

2025 Spring Newsletter



NEW

WASTE BIN FEE



In previous years, the waste bin fee appeared on the final tax bill only and covered the period from August 1st of the current year to July 31st of the following year. In 2024, the waste bin fee was annualized and starting in 2025, 50% of the waste bin fee will appear on the interim bill so the annual fee is spread throughout the four installments instead of the final two installments.

Annual Waste Bin Fee	Interim Amount (50% of Annual Fee)
Small Waste Bin \$120	\$60
Medium Waste Bin \$170	\$85
Large Waste Bin \$220	\$110

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Celebrate Family Day with Us!

West Perth Municipal Office at [160 Wellington St.](#) 10am to 1pm

- February 15 - Family Day Event Open to All Ages
- Drop-in activities: Games, Crafts, Virtual Reality & more
- Visit the West Perth Firehall [170 Wellington St.](#) for more fun!
- Free Family Skate at the [West Perth Arena](#) -sponsored by Faddis, from 12:45-1:45pm

Older Adult Dance

West Perth Community Centre from 1pm to 3pm on:

- February 26 - The Classics
- March 26 - Bob Lauze
- April 30 - Irish Cowboys



Registration

- Happy Herons Summer Camp Registration Feb 3rd at 8am
- Swimming Lessons Registration Feb 4th at 8:30am

Visit westperth.recdesk.com to register.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION



INTERIM TAX BILL: The amount billed is 50% of prior year's taxes.

FINAL TAX BILL: Current tax rate is applied to current year assessment value to calculate final total taxes less interim amount billed.

It is IMPORTANT to keep your FINAL tax bills for future reference if needed for income tax purposes, mortgage companies, realtors, or appraisers as it shows the total taxes billed for the year. ***\$5 fee for re-prints/re-send**

INTERIM TAX INSTALLMENT DUE DATES

February 28, 2025 | May 30, 2025

ACCEPTED TAX & UTILITY PAYMENTS:

- Pre-Authorized Payments
- Online and Telephone Banking
- Pay Simply: Online Card Payment

* Pay Simply is a third-party provider to securely pay Tax or Utility bills online with any card. Visit www.PaySimply.ca and search "West Perth"

- E-Transfer: finance@westperth.com

* MUST specify your account number

- Drop Box at Municipal Office

*Cheques only

- Regular Letter Mail

westperth.com/taxes



GO PAPERLESS!



Rescue your kitchen counter from the pile of 'paper bills' and sign up to receive your tax bill via E-mail.

Cost Savings: Reduces expenses by eliminating the need for printing and postage.

Time Efficiency: Enables faster invoicing, delivery, and processing compared to traditional methods.

End User Efficiency: Provides more time to review and process invoices, with access to historical invoices through email.

Visit our website to sign up for E-SEND today!

DOG TAGS & ANNUAL FEES

All residents in West Perth are required to have a tag for their dogs (By-law 59-2024). Dog owners currently registered will receive an invoice for 2025. If your dog information has changed, please let us know. Annual fees are DUE February 28th, after which they are charged interest. To apply for a new dog tag please visit WestPerth.com/Dogs



FARM TAX CLASSIFICATION



Have you recently purchased a farm property in West Perth? Sale of Farmland (FT) triggers a tax classification change back to Residential (RT) and is taxed at 100%. Please review property tax bill to ensure you have the correct classification.

Classification changes are made through AGRICORP. Call 1-888-247-4999 or email contact@agricorp.com.

WEST PERTH COMMUNITY GUIDE



We are excited to announce the development of the West Perth Community Guide. This comprehensive resource will feature several key sections, including a Community Spotlight, an Organization Spotlight that highlights dedicated volunteers and a detailed calendar of upcoming events for Summer 2025 and beyond. Additionally, it will serve as your essential guide to municipal contacts, providing vital information and a complete listing of departments. We are committed to making this guide an invaluable asset for our community!

