

Curbside Recycling Has Expanded

Beginning this month, the list of recyclable materials at the curb has been expanded to include:

- Flexible plastic and films;
- Empty aerosol containers;
- Foam packaging;
- Paper laminates (like coffee cups and ice cream containers); and
- Glass containers.



To view a full list of accepted items for recycling, please visit [Ponoka.ca/recycling](https://ponoka.ca/recycling)

Collection of Curbside Recycling

Responsibility for the collection of recyclable materials at the curb in Ponoka has transferred to a new non-profit organization called Circular Materials.

The change is the result of a new provincial regulation called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) that was added to Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. EPR shifts the responsibility for recycling away from municipalities to producers of single-use packaging and paper products.

No Other Changes at the Curb

Other than the expanded list of items that can be recycled at the curb (see above), Ponoka residents should not notice any other changes to the curbside recycling program in town. Recycling materials will continue to be picked up by the contractor, E360S, biweekly in accordance with the existing collection schedule.

The Town will continue to promote recycling as part of the curbside waste collection program. The Town of Ponoka also continues to operate the Grey Cart and Green Cart programs for compostable and household waste, as well as the Town of Ponoka Waste Transfer Station.

Annual Fall Clean Up Begins Tuesday, October 13

The Town of Ponoka's annual back alley collection of compostable yard waste begins after the Thanksgiving long weekend on Tuesday, October 13 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 12.

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.



For more information about what yard waste will be picked up, please visit [Ponoka.ca/back-alley-pick-up](https://ponoka.ca/back-alley-pick-up)



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Join a Council Advisory Committee

The Town of Ponoka is inviting citizens to apply for positions on the:

- Community Enhancement Committee; and
- The Ponoka Jubilee Library Board.

Applications are available online at [Ponoka.ca/board-and-committee-openings](https://ponoka.ca/board-and-committee-openings) and paper copies are also available at the Town Office located at #200, 5604 – 50 Street in Ponoka.

The deadline to apply is Monday, November 2 at 4 p.m.

Members of the Community Enhancement Committee and Ponoka Jubilee Library Board will be appointed for two-year terms.



To learn more, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/board-and-committee-openings](https://ponoka.ca/board-and-committee-openings)

~ TOWN NEWS ~

• **It's Mental Illness Awareness Week** - Council passed a motion proclaiming October 5 to 11 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in the Town of Ponoka. This week is a national public education campaign coordinated by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health. It is designed to help Canadians understand the reality of mental illness and to reduce stigma.



• **Barre with Child Supervision** - Join us for Barre Classes, where you can build strength, improve posture and increase your flexibility in a low-impact, high-burn workout. Child supervision will also be provided in the neighbouring studio. Classes run Fridays until November 27 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Got 2 Dance Studio. Register online at [Ponoka.ca/recreation-programming](https://ponoka.ca/recreation-programming) or in person at the Ponoka Aquaplex.

• **Early Bird Animal Licensing Rates Available** - Residents can now access the early bird rate by renewing their animal licences between October 1 and December 31, 2026 for the 2027 year. For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/dog-cat-licences](https://ponoka.ca/dog-cat-licences)

• **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 7, 8 and 9 - depending on your Zone.

• **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 14, 15 and 16 - depending on your Zone.

• **Missed Pickups** - If your curbside green or grey cart was not picked up on your collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at rddispatch@E360S.ca. If your recycling was missed, please contact E360S dispatch at 587-217-1975 or by email at EPR-Alberta@E360S.ca.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

• Next **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**: Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.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).

• **Council Meeting Highlights** - Can be viewed at [Ponoka.ca/council-meeting-highlights](https://ponoka.ca/council-meeting-highlights)

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