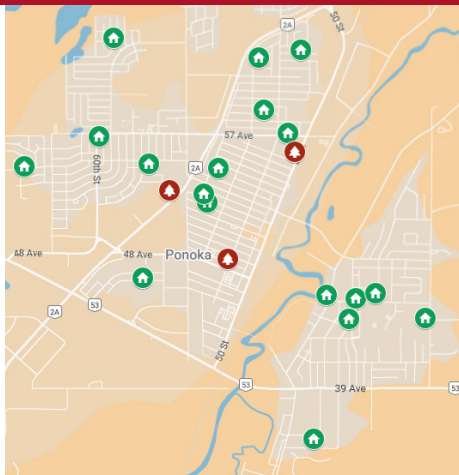


## Enjoy Ponoka's Christmas Lights Tour

Ponoka's annual Christmas Lights Tour showcases festively decorated homes throughout the community. Tour maps are available on the Town of Ponoka's website at [Ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka](https://ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka). Paper copies are also available at the:

- Ponoka Aquaplex;
- Ponoka Arena Complex; and
- Town Office on the second floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre.



## NEW! Best Decorated Home Contest

Vote now on the Town of Ponoka's Facebook page until December 29.

The winning home will be announced on Tuesday, December 30 and will be awarded a prize.



Learn more by visiting the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka](https://ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka)

## Holiday Lights at Lions Centennial Park

Come stroll through Lions Centennial Park and marvel at the beauty of more than 500,000 Christmas lights. The holiday light display will continue throughout the winter until the end of February.



## Early Bird Rates for Pet Licences Available Until December 31



There are only a few weeks left for pet owners to take advantage of the early bird discounted rate for animal licences. To access these rates, pet owners will need to renew their 2026 animal licences by Wednesday, December 31.

The early bird rate is \$15 annually for spayed or neutered animals, or \$30 for unaltered animals. This is a discount of up to almost 70 per cent!

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. That's because a pet licence provides Old MacDonald Kennels with your 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)

## Join Us for the Holly Jolly Public Skate on December 21

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ponoka Arena Complex

- A free public skate with Santa;
- Complimentary hot chocolate;
- Cookie decorating; and
- A crafts station.



Learn more at [Ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka](https://ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka)

## Town of Ponoka Holiday Facility Hours

All Town facilities will be closed starting at 12 p.m. on December 24 and all day on December 25, 26 and January 1.

Throughout the holiday season, Town facilities will be open regular hours on all other days.

The Ponoka Arena Complex and Ponoka Aquaplex will offer special programming throughout the holiday season. To view these schedules, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/recreation](https://ponoka.ca/p/recreation).



## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **2026 Waste Collection Calendar** - Watch your mailbox for the 2026 Waste Collection Calendar. The new calendars are in the mail. You can also find a printable version of the 2026 Waste Collection Calendar on the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](https://ponoka.ca/p/waste-management).
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on December 17, 18 and 19 - depending on your Zone.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on December 24 and 26 - depending on your Zone. If your regular collection date is December 25, collection will happen on December 24.
- **Missed Pickups** - If your curbside green 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). If your recycling was missed, please contact E360S dispatch at 587-217-1975 or by email at [EPR-Alberta@E360S.ca](mailto:EPR-Alberta@E360S.ca).



## ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- Next **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**: Tuesday, January 13 at 6 p.m.
- Next **PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING**: Tuesday, January 20 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)



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