

Canada Day – July 1st

The office will be closed Wednesday, July 1st and curbside collection will take place one day later Thursday thru Saturday. Check your Township calendar for changes to the collection schedule whenever there is a holiday. All bags must be set out for collection by 7:00 am, must weigh less than 40 pounds and be tied. Garbage must be in clear bags and have a valid Rideau Lakes' bag tag on each of them - 3 bag limit per week. Recycling goes in clear blue bags and does not need a tag - 5 bag limit per week.

Portland Transfer Station (PTS):

The Portland Transfer Station will also be closed Wednesday, July 1st.

Regular Hours of Operation – Wednesday & Saturdays from 8:00am – 4:00pm. All waste entering the Site is chargeable at \$222/ton with a minimum charge of \$10 (except tagged bags). All recycling, scrap metal, tires off the rim & clean, electronics, grass clippings and leaves are free of charge. Tags are now acceptable at the PTS to make disposal easier for cottagers, weekenders, shift workers, people who miss their collection day, people on vacation, residents leaving for the season, etc. Tags must be clearly visible and attached to each bag prior to arrival.

Forms of payment include debit/credit cards, business cheques and cash. Due to COVID-19 we are trying to reduce our cash transactions, so paying by debit/credit card is much appreciated.

Brush:

Brush (tree debris 8 inches or smaller in diameter) can be disposed of at the PTS for \$35.00 per ton. The brush program no longer exists, but the cost for brush has been reduced by Council to compensate from the standard waste rate of \$222.00 per ton.

Bag Tag Retailers:

Purchase bag tags at any of these locations:

Due to Covid-19 please call ahead to find out store hours or to arrange curbside pickup.

- Chaffey's Lock: Brown's Marina (Seasonal)
- Chantry: Municipal Office, 1439 County Rd 8 – Currently closed to the public, contact Amy at aschur@rideaulakes.ca to make arrangements for curbside pickup
- Crosby: Rideau Lakes Building Centre
- Delta: Delta Country Market
- Elgin: Gordanier Freshmart & Elgin Library
- Portland: Portland Food Market, Portland Transfer Station & Portland Ultramar
- Rideau Ferry: Covell Building Supply
- Smiths Falls: Andress' Independent Grocer & Bill's Small Engine Repair Shop
- Westport: Kudrinko's Country Grocer, Lower Mountain Mercantile & Westport Home Hardware

Household Hazardous Waste Day 2020:

******Please note that the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Hazardous Waste Day Event in Lombardy has been cancelled for 2020.**

Other hazardous waste days are planned for the following dates, however are only tentative at this time. Check local papers and our website for firm dates and locations, closer to the events.

Saturday, August 15

County Patrol Garage,
331 County Rd 29, Frankville
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

South Leeds County Patrol Garage
2714 Outlet Rd, North of Lansdowne
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19

- Locations to be determined

As always carpooling is recommended to reduce carbon emissions and to save on gas and shorten the line ups at events.

Acceptable items - gas, paint, primer, stain, solvents, cleaners, car batteries, household batteries, fluorescent bulbs & tubes, pharmaceuticals (no needles), propane tanks (1b or 20lb), pool chemicals and spent fire extinguishers. Do not bring radioactive waste, lighting ballasts, PCBs, empty paint cans, garbage, needles, electronics, explosives or empty aerosol cans.

Note – empty metal paint cans (lid off & dry) go in the scrap metal bin at the Portland Transfer Station (free of charge). Plastic paint cans cannot be recycled due to the paint residue left behind.

Cancelled Events Advertised in the 2020 Township Calendar:

Please note that the following events listed in the Township Calendar have been cancelled this year.

Elgin Days

Delta Fair

Lombardy Fair

Township Information Calendars:

As always, if you have not received your Township calendar (mailed to permanent residents in December) you are encouraged to pick one up. Calendars can be found at bag tag retailers, as well as local LCBO's.

Burn Permits:

Council encourages residents to perform outside burning responsibly. You require an annual burn permit to have an open air burn. Your burn permit can be purchased online for \$10 at rl.burnpermits.com

- You must call 1-833-853-3473 to activate your permit before burning.
- Read, understand and follow By-law 2019-16 - Open-Air Burning, available on the township website.
- A permit is not required for a campfire or cooking fire (less than 3'x3'x3'), however the provisions of the Open-Air Burning By-law must still be followed.
- Burn barrels must follow the regulations of an open air burn.
- No open air fire is permitted during daytime hours (8am-6pm) during fire season (April 1 - October 31)
- Weather matters. Burning is not permitted during rain, fog or windy conditions.
- Watch your fire. Flames spread quickly. Do not leave your fire unattended, and make sure it is fully extinguished before you leave.

Littering or Illegal Dumping:

Is a fineable offence of up to \$500 per offence. By-Law #2007-46, prohibits the throwing, placing or depositing of refuse or debris on land without the owner's consent. If you witness someone illegally dumping call the OPP non-emergency phone number at 613-283-6911 to report it.

Road Maintenance:

Many construction projects have started, make sure you are contacting the correct road authority with any questions or concerns.

Township Roads

Rideau Lakes is responsible for the maintenance of 458.07 kilometres of roads within the Township. We operate out of two road garages, one located in South Elmsley and the other in North Crosby. The main administrative office is located in the Municipal Office at 1439 County Rd 8, in Chantry. Inquiries Contact: Dan Chant, Roads Coordinator, dchant@rideaulakes.ca or 1-800-928-2250 Ext. 227.

County Roads

Maintenance of County Roads is the responsibility of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Inquiries Contact: 613-342-3840 or TF: 1-800-770-2170

Highway 15

Maintenance of Highway 15 within the Township of Rideau Lakes is the responsibility of High Road Maintenance. Inquiries Contact: 613-547-5591 or TF: 1-866-685-2770

2020 Annual Rabies Vaccination Clinics:

Wednesday, September 23 from 2:00-6:00pm – Chantry Municipal Office, 1439 Cty Rd 8

Wednesday, September 30 from 2:00-6:00pm - Elgin Fire Hall, 32 Halladay Street

After-Hours Service: 1-877-798-5725:

This service is available for urgent matters that cannot wait until the next business day (e.g. a tree has fallen down on/over a Township road, a road is flooding). Please do not call this service for general inquires, tax questions, waste & recycling issues, animal control or to report that a road needs grading. In case of an emergency dial 911.

Wishing you a great Canada Day!

Regards,
Your Public Works Department