



Join the 3rd Annual Walk 'n' Roll Challenge!

Here's how it works:

- From **May 1 to August 31**, walk, bike or 'roll' to your destinations – as often as possible!
- Did you walk to the store or the mailbox? Record it as a 'trip'!
- Register your 'trips' each week at www.ponoka.ca
- The 'to' and 'from' portion of each trip count as two separate trips; the length of the trip is not important.
- A 'trip' is not just walking or biking for recreation or exercise. You must be going to a destination.
- Participants can win **monthly prize draws!**
- The Challenge is a friendly competition between Ponoka, Stettler & Wainwright. The Town that records the most 'trips' wins!
- You're the real winner – because you're getting active and fit!

**Walk 'n' Roll this summer!
It's great for you and our planet!**

For more information: 403-783-0118 or email
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~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 7 p.m.
- Next COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: May 21, 2019 @ 7 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).



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'Pitch In' & Help Clean Up Ponoka May 6 – 11

Ponoka residents are encouraged to 'pitch in' and help clean up the community during Pitch-In Week from May 6 – 11.

Simply choose an area of town where you would like to pick up garbage and call the Aquaplex (403-783-0131) to report which area is being cleaned up in order to avoid redundancy. Garbage bags are available at the Aquaplex. After you have finished cleaning up your area, call 403-783-0131 to arrange for pick-up of the filled garbage bags by Public Works crews.

Free Community BBQ May 6

To kick things off, the Town is inviting all residents to come help clean up Ponoka's parks and trail system on Monday May 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. and enjoy a free community BBQ at the Scout Hall located at 3924-46A St. Close. The trail clean up event will be funded through a grant from the Trans Canada Trail organization. Roll up your sleeves, grab a garbage bag and join us!



Back Alley Pick Up of Compostable Yard Waste May 21

Beginning on Tuesday, May 21, the Public Works Department will complete one pass down each back alley in Ponoka to collect compostable yard waste that's in excess of what will fit in your Green Cart. Any compostable yard waste that you would like picked up should be placed on your property in the back alley **before May 21**. If you do not have a back alley, you can place your yard waste at the front of your property near the curb.

Please be sure that compostable yard waste is **not bagged** and in a pile. Bagging the materials will contaminate the compost pile at the Waste Transfer Station, causing it to be sent to the landfill. Items that will not be picked up include: rocks, construction materials, wood, household waste and pet excrement.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Farmers Markets Begin May 1** – The first Ponoka Farmers Market of the season will be held Wednesday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the curling rink in the Ponoka Arena Complex. The Farmers Markets will continue every Wednesday until the end of September. Proceeds from the 50/50 draw on May 1 will be donated to the Ponoka Food Bank.
- **Ponoka Community Market** – Held every Monday from 3 to 7 pm at the old library (5110-48 Ave.). Proceeds from table rentals are donated to the Ponoka Arts, Recreation and Cultural Society to fund future recreation facilities in Ponoka.
- **Tennis/Pickleball Courts** are open for the season at the Ponoka Aquaplex. Please call 403-783-0131 to book the courts, to pay for court user fees or to purchase a season pass.

~ SOLID WASTE UPDATE ~

- **Green Cart Curbside Weekly Pick Up Starts May 1** Your Green Carts for kitchen waste and compost will be picked up every week on your scheduled waste collection day from May 1st to November 1st. Residents are encouraged to place kitchen food waste and other compostable waste in their Green Carts each week to help divert as much garbage as possible from the landfill.
- **Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on May 1, 2, and 3 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts, Green Carts and Recycling** should be placed at the curb for pick up on May 8, 9, and 10 – depending on what Zone you live 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.