

Your Green Cart – What Goes IN and What Stays OUT

Confused about what goes in your new Green Cart and when to place your Green Cart, Grey Bin and Recycling at the curb? Here are a few reminders.

What Goes IN

The following items CAN be placed in your Green Cart:

- ✓ Kitchen food scraps including:
 - Meat
 - Fish
 - Bones
 - Food-soiled paper (paper towels, paper plates, newsprint, coffee filters)
 - Food-soiled cardboard (pizza boxes)
 - Coffee grinds
 - Tea bags
 - Wooden popsicle sticks, toothpicks, chopsticks
 - Nuts and shells
 - Cooking oil (small amounts)
- ✓ Wood shavings
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Cat litter
- ✓ Certified compostable food containers

What Stays OUT

- X Plastic of any kind
- X Non-food soiled cardboard and paper
- X Large game animal carcasses
- X Chewing gum
- X Absorbent pads from meat trays
- X Coffee pods
- X Cigarette butts or ashes
- X Fireplace ashes
- X Dryer sheets
- X Styrofoam
- X Foil wrap, trays or bags
- X Medicines

A complete list of Accepted and Unaccepted Items for your Green Bin is available at the Town Office for pick up and posted on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca

- **GFL Grey and Green Carts:** GFL still has some carts to pick up, and will not go onto private property to get them. Anything more than 5 feet from the side walk will not be picked up. Residents should place their old carts as close to the front curb or sidewalk as possible for GFL to pick up. Please call the Town Office at 403-783-4431 if your GFL carts have not yet been picked up so we can arrange pick up with GFL.
- **New Can Pak Carts:** Can Pak has delivered most of the carts however there may be some places that were missed, in particular, multi-family units such as 4-plexes. Additional grey carts or green carts must be requested and registered with the Town's Utility Clerk for tracking and billing. The Town will be following up with Can Pak on the delivery of the additional carts as reported to the Town office.
- **Waste Transfer Station:** Effective January 1, there is a minimum tipping fee of \$8.00 per load for all material coming in, the exceptions are tires and compostable material (grass clippings, garden waste, leaves and branches). Please note organics such as kitchen waste and food cannot be taken for composting at the Waste Transfer Station.



2019 Canada Winter Games Torch Relay Coming to Ponoka

Ponoka residents are invited to come join the celebration and cheer on our local torchbearers as the 2019 MNP Canada Games Torch Relay stops in Ponoka on Thursday, Feb. 7.

The torch relay begins at the Ponoka Stampede grounds at 11:30 a.m. The torch will be carried by nine torchbearers on a 5.9 km route through Ponoka, arriving back at the Stampede grounds at about 12:30 p.m. The torch relay will be followed by a celebration at the Stampede Grounds.

The torch relay will pass through Downtown Ponoka along 50 St. before winding its way past Ponoka Secondary Campus, Ponoka Elementary School and St. Augustine School as it circles back to the Stampede grounds.

Ponoka is the last stop of almost 50 communities across the country before the torch arrives in Red Deer for the opening of the 2019 Canada Winter Games on Feb. 15.

The nine local torchbearers who will carry the 2019 MNP Winter Games Torch through Ponoka are: Rick Bonnett, Jayden Crane, Calvin David, Chad Harden, Nolan Lee, Ron Orr, Maddison Pearman, Shawna Pearman, Tegan Poitras and Kaeleigh Boston.

Stay tuned for more details about the Feb. 7 Torch Relay stop in Ponoka in the days ahead!

~ OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS ~

- **Grey bins and recycling** should be placed at the curb for pick up on the same day (Jan. 16, 17 or 18 – depending on what Zone you're in).
- **Green Bins** should be placed at the curb on the alternate weeks (Jan. 23, 24 or 25 – depending on what Zone you're in).
- **Check your collection calendar** on when to place your Green Cart, Grey Bin or recycling at the curb. Collection calendars are available for pick up at the Town Office (200, 5604-50 St. Ponoka) or on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca. Click 'Community' on the menu bar at the top of the page. Then click 'Recycling, Disposal & Waste' in the left hand menu, and then 'Residential Waste & Recycling Program' on the drop down menu. Then scroll down the page and click on '2019 Waste & Recycling Program Collection Schedule – All Zones.
- **Please remember**, green bins are for compostable items only. No recycling or other garbage in the green bins please.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **2019 Dog Tags On Sale!** – 2019 Town of Ponoka dog tags are available at a discounted price of \$25. After January 31, they return to the regular price of \$40. All dog owners in Ponoka are required to renew their dog licences each year. All dogs three months and older must be licenced under the Animal Control Bylaw.
- **Family Day 2019** – Monday, February 18, 2019, stay tuned for all the details!

~ AQUAPLEX NEWS ~

- Friday lessons start Jan 18th – March 8
- Saturday Lessons start Jan 19th – March 10
- New and improved Junior Lifeguard Club Jan 18 - Mar. 8
- The next babysitting Course is Friday Jan 18
- Schedule - Lap lane and parent and tot available during the day except during fitness and school lessons
- Schedule – School classes start during the week of February 18th 9:30-12 and 1:30-3pm.
- Call 403-783-0131 for more information

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 @ 6 p.m.**
- **The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings.** All meetings will be held at the new Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Building (5604-50 St., Ponoka, AB).

