Recycling Tip of the Month: Yard and Garden Waste
Did you know that managing your yard and garden waste at home can help improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and make your garden more sustainable? Here are some tips to maximize the value of your organic waste at home:

- **Compost It**: Turn grass clippings, leaves, and plant trimmings into nutrient-rich compost. This reduces waste and helps your garden thrive naturally.

- **Try Leaf Mould**: Pile up leaves and let them break down into a rich, crumbly soil amendment. It's low-effort and incredibly rewarding.

- **Create Your Own Wood Chips**: Use a wood chipper to turn branches and trimmings into mulch for your garden. Don't own a chipper? You can rent one from the Victoria Tool Library.

- **Repurpose Prunings**: Trimmed branches can be used as stakes, edging, or other creative garden supports.

However, if you have more waste than you can handle at home, there are many other options available!

In James Bay:

- **Yard and Garden Waste Collection**: Dispose of small yard waste items like leaves, grass, and plant trimmings in your green bin for weekly pickup.

- **Residential Branch Chipping:** The City of Victoria offers a branch chipping service for residents, providing a convenient way to handle larger amounts of branch waste.

Nearby:

- **Yard and Garden Waste Drop-Off Program**: Available Saturdays (7:00 AM – 2:00 PM) at the Public Works Yard (417 Garbally Rd). Accepted items include leaves, small branches, and grass clippings.

For more details, including accepted items, exclusions, and other guidelines, please visit the City of Victoria website.

Additional Resources:

- **Compost Education Centre**: Access workshops and resources to learn more about composting at home.

By managing your yard waste thoughtfully, you're helping to reduce waste, improve soil health, and keep our community vibrant and sustainable. Let's all do our part to keep James Bay green and beautiful!