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Mulch It - Compost It Program Kick-Off

Each year an estimated 1000 tonnes of grass clippings unnecessarily enter our landfill, while they could easily be mulched back into the lawn or composted instead.

“The Yorkton Environmental Committee supports the goals of a sustainable and green community, and the Mulch It – Compost It Program is designed to encourage mulching and composting of lawn clippings,” said Stephen Rosowsky, committee chair.

“We think there are many city residents who would like to have a better lawn, to save money (in yard maintenance and fertilizer), to reduce waste in the landfill, and also have a chance to win a new mulching mower or composter,” said Rosowsky.

“This is an excellent program that brings awareness of the need to reduce waste entering our landfill, and with that helping to reduce costs of operation of the facility,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. This is the third year of the program, sponsored by Logan Stevens, Canadian Tire, Recyclability Enterprises and the City of Yorkton Environmental Committee.

“The 2016 program starts today through June 10, and we invite interested residents to participate this year,” said the Mayor. Prizes to the top achievers in 2015 were awarded including Paulette Cooper, who won the top prize of a mulching mower donated by Logan Stevens and The City of Yorkton, and Joyce Gardner, who took home the second prize of a composter donated by Canadian Tire. Similar prizes will be awarded again in 2016.

Participants in the program must document their lawn practices over the growing season, including watering, fertilizing, aeration etc. and must either mulch or compost their lawn clippings. Their lawns and lawn practices will be evaluated at the end of summer and winners announced. Participants need to agree to have a sign in their yard to promote the program. There is no charge to participate.

For further details residents are asked to contact the Environmental Services Department at 306-828-2470 or visit yorkton.ca and click on the Mulch It-Compost It Hot Topic on the home page.

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