



Town of East Gwillimbury

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CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Daylight savings begins on March 14, 2010 and the Emergency Services Department is recommending residents replace the old batteries in their smoke alarms when they change their clocks this weekend.

For smoke alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries. Twice a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks on March 14, 2010, take the time to change the batteries in all your smoke alarms.

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. It's the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms.

Tampering with, or removing the batteries from an alarm is against the law. Failure to comply with Smoke Alarm Requirements in the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

For more information contact:
Brad Morrissey, Fire Prevention Officer, (905) 853-8842



UNAPPROVED FIREPLACES SOLD

Recently the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) became aware of unapproved vent-free fireplaces manufactured by ProCom that were being sold at local Liquidation World stores. These heating appliances, which are typically fuelled by natural gas, operate without a chimney, flue or vent (see picture below).

According to the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) these units are not approved for sale, installation or use in Canada, as there is no Canadian Standard that applies to this product type. These appliances require sufficient combustion air to ensure complete combustion of the fuel, and no production of carbon monoxide (CO). Due to the tightly constructed homes typically found in Canada, this appliance could pose a significant CO risk.

Local Liquidation World stores have advised that these appliances were supplied by their head office and that they could be sold throughout Ontario. TSSA has issued a provincial offence order to Liquidation World's head office to discontinue the sale of these appliances.

However, this product has been available for sale in stores for a while, so many may have already been sold.

Consumers who have already purchased such a unit are advised to return this unapproved product to their local Liquidation World store and inquire as to how they may be reimbursed.



HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Public input requested to help your community improve your access to High Speed Internet

In recent years governments have initiated programs to help ensure that citizens have access to high speed internet service. As a telecommunication service, Internet is a critical component of business, education, health and daily life.

The Town and its Business Development Committee are conducting a Telecommunications Gap Analysis in partnership with South Lake Community Futures Development Corporation. The purpose of the study is to identify strategies to best position the Municipality for the development of high capacity telecommunication services for all residents, businesses and future economic development.

The Town wants to identify areas where high speed internet access is not available to its residents and businesses. High speed is defined as a minimum of 1.5 megabits per second of sustained speed of service.

The Town will seek information from multiple sources, but the key input will come from residents and businesses. This information will be used to discuss options with telecom providers and for policy decision making.

If you are interested in providing input please contact us by March 19th and tell us your name, civic address, why you do not have access to High Speed Internet. Please use any of the following methods to provide your input.

www.eastgwillimbury.ca (look for link to "Telecommunications Gap Analysis")
or email Telecommunications@eastgwillimbury.ca
or call (905) 478-3809



To determine the speed of your internet service, visit www.speedtest.net and perform a speed test by clicking on the "Begin Test" button. The test will take approximately a minute to complete. Internet speeds can vary slightly throughout the day depending on usage in your area; you may wish to run this test a few times.

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Aimee Artinian in the Town's Economic Development Office at (905) 478-4282 ext. 1216

EG LIBRARY

March Break @ Your Library™ Blast Off! with Silly Miss Tilly
Join our favourite magician on this trip to outer space.

Holland Landing Branch
Tuesday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$5.00. Ages: 3 - 10.

Sing & Play! with Russ Clayton
Russ is Back and in Concert!
Mount Albert Branch
Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Holland Landing Branch
Thursday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5.00. Ages: 4 - 10.

Wii Games Tournament
Get your Wii-Mote at the Ready! Wii Games are Back!

Holland Landing Branch
Tuesday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m.
Mount Albert Branch
Thursday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

FREE! Ages: 5 & Up

St. Patrick's Day Parties!
Stories, Crafts, and More!
Wednesday, March 17

Mount Albert Branch
at 11:00 a.m.
Holland Landing Branch
at 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$2.00. Ages: 4 - 10.
Crafty Class - Bird Feeders
Build your own Spring Bird Feeder.

Mount Albert Branch
Thursday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Holland Landing Branch
Friday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$6.00. Ages: 5 & Up

Alice in Wonderland Party
Alice and Her friends are loose in the Library!

Stop in for Crafts, Games, Silliness, and Treats.