Interested in advertising in this guide? Please email communications@westperth.com or call 519-348-8429 ext 239 for more information.

MUNICIPAL LOBBY DISPLAY



We are inviting community groups, organizations, and individuals to curate a display at the Municipal Office front lobby. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase aspects of our community's heritage, culture, and volunteerism! If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to us. We look forward to celebrating West Perth's vibrant community!

Email communications@westperth.com or call 519-348-8429 ext 239

WEST PERTH: CONNECT, ENGAGE & REGISTER - OPEN HOUSE

Come and register your family for various sports, service clubs, and community services across West Perth.

 FEBRUARY 7, 2025
5:30PM-8:00PM

 FEBRUARY 8, 2025
9:00AM-11:00AM

 WEST PERTH
COMMUNITY CENTRE



WestPerth.com/BeActive

WEST PERTH TRANSIT

medical appointments



shopping



social visits



and more!

- For info, call [519-348-9765](tel:519-348-9765)
- To book, call Easyride at [519-348-9875](tel:519-348-9875)

Daily Service Hours:
Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm
Special pricing may apply to bookings outside of service hours.



WEST PERTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

West Perth Public Library is happy to help with questions about your favourite topics, hobbies, new pastimes, or community resources. Talk to us in person during our open hours, or online 24/7 at www.westperthpl.ca.



WEST PERTH FIRE DEPT HOME FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS



Before firing up the wood stove this heating season, follow these tips:

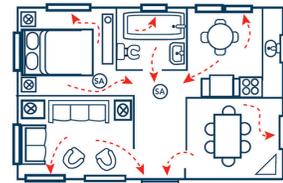
- ✓ Have the stove and chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional
- ✓ Check and clean chimneys and flue pipes often for creosote and soot build-up
- ✓ Keep combustibles 3 feet away from the stove
- ✓ Burn only dry, seasoned wood - store the wood outdoors away from the house
- ✓ Allow ashes to cool before removing them - use a metal, non-combustible container to store ashes

Working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms provide early warning to get out of your home.

- ✓ By law, smoke and CO alarms are required to be installed on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ✓ Test all alarms monthly by pressing the test button.

Create and practice a home fire escape plan using these safety tips:

- Identify two ways out of each room
- Have an outdoor meeting place
- Call the fire department in a safe location outside of your home



Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms today!

WestPerth.com/Fire

How to Contact the Perth County OPP:

9-1-1 - Emergencies only, such as a fire, medical emergency, or crime in progress

1-888-310-1122 - Non-Emergency Number for OPP

www.opp.ca - OPP Website and Online Reporting (See Website for Reportable Occurrence Types)

www.p3tips.com or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) - Huron Perth Crime Stoppers Detachment Administrative Lines (Not Monitored 24/7)

(519) 348-9700 - West Perth OPP

(519) 393-6123 - Perth County OPP

(519) 291-1414 - North Perth OPP

West Perth Detachment: 132 St. George Street, Mitchell, ON N0K 1N0



PERTH COUNTY OPP REMINDERS



CLOSED HIGHWAYS

A quick reminder that motorists are required to stay off roads that are closed, whether a police cruiser or an Emergency Road Closed sign is blocking the road. Not only could drivers face a fine, but the safety of emergency personnel is at risk.

FRAUDS

Scams continue to affect residents of West Perth, which often result in the loss of money. If you receive an emergency call (someone in a collision/jail), or a report of fraudulent activity on credit cards, call your family member or financial institution to verify if this is true. Do not give money or provide gift card numbers to someone over the phone, or to anyone you do not know. If you have been the victim of a fraud, call 1-888-310-1122 and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

We all play a role in preventing crime. Leaving keys in a vehicle or leaving vehicles unlocked makes theft very easy. Please remember, "Lock it, or Lose it" so you don't become a victim. Not only is it a hassle for the owner, but it is a risk for those driving on the roads with stolen vehicles.