



# Village of Point Edward

## March 2019

### Guidelines for Compost Collection

Beginning April 1, leaves, grass, and brush will be collected curbside. Please refer to your Village calendar for dates and detailed information. Please note that these items are typically picked up in separate trips: grass and leaves will be collected first, followed by brush later that day.

Follow these guidelines to help ensure your items will be collected:

- Have leaves/grass/brush to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection days.
- **Be mindful of the weight: bags/containers must not exceed 48 lbs.**
- Remove potted plants/flowers from their containers.
- Tie brush, including branches up to 4" in diameter, into bundles no longer than 4 feet, or place in an open container marked with an 'X' on both sides.

Please note that regulations may be changing mid-season to prohibit the use of plastic bags for compostable materials. Once the collection site has finalized regulations, the Village will be mailing a notice that will inform you of any changes and outline the new policy for recyclables that will take effect on July 1, 2019.

#### ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The Annual Water Report is available on the Village website: <https://www.villageofpointedward.com/water-department/>. A hard copy is available at the Municipal Office at no cost.

#### Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Maynard & Rene Walker Family Scholarship can be picked up from the Municipal Office. **The deadline for submitting an application is May 1.**

#### Splash Pad Opening



Weather permitting, Point Edward's Splash Pad and Splash Pad washrooms are scheduled to open for the season on Friday, **May 24**. The Splash Pad will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Bridge washrooms are scheduled to open April 15.

#### Save the Date: June 27



The Village of Point Edward will be hosting its annual Canada Day Celebration on **Thursday, June 27, 2019**. Details will be announced on our website and Facebook page closer to the event date.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**APRIL 1:**  
Leaf/Grass/Brush Collection Resumes. Check your Village calendar for dates.

**APRIL 15:**  
Ban on Overnight Parking Lifted

**APRIL 19:**  
Good Friday  
Municipal Office Closed

**APRIL 21:**  
Easter Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service



**APRIL 22:**  
Easter Monday  
Municipal Office Closed

**APRIL 25:**  
Water Payment Due

**MAY 10:**  
Emergency Preparedness Day 2019  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the **Clearwater Arena**

**MAY 11:**  
Annual Village-wide Garage Sale

**MAY 14:**  
Chipper

**MAY 20:**  
Victoria Day  
Municipal Office Closed



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# Point Edward Fire & Rescue News

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## Preparing for Severe Weather

Spring weather can be unpredictable. When severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and death increases, so planning ahead makes sense. Below are some tips and information from Emergency Preparedness Canada on how to prepare for and deal with severe spring weather.

### Thunderstorms, Lightning, and Hail

Thunderstorms are often accompanied by high winds, hail, lightning, heavy rain and in rare cases can produce tornadoes. Hail is formed when updrafts in thunderclouds carry raindrops upward into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere, where they freeze and merge into lumps of ice.

- Thunderstorms and lightning occur throughout Canada but less frequently in the North. On average, 10 people die each year in Canada and up to 160 are injured during such storms.
- Thunderstorms are usually over within an hour, although a series of thunderstorms can last several hours.
- Hailstorms occur across Canada, mostly from May to October. They are most frequent in Alberta, the southern Prairies and in southern Ontario.
- Some hailstones are the size of peas while others can be as big as grapefruits.
- Hail comes down at great speed, especially when accompanied by high winds, and can cause serious injuries and damages.

#### What to do if you're inside:

- Before a severe thunderstorm, unplug radios, televisions and appliances (especially those that may start up automatically when the power is restored). Listen for weather updates on your wind-up or battery-powered radio. If you need to use the phone during a thunderstorm, use a cordless phone. Stay away from items that may conduct electricity, such as corded telephones, appliances, sinks, bathtubs, radiators and metal pipes.
- If hail is forecast, protect your vehicle by putting it in the garage or other enclosed space.
- Take cover when hail begins to fall. Do not go out to cover plants, cars, or garden furniture.
- When a hailstorm hits, stay indoors, and keep yourself and your pets away from windows, glass doors, and skylights, which can shatter if hit by hailstones.

#### What to do if you're outside:

- If you are caught outside and you can see lightning or hear thunder, you are in danger of being hit. Seek shelter immediately either in an enclosed building or a hard-topped vehicle. There is no safe place outside in a thunderstorm.
- If caught outside far from a safe location, stay away from tall objects, such as trees, poles, wires, and fences. Take shelter in a low lying area.
- Wait 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder before going outside again.

## Fire Safety Tips to Add to Your Spring Cleaning Routine

- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; change batteries immediately if needed.
- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords and replace where needed.
- Ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit in case of incidents such as power outages and flooding.
- Practice your family's fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.
- Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.
- Recycle: get rid of old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Check and clean the filters above the stove.
- Pull the refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency.

Visit [CAER.ca](http://CAER.ca) to register for the MY CNN Community Notification Network and stay informed of local disasters and emergencies that may affect the Village of Point Edward and Sarnia.