

## Christmas Tree Pickup Begins January 21

The Town of Ponoka's annual collection of compostable Christmas trees begins Tuesday, January 21. The Town will make one pass down each back alley in Ponoka to pick up compostable Christmas trees that have been placed outside for collection.

**Ponoka residents are asked to place their Christmas tree for pick up at their back alley no later than Monday, January 20.**

Residents who do not have a back alley can place Christmas trees near the curb at the front of their property, ensuring the items are visible for pickup.

Please note that weather conditions may delay Christmas tree pick up as Town crews may have to divert their attention to snow and ice control operations.

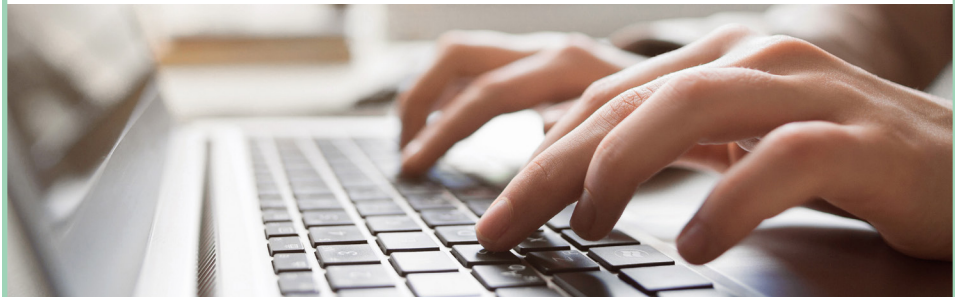
Residents can also take their compostable trees to the Waste Transfer Station free of charge. For more information about the Town of Ponoka Waste Transfer Station, please visit the Town website at [Ponoka.ca/p/waste-transfer-station](https://ponoka.ca/p/waste-transfer-station).

## Municipal Election 2025



The next general municipal election will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025.

Ponoka residents will be able to vote for members of Town Council, which consists of one mayor and six councillors. All of these positions are open for election in 2025.



### Considering Running for Ponoka Town Council?

Prospective candidates can now submit their Notice of Intent to Run form with the Town of Ponoka Election Office.

You must file your Notice of Intent to Run before accepting contributions or incurring campaign expenses. Once the Election Office receives your completed form, your name will be added to the Register of Candidates on the Town of Ponoka's website at [Ponoka.ca/p/election-2025](https://ponoka.ca/p/election-2025).

For more information on running in the 2025 Municipal Election, please visit [Ponoka.ca/p/information-for-candidates](https://ponoka.ca/p/information-for-candidates).

## Please Help Keep Our Community Safe

Please help keep our community safe by clearing snow and ice from sidewalks that border your property, including the section of sidewalk in front of your driveway.

When shoveling, residents are also asked to please avoid depositing snow and ice onto the roadway and properties other than your own.

Keeping sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice is also a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw and can result in fines when necessary.



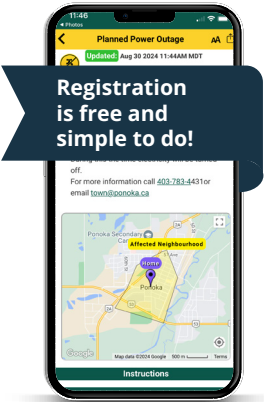
## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Experience the Magic of Ponoka's Christmas Light Display** - Head to Lions Centennial Park, take a stroll and marvel at the beauty of tens of thousands of festive lights on display until the end of February.



- **2025 Town of Ponoka Utility Rates Take Effect January 1** - The 2025 Town of Ponoka Utility Rate Bylaw was approved by Ponoka Town Council at a recent meeting. Overall, a family using 20 cubic metres of water per month will see an estimated monthly utility rate increase of 3.8 per cent or \$5.78 for water, sewer, curbside waste collection and storm sewer fees in 2025.

The 2025 utility rates reflect inflationary cost increases based on an estimated annual Alberta Consumer Price Index for 2025. The rates also reflect ongoing direction given by the Alberta provincial government which advises that utility services be self sustaining and discourages municipalities from using property taxes or grant funding to help pay for utilities. For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca](https://ponoka.ca) under 'Latest News and Notices.'



Registration is free and simple to do!

- **Receive Critical Information Quickly** - Download the Town of Ponoka's new notification service and app. These alerts will keep you informed about utility service disruptions, large-scale, local emergencies; and other important Town news. Learn more by visiting the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/alerts](https://ponoka.ca/p/alerts).

- **2025 Waste Collection Calendar** - You can find a printable calendar on the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](https://ponoka.ca/p/waste-management). The Town of Ponoka Waste Collection Calendar provides residents with a schedule for curbside waste collection and provides information on what should be placed in your green cart, grey cart and recycling bags.

- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 1, 2 and 3 - depending on your Zone.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 8, 9 and 10 - depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** - If your curbside recycling, green cart 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](mailto:rddispatch@e360s.ca).



**Hometown Weekly**  
Town of Ponoka News and Events

Town of Ponoka  
#200, 5604-50 Street,  
Ponoka, AB T4J 1G5  
Phone: 403-783-4431  
Website: [Ponoka.ca](https://ponoka.ca)  
Facebook X Instagram LinkedIn YouTube @TownofPonoka