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YARD WASTE PICKUP ENDS WEEK OF OCT. 31, 2005 TO NOV. 4, 2005

Medicine Hat – There are just a few short weeks left before the end of the City's 2005 Yard Waste Collection Program. Yard waste pick up will end Nov. 4, 2005 (weather dependent).

"Yard Waste collection provides an important contribution to waste diversion, conserving valuable airspace in our landfill" says Kevin Scoble, Manager of the City's Solid Waste Utility. "We rely on Medicine Hat's residents to partner with us to conserve this resource."

Residents are reminded to follow these guidelines when putting their yard waste out for collection:

- Put out yard waste on your regular collection day
- Set out yard waste apart from regular household garbage
- Place yard waste in open, reusable containers, (labeled "for composting") or paper yard waste bags (no plastic bags)
- Leaves, garden trimmings, plants, and grass clippings can be set out as yard waste
- Do not include sod, soil, stumps or stones with your yard waste
- Tie brush in bundles up to 1.2 m (4 ft.) in length
- Ensure bundles, paper bags or containers do not weigh more than 25 kg (55 lbs.)

Yard waste can also be dropped off, free of charge, at the Compost Facility located at the Residuals Handling Facility (landfill) approximately three kilometres off Highway 41A, just past the city limits, throughout the year.

For more information on any of the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management programs, please call the Environmental Utilities Department at 529-8176, or visit the City's web site at www.medicinehat.ca

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