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## HOME OWNER TIPS OF THE MONTH



### Leaf and Pumpkin Composting Program

The 2015 City of Calgary Leaf and Pumpkin Composting Program will run from September 25 to November 8, and you can bring your bagged leaves and pumpkins to a leaf and pumpkin composting drop-off location. The material will be composted rather than thrown away in the landfill, and will help reduce greenhouse gases and create nutrient-rich compost to help new plants grow. This program is for residents only. No sod, branches or rocks are accepted in the program.

Seasonal neighborhood drop-offs are set up in 36 convenient locations around Calgary and you can find a Leaf & Pumpkin drop-off location near you on the City of Calgary website. ■

## Calgary Launches Permit Exemption to Simplify Secondary Suite Applications

Designing a secondary or “basement” suite just got a lot easier. The City of Calgary launched a new 18-month Development Permit to make it less expensive, faster and easier for homeowners to develop a legal and safe secondary suite.

If properties meet all the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw and have proper zoning, the city will waive the Development Permit application and fee.

The exemption will save homeowners \$2,200, plus weeks in approval time. Homeowners will be able to move right to the Building Permit application step.

To find out if your property is a candidate for the Development Permit exemption or to learn more about eligibility requirements, please visit [calgary.ca/secondariesuites](http://calgary.ca/secondariesuites) or contact the city’s Planning Services Call Centre at 403-268-5311.

The permit exemption was approved last month, and runs until March 3, 2017.

– Source: *Global News, Calgary* ■

## Market Stats

SEP 1, 2015 - ACCORDING TO CREB (referencing metro Calgary stats only)...

Inventory levels rise.

**August sales activity falls below long-term averages.**

Calgary’s residential resale housing market recorded further easing in absorption rates in August due to weaker sales activity.

**ACTIVE LISTINGS** as of September 1, 2015\* // **SALES** for August 2015\*

	COUNT	AVERAGE PRICE	AVERAGE DOM
Single Family	<b>5673</b> // 1548	<b>\$753,941</b> // \$509,550	<b>71</b> // 45
Condominium	<b>2714</b> // 632	<b>\$435,233</b> // \$329,500	<b>76</b> // 49
Combined	<b>8387</b> // 2180		
Rural with Home	<b>2</b> // 0	<b>\$254,950</b> // n/a	<b>245</b> // n/a
Rural Land	<b>663</b> // 14	<b>\$885,749</b> // \$600,814	<b>254</b> // 149
Total Rural	<b>665</b> // 14		
<b>Total MLS</b>	<b>9052</b> // 2194		

\* All numbers gathered for the Listings and Sales stats are compiled from metro Calgary and rural southern Alberta areas



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