



A clip from the CBC show Dragons' Den to air Sept. 26.

Local man to enter the Dragons' Den

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After being encouraged by friends and complete strangers, Georgetown resident Manolo de Leon will appear with his selling-like-hotcakes invention on the popular CBC-TV show Dragons' Den next Wednesday (Sept. 26) at 8 p.m.

de Leon, a 49-year-old graphic designer, came up with an idea to collect leaves much easier and cut down on the number of bags brought out to the curb.

The hand-held, free-standing tool that weighs about two pounds and

looks like a curling broom with a serrated base that breaks down the volume of dried leaves and twigs. The one-metre-high pole also has two clips at the top of the handle to attach yard waste bags so they don't fall over or blow away.

de Leon has been able to get his product on the shelves of department store chains such as Home Hardware and Canadian Tire since coming up with the prototype last year.

The Dragons' Den program consists of five Canadian business moguls who listen to pitches by aspiring entrepreneurs and decide whether or not to invest their money in the ventures.

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