



Immediately following Hurricane Fiona Management and staff at the Kemptown Balefill and Composting facility set up spoiled food waste containers at three designated locations - Salmon River Fire Hall; Municipal Admin Building in Debert and Valley-Kemptown Fire Hall. Each location had a WR staff member there to ensure residents removed food from their packaging. (Redden Photo)



Residents had the option to bring and dispose of spoiled food waste to dumpsters set up immediately following Hurricane Fiona. (Redden Photo)



Tree and branch debris collection started on October 11, 2022, using a grapple truck, dump trucks. In urban area, were space was limited and debris was smaller single stream rear packers are being used. Since Fiona, Colchester has been spending approximately \$10,000 per day on Hurricane cleanup. (Redden Photo)



All three of the Compost Megadome structures were damaged in the hurricane. Manufactured by supplier, Megadome, was in the week after the storm to secure the framework and remove the tarps or hanging metal so that the buildings could be put back into use while awaiting repairs. The municipality hope to have 1-2 of the tents repaired before the end of the year. (Redden Photo)

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# Hurricane Fiona Kemptown Damage Recap

By Maurice Rees

The following is a recap of extensiveness of Hurricane Fiona's impact on Colchester's Kemptown Waste Management facility, as outlined in report from Phil Redden, Manager, in Kemptown presented to council committee on November 9th. Fiona caused curbside collection to be cancelled for the remainder of that week (September 26 - September 29).

**Recollection Service Alerts:** Facebook, Twitter, and the local radio station were used to communicate service interruptions, program changes and operational updates.

Working together: WR staff, Director of Solid Waste and the Manager of the Balefill and Composting Facility worked together to assist residents whose organics collection was cancelled. Residents had the option to bring and dispose of spoiled food waste at three designated locations - Salmon River Fire Hall, Municipal Admin Building in Debert and Valley-Kemptown Fire Hall. Each location had a WR staff member there to ensure residents removed food from their packaging.

**Fall compost giveaway:** Due to the limited supply of compost; compost ran out on the 3rd day. Residents were notified through the website, social media and ReCollect. Approximately 180 bags of compost was given away.

Tree and branch debris collection started on October 11, 2022, using a grapple truck, dump trucks and single stream rear packers. Our Compliance officer has been out with one team since the start and on October 24 our Helpline Admin person is out with the second team.

**Enforcement:** At the time of reporting, the Waste Compliance Officer has been reassigned temporarily to the Fiona wood debris clean-up.

**Since April to September 30 - Compliance visits:** Accumulation of Solid Waste/Litter: 27 Complaints; Accumulation of Solid Waste Follow Ups: 21 Investigations; Illegal Dump Investigations: 28 Complaints; Illegal Dump Follow Ups: 7; Litter Issues: 10; Collection Issues: 10; Waste Reduction Issues: 8; Sharp Reports: 3; and

Open Burning Complaints: 2  
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All three of the Compost Megadome tents were damaged in the hurricane. Megadome was in the week after the storm to secure the framework and remove the tarps or hanging metal so that the buildings could be put back into use while awaiting repairs. Currently we are waiting on the Megadome tarp replacements to arrive and hope to have 1-2 of the tents re-

paired before the end of the year with the third likely having to wait until next Spring. We are aiming to have tent one repaired first so we can determine what other damage may have occurred to the processing equipment and electrical systems that have been exposed to the elements. The second preference is to have tent three fixed so that we have a dry storage area to work at producing some finished compost product to have available for Spring 2023.

The Balefill's tipping floor

roof sustained major damage and was peeled back. The tip floor also lost some steel wall panels, some clear fibreglass panels and one of the furnace chimneys.

McGregors Industrial was brought in to secure the roof back down so that there is no risk of it peeling back any further and nothing can come off that could cause injury. We are now back to using all 3 bays of our tip floor while we continue to look for quotes to complete the more extensive repairs needed to the building.

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