Holland Landing Branch
Friday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$2.00. Ages: 5 - 10.

To register for a program please call:
Holland Landing Branch at 905-836-6492
Mount Albert Branch at 905-473-2472

2010 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

2010 Water and Wastewater Rate Increase
Effective for the 1st complete 2010 quarterly usage billing
(Includes January, February and/or March 2010)

	2009 Rates Per Cubic Metre	2010 Rates Per Cubic Metre
Water (Tier 1)* (up to 105 m3)	\$1.40	\$1.52
Water (Tier 2) (over 105 m3)	\$2.30	\$2.50
Sewer	\$1.12	\$1.32
Combined Water & Wastewater Rate	\$2.61	\$2.84

For further information regarding 2010 Water and Sewer Rates, contact the Finance Department at 905-478-4283 extension 1230.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Drought Tolerant Gardening Seminar and Rain Barrel Sales Event with Aileen Barclay from Water for Tomorrow. Presented by The East Gwillimbury Environmental Advisory Committee. Wednesday March 10th, 2010 at 7:00pm at East Gwillimbury Civic Centre. Rain Barrels for a special price of \$50 (cash/credit). For more information, or to pre-order your rain barrel, please contact John at 905-478-4282 ext. 1296.

LADIES 18+ SOFTBALL SIGN UPS
2010 - 25th Season! E.G.A.L.S East Gwillimbury Amateur Ladies Softball. Games Tuesday or Wednesday night in Queensville. Local registration March 14th from 11am-3pm at Sharon Arena. April 17th & 18th from 11am-3pm at Old McDonald's Furniture and Appliances - house. Call for details or visit website www.egals-softball.ca or 905-716-3422



The Family Place Presents: CABIN FEVER RELIEVER VI - A CARNIVAL EXPERIENCE
MARCH 27TH 2010

Event is being held at the Lions Hall - 5057 Mt. Albert Sd. Road
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$40.00, Sponsorship Package \$150.00. For tickets call 905-473-5929 or email thefamilyplace@hotmail.com

2010 MOSQUITO CONTROL

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

As in previous years, the granular biological control agent Vectobac (Bti) [No. 18158 registered under the *Pest Control Products Act (Canada)*] will be applied aerially (by helicopter) to hardwood bush and areas with an abundance of standing water throughout the Town of East Gwillimbury during early to mid-April during daylight hours, weather permitting.

A map indicating the areas of application is available for viewing during regular business hours in the Town Civic Centre, Corporate Services Department (address as indicated below) and on the Town's web site www.eastgwillimbury.ca

• If you **approve** of having the Vectobac applied to your property;

Or
• If you **object** to having the Vectobac applied to your property;

You must submit the mosquito submission form to the Town of East Gwillimbury in writing by no later than **Wednesday, March 19th, 2010.**

NEW for 2010 - complete the mosquito submission form on line at www.eastgwillimbury.ca. You can also submit your form by mail, fax or email. (Please ensure to include your municipal address)

Contact: Fernando Lamanna, Deputy Clerk, Legal & Council Support Services.
Town of East Gwillimbury 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario L0G 1V0
flamanna@eastgwillimbury.ca

Tel: (905) 478-4282 ext 1240 Fax: (905) 478-2808



THINKING GREEN

Conserving water this spring and summer by investing in a rain barrel. They are a low-cost, efficient way to recycle water. Rain barrels capture rain water that falls on your roof and travels through your downspout; they are an excellent way of harvesting a natural water source to use in your garden while helping to reduce water consumption from your main water supply. Take advantage of the upcoming rain barrel sale and seminar taking place at the East Gwillimbury Civic Centre on March 10, 2010 at 7pm. Further details of the "Drought Tolerant Gardening Seminar and Rain Barrel Sales Event" are listed on this Town Page or visit the Town website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca.



Holland Landing • River Drive Park • Mount Albert • Queensville • Sharon

For further information on your Town: WEB SITE: www.eastgwillimbury.ca PHONE: 905-478-4282 FAX 905-478-2808
E-MAIL: town@eastgwillimbury.ca MAIL TO: Town of East Gwillimbury, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario L0G 1V0