

This week's Town Page features important information on the evolving COVID-19 situation as well as impacted Town programs and services. Please note that the Town Page is printed on Tuesday, March 24. For the most up to date information, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of Council and our community, I want to thank everyone for doing their part as we navigate this unprecedented global crisis. Practicing social distancing, self-isolating, washing hands, helping your neighbours, and being diligent will help towards flattening the COVID-19 curve.



We recognize it is a difficult time and not being able to do our normal day to day activities such as, going to the playground, visiting with friends, and shopping as usual can be challenging, but remember that home is a good place to be right now. It is what we do today, tomorrow and in the coming weeks that are critical to getting through this together.

Your Council and Town staff continue to work hard to keep our community protected and operational. Here are some of the ways we are working to help our community:

1. Water & Tax Payments: For bills due at the end of March/early April, a short-term deferral plan has been put in place until May 1. Staff are working with York Region and other neighbouring municipalities to assess the evolving situation related to tax and water bills. Longer term deferral programs for bills due on April 30 or after are being investigated and will be shared in the coming days. If you have concerns regarding the ability to pay your bill, staff are available to discuss your account, please contact the Town's Customer Service department. For the most up to date information please visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19.

2. By-Law Enforcement - The Town is currently prioritizing essential services. By-law offences, such as overnight parking are not being enforced unless there are significant traffic and/or community safety concerns. Please be respectful of one another and park in your driveway and garage where possible.

3. Trails - Self-isolation can be hard, and we know there is an interest and need to get outside and enjoy the weather. Our trails remain open for those who want to enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces, but you are reminded to please practice social distancing and proper hand washing/sanitizing if heading out on the trails. The parking lot located at Yonge St. and Mount Albert Rd. is now open for access to the Nokiidaa Trail.

4. Parks - Consistent with Northern York Region municipalities playground equipment, skate parks and bike parks have been closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Feel free to continue to use park open spaces, sports fields and trails while maintaining social distancing (2 metres).

Town updates will continue to be posted on our website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19

If you require assistance, the Town's Customer Service Centre is available at 905-478-4282 or customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE TOWN!

Customer Service is available during facility closures. You can contact the team by:



905-478-4282



customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca



www.eastgwillimbury.ca/customerservice

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WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE

Waste collection will continue to be collected as per the waste calendar. For the week of March 30 to April 3, residents may place out up to five bags of untagged garbage for collection. Staff will continue to assess this evolving situation and work with our municipal partners to provide updates as necessary. If you have concerns regarding collection please contact Customer Service for assistance.

Waste Collection Reminders

- Medical masks and gloves belong in the garbage. Please DO NOT place these items in the recycling bin.
- Disinfectant wipes and baby wipes belong in the garbage and paper towels belong in the green bin. DO NOT flush these items in the toilet as this will cause sewer blockages which may lead to a sewer back-up at your house.
- Please hold off on disposing large bulky items until regular garbage collection resumes if possible.
- Please continue to use compostable bags for all material inside your green bin.
- To help protect our waste collection crews please ensure your garbage bags are tied properly and that no loose material is placed into garbage containers.
- To search how to properly dispose of items, please visit www.york.ca/bindicator.

For more information on EG waste collection or to view the 2020 Waste Collection calendar, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste

COVID-19 UPDATES

For COVID-19 information and updates, please visit:

- www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19
- www.york.ca/COVID19
- www.ontario.ca/coronavirus
- www.canada.ca/covid19

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COVID-19

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean and why is it important?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.



AVOID

- Group gatherings
- Sleep overs
- Play dates
- Concerts
- Theatre outings
- Athletic events
- Crowded stores
- Bars and restaurants
- Non-essential travel

USE CAUTION AND MAINTAIN 2 METRE SEPARATION

- Visiting a grocery store
- Picking up medications
- Essential travel
- Picking up and delivering food
- Visitors in your home

SAFE TO DO

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Play in your yard
- Clean out your closet
- Read a good book
- Listen to music
- Cook a meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Group video chats
- Stream a show
- Call or text a friend
- Call or text an elderly neighbour

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
YORK.CA/COVID19

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Our Economic Development team has prepared information to support our local business community. Visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covidbusiness for more information.

FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

East Gwillimbury Food Pantry

The East Gwillimbury Food Pantry will be open on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holland Landing Community Centre. Please note that food or cheque donations will not be accepted at the Library. If you wish to support the Food Pantry, here is how you can donate:

- Make a monetary donation at www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/6444 and write "Food Pantry" in the message field
- Purchase a pre-selected bag of food at Vince's Market in Sharon near the checkout and leave it with the cashier.

For more information, visit www.egpl.ca

Second Chance Clothing Depot & Food Cupboard

Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at St. James the Apostle Anglican Church. Donations can be left in the donation box beside the house.