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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: Disposing of plant materials from expanded Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) regulated area (June 15, 2022)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin on June 15 regarding disposal of plant material and soil from the Japanese beetle regulated area. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media account.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

**City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
June 15, 2022**

Disposing of plant materials from expanded Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) regulated area

Residents should continue to use their green bin for yard trimmings

The Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) was first detected in B.C. in the False Creek area of Vancouver in 2017. This beetle can significantly damage landscape and ornamental plants, fruit and vegetable gardens, nurseries, orchards, and agricultural crops. To help prevent the spread of the beetle, in 2018 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) established a regulated area around False Creek, restricting movement of plant materials and soil. In 2021, a small number of Japanese beetles were detected in areas of Vancouver outside of False Creek. As a result, the [regulated area](#) in Vancouver was expanded in 2022.

CFIA movement restrictions for plant material and soil

Written permission from CFIA is required before moving the following plant materials out of the regulated area.

- ☐ **Restricted year-round** – Rooted plants (plants with soil attached) and soil
- ☐ **Restricted between June 15 and October 15** (*flying season of the adult beetle*)

Plants and above-ground plant parts (clippings, grass, prunings, leaves) that are free from soil

What residents and landscapers should do

Residents, businesses, and landscapers are encouraged to keep soil and plant materials on-site whenever possible and continue to use the green bin for yard trimmings. Moving soil and plant material outside the regulated area requires a Movement Certificate from the CFIA. To obtain a free Movement Certificate from CFIA, call 604-292-5742 or e-mail

BCPF.Japanese.Beetle@inspection.gc.ca. Those in non-compliance of CFIA's movement controls may be subject to fines levied by the CFIA.

Plant material being moved out of Vancouver's regulated area must be taken directly to the Vancouver South Transfer Station (VSTS) on Kent Avenue, accompanied by a Movement Certificate. VSTS is open 7 days a week and accepts rooted plants, prunings, above-ground plant material, and a small amount of soil (maximum: ½ wheelbarrow full). Larger quantities of soil originating from the regulated area must be taken to the Vancouver Landfill in Delta for deep burial. Pre-approval is required. For more information and instructions visit [soil burial at landfill](#).

Temporary Transfer Station at False Creek is closed

The City's Temporary Transfer Station (TTS) located near False Creek, which accepted small amounts of plant material from the regulated area in past years, **will not open in 2022**. The TTS lacks the required capacity to handle larger volumes of plant material coming from Vancouver's expanded regulated area. This means that all plant material being moved out of Vancouver's regulated area must be taken to the Vancouver South Transfer Station for disposal.

Resources and more information

To report Japanese beetle sightings or feeding damage, call 604-292-5742 or email

BCPF.Japanese.Beetle@inspection.gc.ca

To learn more about CFIA's movement controls visit the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency website](#).

To learn more about the City's treatment and containment plan, visit vancouver.ca/japanesebeetle.

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