



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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Thank you to the students at St. Augustine School and everyone else who pitched in during Pitch-In Week to help pick up garbage and clean up our community. Thanks also to our local scouting group, Girl Guides and all of the community volunteers who helped out at our Trail Clean Up event on May 6. It was a great success!

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Town Office Closes at Noon on May 24** – The Town of Ponoka offices will be closed at Noon on May 24 due to the Grand Opening celebration at the Ponoka Civic Building that day. The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening Ceremony at 2:30 p.m. There will also be a free community BBQ, facility tours and information displays at the building from 3 – 6 p.m.

The grand opening is being hosted and sponsored jointly by Campus Alberta Central, the Ponoka Jubilee Library, the Ponoka & Rimbey Adult Learning Society, the Town of Ponoka and the building owner Landrex Inc. We hope you can attend!

- **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.

- **Tennis/Pickleball Courts** are open for the season. 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 Has Begun** – Your Green Carts for kitchen waste and compost will be picked up every week on your scheduled waste collection day from May 1 to November 1. 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. Diverting waste from the landfill helps protect our environment for future generations and saves on tipping fees at the landfill, which can help offset future utility rate increases for residents.
- **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.
- **Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on May 15, 16 and 17 – 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.
- **Green Carts are for compost only.** No recycling, plastic bags or other garbage is permitted 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 waste cannot be taken to the Town of Ponoka's Waste Transfer Station for composting. However, yard waste can be taken to the Town's Waste Transfer Station by Town residents free of charge.

~ 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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