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# CSL starts widespread compost collection

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The Suburban

Côte St. Luc is expanding its compost "brown bin" collection from the 500 homes of its pilot project to throughout the city's single-family homes and duplexes during the week of Oct. 20.

The city, especially councillors Steven Erdelyi and Dida Berku, have been heavily promoting the program, which is geared toward lessening the amount of garbage that goes into landfills.

Côte St. Luc issued an advisory last week, providing a guide on what to place in the brown bin or bins for curbside pickup, and how to use them.

Pick-up days for the brown bin are Tuesdays for the area of Côte St. Luc west of Westminster Avenue and south of the eastern half of Wavell Road; Friday for the area east of Westminster, north of Wavell, south of Mackle Road and west of Parkhaven Avenue; Thursday for the area east of Parkhaven and north of the Cavendish underpass and Monday for the area south of the underpass, Fleet Road and the separate areas of David Lewis and Macdonald.

The items to place in the bins are usually

food waste and soil, such as "leftover dinner, soiled pizza boxes, grass clippings and more.

"You will want to keep two bins in your kitchen — one for organic waste (like veg-

etable peels, leftover foods and soiled napkins) and another for garbage (like Styrofoam cups and certain types of non-recyclable plastics),"

the advisory says. "The city will provide a small

kitchen collector that you can use for your organic waste, which you can keep under your

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sink, or on your counter.

"Your new brown bin will look like the one on the front of this flyer and will probably fit in the same space currently used by your

garbage bin. Since you won't have as much real garbage to throw away, you might consider getting rid of your garbage bin altogether and replacing it with a smaller container."

Accepted materials for the bins, according to the advisory, include:

fruits and vegetables (whole, skins, hearts, corn cobs, etc.); pasta, breads and grains; meat and fish (including bones, skin, fat and entrails); milk products (milk, cheese, butter, etc.); egg shells; coffee grounds, coffee filters and tea bags; candy and confectionary products."

Also acceptable are grass clippings, weeds and other gardening waste; dead and fallen leaves; flowers and potted plants (including discarded earth); bark, wood chips and

sawdust; small branches (less than 30 cm or 12 inches long); soiled paper towels and facial tissues; soiled paper and cardboard food packaging (pizza boxes, microwave popcorn bags, flour bags, etc.); pet litter and waste; hair, pet fur and feathers."

Material that is not acceptable includes recyclables like: clean paper and cardboard; glass, plastic and metal containers; plastic wrap, Styrofoam food trays; diapers, sani-

tary products; ashes, cigarette butts; wood scraps, toothpicks; wax, waxed paper, chewing gum; dryer lint and dryer sheets; cotton balls and make-up removal pads; vacuum bags and their contents; animal carcasses; and paint, motor oil and other hazardous household waste, the latter of which should be brought to Côte St. Luc's public works yard at 7001 Mackle Rd. ■

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### HAMPSTEAD

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streets, the noise from the condition of the road — you have residents complaining on Fleet of vibrations, and you have the same type of vibrations and bumps appearing on those streets, it has to be done."

Goldwax added that asphalt has already been ordered, returning some of it would result in a penalty and it would harden up if the work is delayed to next spring.

Sternthal agreed the asphalt should not go to waste, and added that the differences on council amount to spending priorities.

"I am also concerned about the safety of residents. That is why we left it to the discretion of the director-general of how to use it. We're not going to give the asphalt back, we're going to use it and be certain all the

streets are given it for the safety of our residents."

Borden said Cressy is no more dangerous than other streets, and other streets need work as well.

"In light of the budget constraints, spending \$30,000, \$35,000 out of the operating budget as opposed to the capital budget is a more effective way to fund street repairs, and which could be done next year through a capital process. This is a lot of money.

"Now that we know the facts, we should be acting responsibly for the entire town. There are some residents on Cressy who might be disappointed that they might get paved in the spring, but so be it and I'm willing to suffer the consequences of that."

When the tie vote came up, Steinberg said, "I don't have to vote, and I'm not going to vote. That means the resolution is not carried." ■

### HYDRO

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good-quality computer equipment and furniture as well as other materials and accessories for the Internet café.

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