



# Village of Point Edward

## March 2021

### Leaf/Grass/Compost Collection & Brush Collection

Leaf/grass/compost collection will begin on Tuesday, April 6 and continue weekly through November. Please note that collection regularly occurs on Mondays, but is postponed until Tuesday in the case of a holiday. All collection dates are marked in your Village Calendar.

Leaf/grass/compost must be contained in **paper** bags or in an open container marked with an 'X.' Plastic bags will not be accepted. Filled bags/containers must not exceed 48 lbs. Please remove potted plants and flowers from their containers.

Brush collection is a separate event from leaf/grass/compost collection and will typically occur on the last Monday of each month, with one additional pick up scheduled in April and November. Please verify dates in your Village Calendar. Brush must be **tyed in bundles** no longer than 4 feet *or* placed in an open container.

The **Chipper** will accept branches up to 6 inches in diameter, with no length limit and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11. After this collection, the Chipper will not return until October. Please ensure branches are brought to the curb the night before collection or by 7:00 a.m. on collection day.

### UPCOMING CHANGE TO VILLAGE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS

To reduce costs and to help better assist our customers, the Village of Point Edward has contracted Bluewater Power to read, invoice, and collect our water/sewer accounts.

Your final bill from the Village will be due on July 26, 2021 and will cover use until June 24, 2021. Your first bill from Bluewater Power will be due around the first week of September and will cover the approximate period of June 24 to August 3, 2021. Bills will be due monthly after this time.

Any arrears owing prior to the transition will be collected by the Village. Please give your full co-operation to Bluewater Power should they require access to your indoor water meter.

For customers who currently have a Bluewater Power account for hydro service, the water/sewer service will appear on the same invoice. For customers who do not have an active Bluewater Power account, a new account number will be issued for water/sewer service.

### Public Survey for the Community Safety & Well-being Plan

Residents of Lambton County are invited to participate in a public survey to aid in the development of a provincially-required, collaborative Community Safety and Well-being Plan. This is an opportunity to have your say in developing a plan that will benefit our community.

The confidential survey responses will help the Advisory Committee understand the state of well-being and feelings of safety in our community and determine what actions are required to improve the local quality of life. The [online survey](#) is available until March 31, 2021 and can be accessed through Lambton County's website.

### ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The Annual Water Report is available at <https://www.villageofpointedward.com/water-department/>. A hard copy is available by request at no cost.

### IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, APRIL 2: Good Friday Municipal Office Closed
SUNDAY, APRIL 4: Easter Sunday <i>Happy Easter</i>
MONDAY, APRIL 5: Easter Monday Municipal Office Closed
TUESDAY, APRIL 6: Leaf/Grass/Compost Collection Resumes
MONDAY, APRIL 12: Brush Collection Resumes (select weeks only; please see your calendar)
THURSDAY, APRIL 15: Ban on Overnight Parking Lifted
MONDAY, APRIL 26: • <b>Water Payment Due</b> • 2nd Brush Collection for April
TUESDAY, MAY 11: <b>CHIPPER</b>
MONDAY, MAY 24: Victoria Day Municipal Office Closed
FRIDAY, JUNE 4: 2nd Regular Garbage Collection Begins

### Vaccination Clinic at the Point Edward Memorial Arena

One of Lambton Public Health's fixed immunization clinics is now operating out of the Point Edward Memorial Arena. Please call Lambton Public Health at (519) 383-8331 for vaccine-related inquiries.

**Appointments for eligible individuals can be booked online** using the province's booking system: [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](http://Ontario.ca/bookvaccine). The latest updates on the local vaccine roll-out are available at [GetTheVaccine.ca](http://GetTheVaccine.ca).



## Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives!

Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every storey of your home and outside of any sleeping areas.

Inspect and test them every month—only *working* alarms give you the early warning you need to safely escape in an emergency!

Change the batteries in your alarms at least once per year, but twice is better—a great time to do this is when the time changes.

Keep in mind that alarms don't last forever: the maximum life span of a smoke alarm (battery or electric) is 10 years. If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, you need to update them.

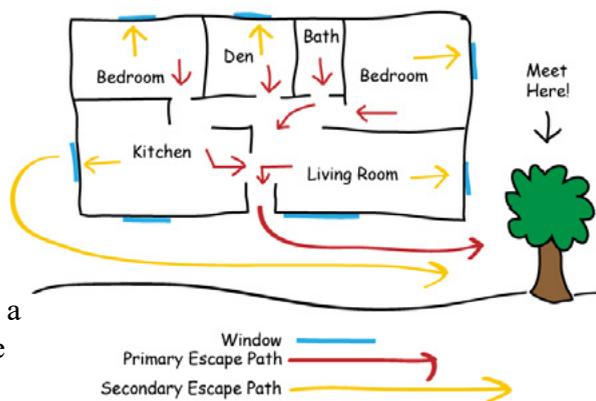
Carbon monoxide alarms also have a life span of 7–10 years, depending on the make/maker. Always check your owner's manual or manufacturer's direction for your particular device.

## Home Escape Planning

**It is vital that you know what to do when the smoke or carbon monoxide alarms sound in an emergency. Every family and person needs to have a plan and practice it!**

Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in the event of an emergency. Make sure everyone knows where to meet (“the meeting spot”) outside the home—it is very important to have each person meet in the same place to verify that everyone has made it out of the home safely and to relay this information to the fire department as soon as they arrive.

**GET OUT & STAY OUT!** When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside of the home. Never re-enter a burning building! Wait outside at the meeting spot and advise the fire department of anyone else in the building.



## TOO MANY WIRES CAN CAUSE FIRES

Extension cords should be used only as a **temporary** connection. If permanent wiring is required, have additional outlets installed by a licensed electrician.

Extension cords should not be linked together. Instead, use an extension cord that is long enough to do the job.

Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause a fire.



Avoid overloading a circuit with “octopus outlets.” If additional outlets or circuits are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician.

## TIPS FOR PREVENTING DRYER FIRES

A leading cause of dryer fires in the home is the lack of dryer maintenance.

- Inspect and clean the lint screen after each load of laundry. The build-up of lint can lead to a fire.
- Regularly remove lint from ducts and exhaust vents.
- Regularly inspect the outdoor vent to ensure it is unobstructed.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Keep the area around the dryer clear of items that can burn.

## Get Ready to Grill!

**Do this THREE-STEP SAFETY CHECK at the start of BBQ season:**

1. **CLEAN:** Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
2. **CHECK:** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace it if cracked or damaged.
3. **TEST:** Find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to propane cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace the damaged parts and retest.

## Tips for Using Your BBQ Safely:

- Never leave the BBQ unattended when in use.
- Make sure grease does not build up on the burners or at the base of the BBQ—this could cause a grease fire.
- Never throw water on a grease fire—this will only spread the flame.
- **DO NOT** place the BBQ close to wooden fences or walls, vinyl siding, or anything that can burn. The area behind your BBQ must be free of anything that can ignite—this is where hot gases escape.
- Keep loose clothing away from a hot BBQ.
- Keep children and pets at least one metre (three feet) away from a hot BBQ.
- When finished barbecuing, turn the gas valve off first, then turn off the burner controls so no gas is left in the connecting hose.
- Allow the BBQ to cool completely before closing the cover.