



A Word from the Mayor News from your Municipality September 13, 2018

Recycling and brown bins – further information

Weekly collection of organic material extended by one month

Good news! The weekly collection of organic waste that was to change and become bi-weekly as of September 20th has been extended and will continue on a weekly basis until October 11th inclusively. After that, please put the brown bins out at the curb every two weeks.

Ça va où ? – Useful mobile application

To help people better sort their residual waste, RECY-Québec has recently unveiled the mobile application *Ça va où ?* designed to help citizens know how to dispose of 800 products used on a regular basis..

With the mobile application, in a few clicks you will be able to:

- Efficiently determine what to do with each type of product including glass, plastic, tires, small electrical appliances, building material, batteries, large appliances, packaging, printed matter, fabrics, organic matter, etc.
- Easily find a drop-off point for each type of product using an interactive map and a geolocation tool

If you are interested, this free application is available on the App Store and Google Play. A web version is also available on the RECY-Québec website at: www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/points-de-recuperation

Where to find bags for the mini organic waste bins?



We are often asked where to purchase paper bags or compostable bags for the mini organic kitchen waste bins. While it is possible to deposit the organic waste directly (i.e. without bags) into the large brown bins outside the house, we understand that some of you prefer to use bags to keep the mini organic waste bins cleaner. To help, we did some research and found that these bags are widely available at most retailers including: Lortie Martin, Canadian Tire, Métro and IGA. In the end, it appears they can be found almost anywhere.



For all do-it-yourselfers – How to make your own paper bag

Even better, if you love to do things yourself; you can try to make the bags. Here is one example we found:

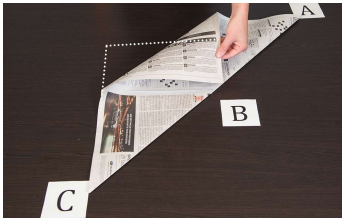
STEP 1: Make sure you have a few complete sheets of newsprint. The local newspaper or the biggest advertising flyers found in the "Publisac" or in local stores can be used to make the bags.



STEP 2: Fold the paper in such a way as to create a perfect triangle. Depending on the size of the newspaper, it might be necessary to cut off excess paper.

STEP 3: Fold the paper bringing point B towards the middle of the A-C segment and fold well.





STEP 4: Turn the paper over and repeat step 3 bringing point B towards the middle of the A-C segment and fold well.

STEP 5: Bring and fold points A and C towards the middle joining them up with point B.



STEP 6: Taking care to hold the A and C corners together at point B, insert the paper bag into the mini organic waste bin. Voila! You have just created a paper bag thus protecting the bottom and the sides of the bin.



STEP 7: You can replace the bag in the kitchen's mini organic waste bin whenever you wish and maximise the amount of organic waste you can keep in the bin.



STEP 8: To protect the lid's cleanliness, if you wish you can pull the two points (B) out to create a cover over the organic waste. When you are ready to transfer the waste to the large brown bin, just pull the bag's corners together before throwing the contents into the brown bin.

On YouTube, at the following address, there is a different method you may wish to try:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuccriyPIVs>,

Looking for photographs – image bank

Over the winter, we propose to improve our web site by adding images showcasing, in all its glory throughout the seasons, the Municipality's exceptional beauty as well as the community's joie de vivre. To achieve this, we need some photos and are therefore asking all of you to please share with us any images you have taken that you would be happy to share with the whole community. However, before these photos can be published we need the photographer to confirm that the photo is being provided to us "free of any rights". In particular, if it is possible to see any faces, we also need each person's approval to publish the photo and should the photos be of children, the parents' approval is a must before they can be posted online.

We look forward to receiving your fabulous photos at the following e-mail address: admin@ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca.

Short term rental – only in commercial zones

The growth of the sharing economy has seen a proliferation of websites announcing the availability of cottages to rent on a short term basis (31 days or less). It is therefore easy to think that it would be worthwhile to approach the Government of Quebec to obtain a tourist accommodation classification certificate in order to recover costs and improve personal finances by renting out properties that are used infrequently.

However, before considering this process, it is your responsibility to ensure that the municipal zoning bylaw allows it. Here in Ivry-sur-le-Lac, only zones C2-105 and C2-106 are classified as commercial and it is only in these areas that it is possible to establish a business, including tourist accommodations, more commonly referred to as short-term rentals.

If necessary, the municipal team can inform you about the regulations in force in this regard. Feel free to contact them.

Tax bills – do you wish to receive them by e-mail?

Many of you have more than one residence and when you are not physically at the address where your tax bills are being sent or if you have moved and have forgotten to inform us, it becomes difficult to receive correspondence, including tax accounts on time, often leading to delays. If this happens, interest charges or penalties can be costly.

For this reason, some of you have already asked to receive tax bills by e-mail and we think this is an excellent idea. Consequently, we want to offer this option to all residents, thereby making it easier to pay bills.

To make this change, just send us an e-mail at admin@ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca, letting us know you wish to receive future tax bills by e-mail and we will happily update our files.

Different ways of paying tax bills

In addition to paying by cheque, cash or through your mortgage holder, it is also possible to pay online through the financial institutions below:

- BMO Bank of Montreal
- Scotia Bank
- TD Canada Trust
- Banque Nationale du Canada
- Caisse Populaire Desjardins
- RBC Royal Bank
- CIBC Bank
- Banque Laurentienne

While each financial institution has its own way of operating, if you have online access, to add Ivry-sur-le-Lac as a beneficiary (payee), just try doing a search on “Ivry” and you should be able to add us as a payee.

The image shows a sample of a Quebec tax bill (Form 100). A red circle highlights the 'MATRICULE' number 'F 0000 00 0000 000 000 0' located at the bottom of the bill. A red arrow points to the 'TOTAL' field in the top right corner of the bill.

To make a payment online, the payee's tax account number is comprised of 19 characters as follows: F (or A) followed by 18 numbers. When adding the numbers, do not include any spaces or dashes.

The number is the “MATRICULE” number found on the bottom of your tax bill (see example on the left) in the detachable portion of the tax bill.

Finally, for those of you who bank with other institutions, for the moment there is also a fourth method that can be used to pay bills. Through an **Interac E-Transfer**, available via 250 financial institutions, it is possible to send funds online or by mobile phone or tablet directly to someone else. To find out more, just visit the following website: <http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>.

We do hope this will make it easier for you to make payments.

Tricks to protect your property during prolonged periods of absence

With the end of the summer season quickly approaching, many of you will be closing their residences for several months. Some of you have expressed concern about the increased number of break-ins. Here then are a few tricks we thought might be helpful.

- Install signs saying "Smile! You are on camera"
- Install cameras – even if these are not active, they can still have an impact, helping to discourage would be thieves

- Ask a neighbour or a trusted individual to drop by your property on a regular basis to ensure all is well
- Install motion sensor lights that turn on when anyone approaches the area
- Install timers inside the property turning lights on and off either on a random basis or at specific times on a regular basis
- When you are away, arrange to have your driveway and steps to the house cleared of any snow, thereby giving people the impression that the house is occupied

Other subjects of interest

Should you have any subject you would like us to address in a future Word from the Mayor, let us know and it will be our pleasure to prepare an article.

If you have any comments, do not hesitate to let us know. Your municipal team is here to help.

Have an excellent end of summer season and welcome to the beautiful autumn colours!



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