

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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The Town of Ponoka, which is located on Treaty 6 territory, will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, September 30 to recognize and commemorate the history of residential schools.

To honour the importance of this event, the Town flags at the Ponoka Civic Centre will be lowered to half-mast.

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters".

We encourage citizens to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools.



## TOWN OF PONOKA FACILITY HOURS FOR NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- The **Town of Ponoka Office** at the Ponoka Civic Centre will be temporarily closed on Monday, September 30. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 1.
- The **Waste Transfer Station** will be open on Saturday, September 28 and will be temporarily closed on Sunday and Monday, September 29 and 30. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 1.
- The **Ponoka Arena Complex** will be open for regular evening hours on Monday, September 30 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- The **Ponoka Aquaplex** will be open on Monday, September 30 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 1. To view the Aquaplex schedule, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/recreation](https://ponoka.ca/p/recreation)

## The Town of Ponoka wishes our local farmers a safe and successful harvest season.



### ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Public Skating and Shinny Hockey Season Has Begun** – To view the ice season programming schedule at the Ponoka Arena Complex, please visit [Ponoka.ca/p/ice-season-programming](https://ponoka.ca/p/ice-season-programming)
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up September 25, 26 and 27 - depending on your Zone.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 2, 3 and 4 – depending on your Zone.

### ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 8 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, October 15 at 6 p.m.**
- **2025 Budget Deliberation Dates: October 29 and 30 starting at 9 a.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).

## Annual Fall Clean Up Starts Tuesday, October 15



The Town of Ponoka's annual back alley collection of compostable yard waste begins after the Thanksgiving long weekend on Tuesday, October 15 and will continue until each back alley is completed.

Ponoka residents are asked to place all materials for pick up in a pile at their back alley no later than Monday, October 14. Residents who do not have a back alley can place yard waste near the curb at the front of their property, ensuring the materials are visible for pick up.

The Town of Ponoka will make one pass down each back alley to collect yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds and branches less than five feet) in excess of what will fit in your Green Cart.

Residents are also welcome to bring compostable yard waste free of charge to the Town of Ponoka Waste Transfer Station.

### Items That Will Not Be Picked Up

Yard waste set out for collection should not be bagged. To avoid contaminating the compost pile at the Town's Waste Transfer Station, bagged material will not be picked up. Other items that will not be picked up include: rocks, construction material, wood, household waste, plastic and pet excrement.

For more information on the Annual Fall Clean Up, please visit:

[Ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up](https://ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up)



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