Kick it to the Curb Week October 3 to 8

Turn your unwanted items into somebody else's treasure!

You are invited to place items you wish to give away in your front yard with a 'FREE' sign attached to them. People can then come by and pick up any items they would like to bring home.

At the end of the week, you are asked to bring any uncollected items back into your home. You are encouraged to consider donating these items to a local charity or thrift shop rather than throwing them away.

'Shoppers' are asked to please respect others' property and avoid driving or walking on gardens or neighbouring lawns.



Kick it to the Curb Week promotes reuse and recycling in the Town of Ponoka. It's like a community-wide garage sale, except everything is free. Happy treasure hunting!

Annual Fall Clean Up Starts Tuesday, October 14

The Town of Ponoka's annual back alley collection of compostable yard waste begins after the Thanksgiving long weekend on Tuesday, October 14 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 13.

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.

It's important to ensure branches are less than five feet long, which for quick reference, should be no longer than your arms extended, fingertip to fingertip. Branches longer than five feet will not be picked up.

Items That Will Not Be Picked Up

Yard waste set out for collection should not be bagged. To avoid contaminating the compost pile at the Town's Waste Transfer Station, bagged material will not be picked up. Other items that will not be picked up include: rocks, construction material, wood, household waste, plastic and pet excrement.

For more information on the Annual Fall Clean Up, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at **Ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up**

Early Bird Animal Licensing Rates <u>Available for Town of Ponoka Residents</u>

Residents can now access the early bird rate by renewing their animal licences between October 1 and December 31, 2025 for the 2026 year. The early bird rate also applies to:

- New Ponoka residents who move to the Town of Ponoka and own a dog and/or cat; and
- Residents who become first-time animal owners of a dog and/or cat.



Why should I license my pet?

All dogs and cats six months of age and older must be licensed annually in the Town of Ponoka, as per the Town's Animal Control Bylaw #424-19.

An animal licence is your pet's ticket home and helps ensure they can more easily be returned home safely by the Town's animal control contractor, Old MacDonald Kennels who would have an up-to-date record of how to contact the pet's owners.

For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at **Ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences**

Municipal Election Voting Information

Voting will take place on **Monday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Stagecoach Saloon at the Ponoka Stampede Grounds (5616 39 Avenue).

Advance voting will be held at the Ponoka Drop-In Centre (5015 46 Avenue) on:

- Wednesday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and
- Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at **Ponoka.ca/p/election-2025**



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- Grey Carts and Green Carts should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 1, 2 and 3 depending on your Zone.
- Green Carts and Recyclable Materials bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 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.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

• Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 14 at 6 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/p/council-meetinghighlights



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