

# Maple Ridge This Month

## APRIL 2013

### SPOTLIGHT ON: The 2013 Chipping Program A Great Alternative To Burning

#### Spring Chipping Information

We know it may be hard to believe, but Spring is here! Folks will soon be tidying up their yards and gardens in preparation for all that nice weather coming our way. In partnership with the District, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the Spring and Fall Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents. The Chipping program is a great alternative to burning brush, and the Maple Ridge Fire Department strongly encourages citizens to take advantage of this program to keep our air clean and community safe.

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree & shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic metres (3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet). Branches may be up to 150mm (6 inches) in diameter. No construction waste, building materials, stumps, leaves, vines such as blackberries, bamboo, root balls, or household waste will be permitted.

Place your branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area. The set-out deadlines are:

Tuesday, April 2 for Maple Ridge residents who live WEST of 224 Street  
Monday, April 15 for Maple Ridge residents who live EAST of 224 Street.



Items placed at the curb not covered by the program or excess volume of material will not be picked up. No late set-outs or oversized piles will be accepted!

For more information, phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545, or click on "Residents-Services-Brush Chipping" at the District of Maple Ridge website at [www.mapleridge.ca](http://www.mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Burning Issues

#### Maple Ridge Backyard Burning – April 15 to May 15

"Backyard Fire" is an outdoor fire where garden refuse such as leaves and small branches indigenous to the property are burned for the purpose of disposal due to garden clean-up or damage from high winds.

Before you burn, please consider the Brush Chipping Program. For more information call the Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545 or visit [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org).

If you do choose to burn, the following guidelines apply:

- Urban areas of Maple Ridge are completely closed to any type of burning.
- Rural areas of Maple Ridge may burn dry garden refuse from April 15 to May 15 with a permit

if the fire can be located a minimum of 15 metres from structures and property lines.

- Permits may be revoked and fines issued by the Fire Department at any time for noncompliance.
- Permits are \$25.00 and are available from the Maple Ridge Fire Department, Hall No. 1 or the Municipal Hall, Finance Department.

To determine if you live in the rural area and are eligible for a burning permit, contact the Fire Department at 604-463-5880 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday or visit the Fire Department's website at [www.fire.mapleridge.ca](http://www.fire.mapleridge.ca) to view the rules and regulations of a fire permit. Thank you for doing your part to maintain a fire safe community.

### INFORMED: Easter Weekend Hours

#### Municipal Hall:

Good Friday, Friday April 6, Closed  
Easter Monday, Monday April 9, Closed

#### Leisure Centre:

Good Friday, March 29, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday, March 30, 7:00 am to 9:30 pm  
Sunday, March 31, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Easter Monday, April 1, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

#### Greg Moore Youth Recreation Centre:

Regular Hours Open from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

#### Fire Hall No. 1 Administrative Office:

Good Friday, Friday March 29, Closed  
Easter Monday, Monday April 1, Closed



#### RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office:

Good Friday, March 29, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Saturday, March 30, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Sunday, March 31, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Easter Monday, April 1, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

### FEEDBACK

#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the District of Maple Ridge, please send an email to [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED

#### April 2013

#### Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

#### Monday, April 8

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, April 9

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, April 16

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

#### Monday, April 22

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, April 23

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Mayor & Council on the home page.

#### Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Council This Week' and sign up today.

#### Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

### INFORMED: Mark Your Calendar for Earth Day

#### April 20<sup>th</sup> celebrations kick off the Downtown Festival Season



Ridge Meadows Recycling is taking the lead in organizing this year's Celebrate Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 20 from 10am - 2pm at the ACT Arts Centre & Theatre and Memorial Peace Park. This year, the Earth Day Planning Committee is Partnering with the ARTS and has many, many exciting plans in store. "Recycled" favourites from last year include the Freecycle, Storytime Corner with the Maple Ridge Library, and HUB's "Cycle Recycle" Free Bike Draw. Application forms are now available on our website for any local "green" groups, organizations, schools, and businesses who want to be a part of the Earth Day Celebrations. For more information on these and so much more, visit [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org)



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