



Public Notice ~ October 21, 2022

Curbside Collection Update for Town of Truro – Hurricane Fiona Clean-Up

The Town of Truro continues to work diligently to clean-up following Hurricane Fiona.

Residential curbside pick-up of tree and brush debris has begun and will continue over the next three (3) weeks, as equipment is available and providing no unforeseen circumstances arise.

Please note the following:

- Crews are only making one pass on each street.
- Tree and brush debris must be neatly piled at the curb or behind the sidewalk. Property owners must make every effort not to block sidewalks and streets.
- Only material that can be easily reached from the street by hand or small machine will be removed. Crews will **NOT** be going onto private property, driveways, backyards, etc.
- Material must not be in plastic bags.
- Crews will not be cutting trees.

Due to the use of equipment used for clean-up, please be aware that traffic control may need to be in place for safety purposes in some locations.

The collection schedule will follow the normal solid waste collection routes but due to the overwhelming amount of material, it is difficult to provide an accurate schedule.

Town of Truro residents are encouraged to take tree and brush debris to the old landfill site at 745 Young Street or to the Colchester Balefill facility when possible. Tipping fees have been waived until November 30th, 2022.

We ask that residents continue to be patient with the ongoing clean-up. All eligible material will eventually be picked up.

Below you will find some FAQ's from our Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.



Town of Truro – Parks, Recreation & Culture
Post Hurricane Fiona – FAQ's

Q. Why is Victoria Park still closed?

A. Victoria Park (lower park) has received severe damage and it is unsafe, trees continue to fall. **If someone was to get hurt, it would be very hard to get into the park to perform a rescue.** The walk to the falls is considered the most dangerous area, the slope has hundreds of trees that have been uprooted, which could result in a landslide.

We are working with Forestry Managers to develop a plan to remove these trees. Cleanup will take some time; we will require special equipment to repair these areas.

Q. Can I just walk to the falls in Victoria Park?

A. No. The walk to the falls is considered the most dangerous area, **if someone was to get hurt, it would be very hard to get into the park to perform a rescue.** The slope has hundreds of trees that have been uprooted, which could result in a landslide. We are working with Forestry Managers to develop a plan to remove these trees. Clean up will take some time, we will require special equipment to repair these areas.

Q. Will you open any trails?

A. Yes, we have been, and we will continue to open trails when it is safe to do so. For an updated list of open spaces, parks, and trails, please visit: <https://www.truro.ca/parks-and-trails.html>

Q. Why did the Railyard (upper park) and Cobequid Trail open faster than Victoria Park (lower park)?

A. The Railyard and Cobequid Trail did not receive the same kind of damage as the lower part of Victoria Park. Our amazing staff are diligently opening trails that are safe to do so. For an updated list of open spaces, parks and trails please visit: <https://www.truro.ca/parks-and-trails.html>

Q. Can you walk/hike in the Railyard (upper park)?

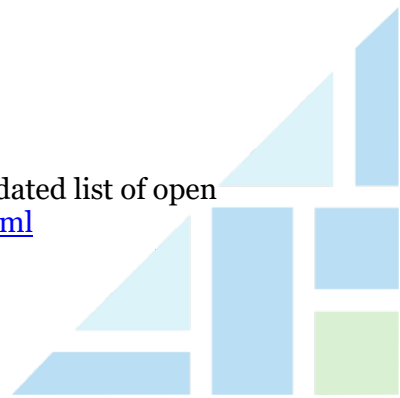
A. Yes, all our trails are shared use. We ask everyone to expect and respect all users. Please stay on open trails only.

Q. Where can I find a map to the trails?

A. Victoria Park: <https://www.victoriaparktruro.ca>
The Railyard: <https://www.victoriapraktruro.ca/railayrd-bike-park>
Cobequid Trail: [Cobequid Trail Map - No Marks \(colchester.ca\)](https://www.colchester.ca/cobequid-trail-map)

Q. Are playgrounds open?

A. Yes, after completing inspections, all our playgrounds are now open. For an updated list of open spaces, parks, and trails, please visit: <https://www.truro.ca/parks-and-trails.html>



Q. Can I help clean up the park?

A. Not at this time. We are very thankful for those who want to help, unfortunately, with the amount of damage to the park, we need to work with the experts who will use specialized equipment. **If someone was to get hurt, it would be very hard to get into the park to perform a rescue.**

When safe to do so, we may ask small groups for assistance with removing debris off trails.

Cutting trees in the park without permission is a criminal offense. Please respect our process and employees as they continue to move forward with clean up.

Q. When will debris and leaves be picked up from my yard?

A. The Town of Truro will pick up tree and brush debris and (paper) leaf bags. Please have debris and leaf bags curbside and ready for pick up.

The collection schedule will follow the normal solid waste collection routes but due to the overwhelming amount of material, it is difficult to provide an accurate schedule.

Please see above for more information on debris curbside collection.

Q. Is the Town supplying brown paper bags?

A. No. In 2019, in partnership with Divert Nova Scotia, we handed out paper bags to promote the use of paper instead of plastic bags. We had a surplus of bags to continue the program the following years, however, our supply has since been depleted.

Q. What is the update on the Colchester Stadium?

A. The Stadium remains closed for the foreseeable future. We await a report from the insurance provider to determine next steps.

