

Green Cart Weekly Curbside Pick Up Begins May 1 in Ponoka

With the arrival of spring, the Town of Ponoka's curbside Green Cart program for compost will soon revert to weekly pick up for the spring and summer months beginning on May 1.

Residents are encouraged to place kitchen food waste and other compostable waste in their Green Carts to help divert as much garbage as possible from the landfill.

Composting Diverts Waste From Landfill

"Our hope is to divert up to 15 per cent more household waste from the landfill than we were before the program was introduced. This would bring the Town's total household waste diversion rate up to about 50 per cent," says Dwayne Kwoleck, Manager of Environmental Services for the Town of Ponoka. "The more people who use their Green Carts for compost, the sooner we'll reach that goal," he adds.

Diverting waste from the landfill helps protect our environment for future generations, says Kwoleck. "It also saves on tipping fees at the landfill which

can help offset future utility rate increases for residents," he notes.

Green Carts will be picked up every week on your scheduled pick up day from May 1 to November 1.

Green Carts are for Compost Only

Citizens are reminded that Green Carts are for compost only. No recycling, plastic bags or other garbage is permitted in the Green Carts as it contaminates the compost, which must then be dumped in the landfill.

For a complete list of compost items that are ACCEPTED and NOT ACCEPTED in the Green Carts, and for a copy of the Town's 2019 Waste Collection Calendar, go to www.ponoka.ca or pick up a copy at the Town Office at 5604-50 St.



Please note that organics such as kitchen food waste cannot be taken to the Town of Ponoka's Waste Transfer Station for composting. However, yard waste can be taken to the Waste Transfer Station by Town residents free of charge.

Bylaw Reminder – Roll Carts Back in by 6 pm

Residents are reminded to please retrieve their grey and green carts from the curb by 6 p.m. on collection day, which is a requirement under the Town's Waste Management Services Bylaw. Citizens who won't be home in time to roll their carts back to their house are encouraged to ask a neighbor to help do it for them. "If we can get more neighbours helping neighbours, we can help make our community look tidier and even more inviting," says Kwoleck.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

• **Visit the Town Trade Fair Booth April 12 & 13** – The Town will host a large booth at the Ponoka Trade Show to showcase several important Town projects and initiatives. Come fill out a Citizen Input Survey to share your comments and ideas with the Police Advisory Committee on priorities you would like the Ponoka RCMP to consider for its ongoing community patrol plans and other community initiatives.

Come pick up a copy of the Town's new Community Program Guide and discover all of the fun activities and events happening this spring and summer in Ponoka. Come find out what's planned this year for the annual Walk N Roll Challenge, Trail Awareness Day and Pitch In Day...and much more! The Ponoka Trade Show is open on Friday, April 12 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See you at the Trade Fair!

• **Report a Pothole** – To report a pothole on Town roadways which may need repair, please call 403-783-0159. Public Works has begun the annual pot hole repair program. Please note that Highway 2A and Highway 53 are provincial roadways that are maintained by Alberta Transportation.

• **Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross Course** – At the Ponoka Aquaplex on May 3 – 5 and May 10 – 12 from 5 – 9 pm on the Fridays and 8 am – 5 pm on the Saturday and Sundays. Cost is \$230.

• **Babysitting Course May 10** – At the Hudson's Green Community & Activity Centre on May 10 from 9 am – 4 pm. Cost is \$63

~ SOLID WASTE UPDATE ~

• **Grey bins and recycling** should be placed at the curb for pick up on April 10, 11 and 12 – depending on your Zone.

• **Green Bins** should be placed at the curb for pick up on April 17, 18 and 19 – depending on what Zone you're in.

• **Missed pickups** – If the Town's curbside collection contractor misses your home while picking up waste, recycling or compost, please call the Town to report the missed pickup at 403-783-0159.

• **Waste Transfer Station Spring/Summer Hours** – From April 1 to October 31, the Town of Ponoka Waste Transfer Station will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

• **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 @ 6 p.m.**

• **Next COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: April 16, 2019 @ 6 p.m.**

• **The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings.** All meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Building (5604-50 St., Ponoka, AB).



National Volunteer Week April 7 - 13

Volunteers are the  of our community!

The Town of Ponoka thanks ALL volunteers who generously give their time and energy to help make Ponoka a thriving community with a hometown feel!



Thank you!

Join us for

Coffee with Council

At the Ponoka Trade Fair

Friday, April 12

5 pm - 7 pm

In the Town trade fair booth at the Arena



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