

Green Carts Are Not for Garbage

Did you know that when a non-compostable item is thrown into a Green Cart – **even just a single plastic bag** – the whole truckload of compostable waste must be sent to the landfill?

That means extra costs for transportation and landfill fees.

Those costs eventually get passed down to residents in their utility bills to pay for the increased cost of curbside waste collection.

That's one reason why the Town is asking you to place only compostable waste in your Green Cart to help divert more waste from the landfill.



What Goes in Your Green Cart?

- **NO** household waste
- **NO** plastics or plastic bags

Items that can be placed in your Green Cart include:

- Meat and bones;
- Vegetable and fruit waste;
- Baked goods;
- Cat litter (loose or in certified compostable bags);
- Sauces and spreads;
- Dairy products and eggs;
- Facial tissue;
- Yard waste (including leaves, grass clippings, pulled weeds, branches less than three feet in length and one inch in diameter, etc.)
- Soiled cardboard (pizza box liners); and
- Paper coffee filters, grounds and tea bags.



Compostable items can be placed in certified compostable bags or loose in the cart. **Please do not** place plastics of any kind including garbage bags, metal, treated wood, glass or Styrofoam in your green cart.

For a complete list of what items are 'Accepted' and 'Not Accepted' in your green cart, please visit [Ponoka.ca/p/green-carts](https://ponoka.ca/p/green-carts).

How to Report

An Icy Sidewalk, Intersection or Back Alley



To report an icy intersection, sidewalk or back alley, please submit an online service request by visiting [Ponoka.ca/p/online-service-request](https://ponoka.ca/p/online-service-request). You can also phone 403-783-4431 where Town staff can help fill out the online form for you.

Please note that winter roads are always more slippery in frigid temperatures of -15 C and below.

The Town applies a sand mixture to winter roads to give drivers added traction. That sand mixture contains three per cent salt to keep the sand from clumping and to provide some initial melting to ensure the sand stays in place on the road. However, at temperatures below -15 C, salt loses its effectiveness.

While the sand does still offer some benefit at -15 C and below, drivers are urged to slow down and drive for the conditions.

To learn more about sanding operations, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program](https://ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program) and click on 'Sanding Roadways.'

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Ponoka Aquaplex Swim Schedule Temporarily Paused for Swim Meet** – Regular scheduled swim times at the Aquaplex will be temporarily paused starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 21 and will remain paused for Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23 for the Ponoka Pool Sharks' Swim Meet. The public is welcome to come and cheer the swimmers on during the swim meet. Regular scheduled swim times will resume on Monday, February 24.



- **Snow and Ice Control Updates** – For regular updates on snow and ice control operations in the Town of Ponoka, please visit [Ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates](https://ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates).
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on February 19, 20 and 21 - depending on your Zone.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on February 26, 27 and 28 - depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** - If your curbside recycling, green cart or grey cart was not picked up on your collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at rddispatch@E360S.ca.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 25 at 6 p.m.**
 - **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).

Register to Vote

In the 2025 Municipal Election

All voters must be on the Permanent Elector Register.

Visit [Voterlink.ab.ca](https://voterlink.ab.ca) to register to vote and update your information.



The Town of Ponoka receives its list of eligible voters (Permanent Elector Register) from Voterlink, so please confirm your information is correct to ensure you're ready to vote.

Registering can also make the voting process quicker on Election Day.

Election Day is October 20, 2025

Voter Eligibility

You can vote in the Town of Ponoka municipal election if you are:

- At least 18 years old;
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of the Town of Ponoka for six consecutive months prior to Election Day on October 20, 2025.



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