



Help Prevent False Alarm Fire Calls

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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.



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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.



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Correct Contact Information

Your alarm monitoring company should have your most up-to-date contact information so they can reach you at home. Contact your fire monitoring company when you disarm your alarm or before you test, repair or do maintenance on your smoke alarm.



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If Your Smoke Alarm is Accidentally Triggered

Call your alarm monitoring company immediately so they can cancel or disarm the smoke alarm and prevent fire crews from being dispatched. Some monitoring companies will try calling you before dialing 911 to ensure the alarm is a real emergency. Be sure to answer their call right away.



False 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 a true emergency if one were to happen at the same time as a false alarm.



PLAN PONOKA

Our Shared Community Future

Join Us for the 'Plan Ponoka' Open House!

Today (Wednesday, March 1) from 4 - 7 p.m.

On the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (#200, 5604 50 Street).

Come and share your thoughts on what the Town of Ponoka should look like in the future.

The Town of Ponoka wants to work together with our citizens to create a new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) for the Town of Ponoka.

What do you want the Town of Ponoka to look like in the future?

Share your ideas and offer input by visiting the Town of Ponoka's online engagement website at www.LetsTalkPonoka.ca. Paper copies of the survey are also available at the Town Office on the second floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (200, 5604 50 Street).

For more information, please contact:

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~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Please Help Keep Our Community Safe** - Citizens are reminded to please help keep our community safe by ensuring sidewalks that border your property, including the section of sidewalk in front of your driveway are clear of snow and ice. Clearing sidewalks that border your property within 48 hours after the snow or ice has been deposited is a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #384-17 and can result in fines when necessary.
- **Arena Booked on March 10 and 11 for Skating Carnival** - The Ponoka Arena Complex will be temporarily closed to public skating on March 10 and 11 due to Skate Ponoka's Annual Carnival.
- **Ponoka Battle River Run** - On Saturday, April 15 starting at 9 a.m. there will be a Ponoka Battle River Run (10 km, 5 km and a 1 km kids loop) along the river valley trail system in the Town of Ponoka. For more information and to register, please visit <https://racepro.ca/battleriverrun/>.
- **Snow and Ice Control Updates** - For regular updates on snow and ice control operations in the Town of Ponoka, please visit www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on March 1, 2 and 3 - depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on March 8, 9 and 10 - depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** - If your curbside recycling, compost (green cart) or waste (grey cart) was not picked up on your designated collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at rddispatch@e360s.ca. For more information on the curbside waste collection program, please visit the Town website at www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management or call the Town office at 403-783-4431.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Regular Council and Council Committee meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



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