



Fire Prevention Week

Help Prevent False Alarm Fire Calls

The It's Fire Prevention Week and the Town of Ponoka is asking citizens for their assistance in reducing the number of false alarm fire calls in the community.

Fire alarms are a serious safety issue because firefighters and equipment have to be sent to a situation where they aren't needed, which makes them potentially unavailable for another emergency if one were to happen at the same time as a false alarm.

Many false alarms are due to placement of smoke detectors too close to the stove, oven or shower. Quite often smoke alarms can be accidentally triggered by security systems that are linked to a fire alarm.

How Can Residents Prevent False Alarms?

Tip #1: If Your Smoke Alarm is Accidentally Triggered

- If you have a security system that is linked to your smoke detector and the alarm system has been accidentally triggered, please call your alarm monitoring company immediately to cancel the false alarm and prevent fire crews from being dispatched.
- Some monitoring companies will try phoning you before they dial 911 to ensure the alarm is a real emergency. Please be sure to answer their call right away.

Tip #2: Correct Contact Information

- Contact your security and/or fire alarm monitoring company before you do maintenance, test or repair on your smoke alarm.
- Your security and/or fire alarm monitoring company should have your most up-to-date contact information so they can contact you to confirm if an alarm has been triggered accidentally or if it's a true emergency.

Tip #3: Regular Maintenance

- Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and every time you change the batteries.
- Replace your smoke alarm batteries twice a year in the spring and fall when you set your clocks back or ahead for daylight savings.
- A smoke alarm should be replaced if it is more than 10 years old.

Tip #4: Proper Placement

- Smoke alarms should be at least 10 feet away from the stove and oven.
- Smoke alarms should not be placed in bathrooms or garages to avoid shower steam and dust. Research shows it's best to have an interconnected smoke alarm in every bedroom.

'Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention.'

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is 'Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention,' which focuses on cooking safety.

For information and for a cooking safety tips, please visit www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About.



Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

Ponoka
ALL HALLOWS' EVE PARTY

JOIN THE TOWN OF PONOKA FOR A SPOOKY SWIM WITH SPOOKY MUSIC, A GHOULS & GHOST SCAVENGER HUNT, PUMPKIN BOWLING AND CANDY.

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Date: Monday, October 30, 2023
Location: Ponoka Aquaplex

For more information, please call 403-783-0131 or stop by the Ponoka Aquaplex at 5315 46 Avenue.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **It's Kick it to the Curb Week** – Citizens are invited to turn unwanted items into somebody else's treasure from October 11 to 16. Place items you wish to give away in your front yard with a 'FREE' sign on them. People can then come by and pick up any items they would like. After the event, please remove uncollected items from your front yard. For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka's website at www.ponoka.ca/p/kick-it-to-the-curb.
- **Waste Transfer Station Switches to Winter Hours** – As of November 1, the Waste Transfer Station will change to winter hours, which are Tuesday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Carts Switch to Winter Pick-Up Schedule** – Green Carts for compostable yard and kitchen waste will continue to be emptied weekly for the month of October. Starting November 1, 2023, curbside pick-up of Green Cart compost waste will happen every second week until April 30, 2024.
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 11, 12 and 13 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 18, 19 and 20 – depending on your Zone.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING:** Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m.
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m.
- **2024 BUDGET DELIBERATION DATES:** Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2 starting at 9 a.m.
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings and budget deliberations will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



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