adding the following as subsection C;
 - C. The City shall collect organic materials from household residences and multiple household residences who receive curbside collection, once per week, on days specified by the Commissioner.
- E. Section 844-9 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding, in Subsection B, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
- F. Section 844-12 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding the words “and organics containers” after the words “Yard waste containers” in the heading.

- (2) By adding the following as subsection C:
 - C. Unless otherwise required in this chapter, owners of household residences and multiple household residences who receive curbside collection shall use a container described below for setting out organic materials:
 - (1) An organics container which is provided by the City; or
 - (2) Such other container designated by the Commissioner as acceptable for setting out organic materials.
- G. Section 844-13 is amended as follows:
 - (1) By adding the words “or organic materials” after the words “yard waste” and the words “or organic collection services” after the words “yard waste collection services”.
- H. Section 844-14 is amended as follows:
 - (1) By adding in Subsection A, the words “organic materials, items for which special collection services are provided” after both occurrences of the words “recyclable materials”.
 - (2) By adding in Subsection B, the words “or an item for which special collection services is provided” after the words “bulky item”.
 - (3) By adding in Subsection D, the words “organic materials, items for which special collection services are provided” after the words “recyclable materials”.
- I. Section 844-15 is amended as follows:
 - (1) By adding in Subsection A1, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
 - (2) By adding in Subsection A2, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
 - (3) By adding in Subsection B1, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
 - (4) By adding in Subsection B2, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
 - (5) By adding in Subsection D, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.

- (6) By adding in Subsection E, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials” and the words “organics collection services” after the words “recycling collection services.
- J. Section 844-17 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding the words “and organic materials” after the words “yard waste” in the heading.
- (2) By adding, in the second line, the words “and organics collection services” after the words “yard waste collection services” and the words “and organic materials” after the words “yard waste”.
- (3) By adding the following as Subsection D:
- D. Organic material shall be set out in an organics container, free of plastic containers, twist ties and other contaminants.
- K. Section 844-19 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding, in the third line, the words “organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials.
- L. Section 844-24 is amended as follows:
- (1) By adding the words “including the schedule for phasing in organic collection services to all areas of the City” to the end of Subsection A.
- (2) By adding in Subsection F, the words “and organic materials” after the words “recyclable materials”.
- (3) By adding in Subsection G, the words “organic materials, items for which special collection services are provided” after the words “recyclable materials”.
- M. Schedule B at the end of Chapter 844 is amended as follows:
- (1) By deleting the heading and substituting the following:
- Recyclable materials, yard waste and organic materials.
- (2) By adding the following as subsection C:
- C. The following items shall be deemed to be organic materials for the purposes of this chapter:
- (1) All food materials including fresh, frozen, dried, cooked and prepared foods and leftovers;

- (2) Fruit and vegetable scraps;
- (3) Pasta, bread and cereal;
- (4) Meat and fish products;
- (5) Egg shells;
- (6) Coffee grinds and filters;
- (7) Tea bags;
- (8) Houseplants (no pots or baskets);
- (9) Soiled paper towels, tissues and wet paper;
- (10) Diapers and sanitary products;
- (11) Animal waste, litter or bedding; and
- (12) Any other item designated as organic materials by the Commissioner.

2. The following By-laws shall continue to be in effect, provided that in the event of a conflict between Chapter 844 and a by-law referred to below, Chapter 844 shall prevail.

- A. Toronto, Chapter 309, as amended.
- B. Etobicoke, Chapter 149, as amended.
- C. East York, By-law No. 1-86, as amended.
- D. York, By-law No. 2890-78, as amended.
- E. Scarborough, By-law No. 24478, as amended.
- F. North York, By-law No. 21732, as amended.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 23rd day of May, A.D. 2003.

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