

Town Facility Hours for Thanksgiving Monday, October 13

Town Facilities will be temporarily closed on Monday, October 13, including the **Ponoka Arena Complex, Ponoka Aquaplex, Waste Transfer Station** and the **Town of Ponoka Office** at the Ponoka Civic Centre. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 14.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **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. If you are unable to vote at the polling stations listed above (for example, due to travel plans or health or mobility issues), you can request a special ballot. Special ballot requests can be submitted until October 15. For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/election-2025](https://ponoka.ca/p/election-2025)
- **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.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 15, 16 and 17 - depending on your Zone.



~ 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-meeting-highlights](https://ponoka.ca/p/council-meeting-highlights)

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, 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.

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. This is because an animal licence gives Old MacDonald Kennels the pet owner's updated contact information.

For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences](https://ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences)



Bill Payment Options During the Postal Strike

The Town of Ponoka offers several convenient ways for paying and receiving bills from the Town.

Please note that during the postal strike, you are still responsible for paying your bills on time. Late charges will apply if your payment is late.



Options for receiving your utility bill:

- **Sign up for E-Billing** - Have your Town of Ponoka utility bills sent directly to you by email.
- **Pick up your bill in person** at the Town office during business hours, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Options for paying your bill:

- **Sign up for the Town's Pre-Authorized Payment Plan** to have your utility bill or property taxes automatically paid from your account every month.
- **Pay in person** at the Town Office.
- **Pay through your bank**, either in person or online.
- **Pay your utility bill with a credit card** by using the Town's credit card payment slip.
- **Pay your property tax bill with a credit card** using Option Pay, a third-party service provider.

Please do not mail bill payments to the Town until the strike has ended. For more information, please visit the Town's website at [Ponoka.ca/p/bill-payment-options](https://ponoka.ca/p/bill-payment-options)

If you need assistance, please call the Town Office at 403-783-4431.

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.

For more information on the Annual Fall Clean Up, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up](https://ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up)



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