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Change to Village Water/Sewer Accounts

In our ongoing endeavors to reduce costs and to help better assist our customers, we have contracted Bluewater Power to read, invoice and collect our water/sewer accounts. **Your final bill from the Village of Point Edward will be due on July 26 and will cover use until June 24. Please make payment to the Village of Point Edward for this final bill.**

Your first bill from Bluewater Power will be due during the first week of September and will cover a period from June 24 until August 3 (all dates are approximate). Bills will be due monthly after this time. Any arrears owing prior to the transition will be collected by the Village of Point Edward. 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 their electricity service, the water/sewer service will appear on the same bill in most cases. If you are a tenant, you may receive a separate water bill. For customers who do not have an active Bluewater Power electricity account, a new account number will be issued for your water/sewer service.

***If you normally make your water/sewer payments via the Internet, phone, or bank machine please ensure you update the payment information to your new Bluewater Power account number.**

Bluewater Power can be contacted at 519-337-8201, emailus@bluewaterpower.com, twitter, www.bluewaterpower.com, or at 855 Confederation St., Sarnia (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY, JULY 1:


Municipal Office Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 2:

Tax Payment Due (2 of 3)

MONDAY, JULY 26:

Water Payment Due

MONDAY, AUGUST 2:

Civic Holiday
Municipal Office Closed
**Leaf/Grass/Compost Collection moved to Tuesday, August 3*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:

Labour Day
Municipal Office Closed
**Leaf/Grass/Compost Collection moved to Tuesday, September 7*

Brush Reminder

Brush collection is a separate event from leaf/grass/compost collection and typically occurs on the last Monday of the month, with an additional collection scheduled in April and November. All collection dates are marked in the Village calendar. Brush includes hedges, shrubs, rose bushes, twigs, and branches up to four inches in diameter. **Please note that brush mixed in with leaf/grass/compost will not be collected.** Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet or placed in an open container marked with an 'X.'



For use in non-emergency events with
NO injuries, NO suspects and NO evidence

- THEFT UNDER \$5,000
- STOLEN LICENSE PLATES
- MISCHIEF/DAMAGE TO VEHICLE UNDER \$5,000
- THEFT FROM A VEHICLE
- MISCHIEF/DAMAGE TO PROPERTY UNDER \$5,000
- DRIVING COMPLAINTS
- LOST OR MISSING PROPERTY UNDER \$5,000



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CAMPFIRE SAFETY TIPS

All it takes is one spark for things to go wrong. A carelessly abandoned campfire or a campfire built without safe clearance can turn into a dangerous and fast-moving blaze. Enjoy a safe campfire by following these tips:

- Keep up-to-date on fire bans and municipal open air burning restrictions. Point Edward's Open Air Burning By-law is available at <https://www.villageofpointedward.com/by-laws/>
- Never build a campfire on a windy day—sparks or embers could travel quite a distance.
- Watch the wind direction to monitor sparks, and put the fire out if wind changes cause concern.
- Build campfires where they will not spread—well away from tents, trailers, dry grass, leaves, overhanging tree branches & other combustibles.
- At campsites, build campfires in fire pits provided or on bare rock or sand if no fire pit is provided.
- Surround and contain the campfire with rocks. *Be aware that rocks obtained from the river may explode due to moisture in the rock becoming superheated by the campfire.*
- **Maintain a 2–3.5 metre (6–10 foot) clearance around your campfire.**
- Use crumpled paper and/or kindling to start a fire rather than using flammable liquids.
- **Never use gasoline as an aid to starting a campfire.** If a fire starter is required, use only proper lighting fluid and use sparingly. **NEVER PUT IT ON AN OPEN FLAME;** the fire can ignite the stream of lighting fluid and the flame will travel up the stream, igniting the container in your hand and causing serious injury. *Once the lighting fluid has been applied to the firewood, allow a few minutes for the explosive vapors to disperse, and place the lighting fluid container a safe distance away, before lighting the campfire.*
- Keep campfires to a small, manageable size (no more than 1 metre high by 1 metre in diameter).
- Don't burn garbage in your campfire. The smell is unpleasant for you and your neighbours, and it may attract animals to your campsite/yard.
- Keep all combustible materials (flammable liquids, propane cylinders, etc.) away from the campfire.
- Stack extra wood upwind, away from sparks.
- Never leave campfires unattended. Ensure a responsible adult monitors it at all times.
- Supervise children around campfires at all times and never allow horseplay near or involving the campfire, e.g. jumping over it. Do not allow children to run near a campfire.
- Closely supervise children while roasting treats over a campfire; a flaming marshmallow can easily ignite a child's clothing and a heated metal skewer can be a burn hazard and a puncture hazard.
- Loose clothing can easily catch fire. Never reach into a campfire to rearrange wood.
- Teach children how to **STOP, DROP and ROLL** should their clothing catch on fire.
- **The safest way to extinguish a campfire is with water**, so keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Use caution when applying the water. Stir the dampened coals once water has been applied and then douse with water again. As an added precaution, shovel sand or dirt to cover dampened coals and smother remaining embers. The majority of children are burned the morning after a fire from coming into contact with hot ashes/embers.

Fire Doesn't Take A Vacation

When you open up your cottage or cabin, make sure your **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** are **working**.

Replace worn out alarms and batteries.

Test them **monthly**.

