

Is Everyone Ready for Spring?



COMMUNITY CLEANUP SCHEDULE

Remember to use your 3-week Rotational Curbside Bin Pick Up Efficiently! Now is a great time to start cleaning your garage, basement, closets and cupboards...

Green Bins - Organic Materials

While cleaning up your yard, remember to place only organic materials in your green bin for pick up. Tree Trimmings, leaves, grass clippings, organic food matter etc.

Compost is taken to the Olds College Composting Centre, where it is dumped in "windrows." The raw material is then inspected - if it is contaminated with non-organic materials, it is not acceptable and must be disposed of in the same way as garbage, at a greater cost to the taxpayer. If the material is not contaminated, it is screened, ground, and turned regularly over several weeks to maximize aeration and decomposition until it has become rich compost. This program has been in place in Olds for over 20 years.

Olds Lions Club 3rd Annual P.U.G. Day - May 11, 2018

The Olds Lions Club is coordinating many partner groups to clean the entire town of garbage that accumulates in the streets, alleys, boulevards, parks, etc.

On Thursday, May 10, 2018 take a garbage bag with you on a walk around your residential block and pick up any loose garbage you may find.

Community Garage Sales - Saturday, May 12

The Olds Lions Club is coordinating Community Garage Sales to be held Saturday, May 12, 2018. Be sure to watch for further information in papers, social media and websites!

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping not only keeps our streets looking clean and tidy, it limits the amount of debris that enters the storm drains.

As street sweeping starts at 7:00 am, please ensure your vehicles are moved ahead of time.

Signage will be placed at least 12 hours prior to street sweeping in all residential routes with the exception of "red" high priority areas.



Share the Trails, Share the Responsibility!

The Town of Olds trail system is one of our most requested recreation facilities. Our trails can be enjoyed by everyone whether for fitness, travel or pleasure.

- Always show consideration and respect for other trail users.
- Respect nature and stay on the trails.
- Clean up after your dog! Bags are supplied.
- When bicycling, remember to be courteous to pedestrians.



Animal Control

Ensure your pet is on a leash and under control at all times. Cats as well as dogs are required to be licensed. There are two ways to help reunite you with your pet.

1. Online: Go to www.olds.ca "click on 'Online'" then click on 'Animal Search'. The tag # can be entered and the contact information will be provided if available.
2. Call the Town of Olds to assist with reuniting the pet with the owner.



Heavy & Oversize Vehicle Parking

The Spring freeze/thaw affects our streets. (Roadways are designed for specific amounts, types and weights of traffic. Over weight vehicles are a major cause of roadway deterioration.

- All vehicles with GVW less than 4540 kg may park off truck routes for a maximum of 72 hours.
- Vehicles between GVW of 4540 kg and 5443 kg may be parked or stored on an approved parking pad or residential lot.
- Vehicles over GVW of 5443 kg and/or a length of 9 metres cannot be parked or stored in a residential area.



Recreational & Utility Trailer Parking

Recreational Vehicles and Utility Trailers may be parked on a residential parcel, on an approved driveway, in the rear yard of the residential property, in a garage or within a side yard on an approved accessory parking pad. RVs must not extend over a sidewalk or roadway and must be parked within the property lines of a side yard.

RVs may NOT be parked on a highway, roadway, alley or public parking lot for a period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours. NO RV slides may be extended while on the street.



Town of Olds Spring Clean Up Week will be held May 14 - 18, 2018

Spring Clean-Up is an annual program where normal garbage volume limits are waived and residents can place excess or bulky household material at the curbside for collection. Please note, only residents that receive Olds weekly garbage collection service are eligible to participate. Olds Spring Clean Up Week is scheduled for May 14-18, 2018. During this week, **(on your regular Black Bin Day)** the Town of Olds Operational Services staff will pick up the following extra household and yard waste that does not fit into your black bin.

- Bundles of Branches tied up neatly in 2' lengths.
- All materials bagged or bundled neatly.
- All extra garbage must be placed beside your Black Bin. Do not place garbage in Blue or Green bins!
- All items must be clearly labeled for pickup. Crews will not go into yards to pick up garbage.

Items not included on the above list are accepted at the Transfer Station.

The Town of Olds **WILL NOT** pick up the following:

- Propane bottles and BBQs
- Oil - used, etc. or Automotive Parts
- Sod/leaves or straw
- EWaste - Computers, Printers and TVs
- Renovating/Demolition Materials
- Batteries
- Appliances
- Tires
- Paints
- Furniture



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Lot Drainage

Be proactive and ensure water does not accumulate on your property causing flooding in basements. Clean eavestroughs for material restricting flow and ensure downspouts are directed to the front and rear of your property and NOT on your neighbors property.

Use downspout extensions and splash pads under the downspout to direct water to at least two (2) metres away from the foundation of your home.



Discourage Graffiti in our Community

By removing Graffiti quickly and consistently, we show the pride we have in our community and send a message that the community cares and will not tolerate vandalism.

- Remove graffiti promptly. Fast action increases the chance for complete removal.
- Graffiti may reappear, quick removal each time sends a message that it is not tolerated.
- Encourage others to take action against Graffiti.
- Increase lighting and visibility in vulnerable areas.



Care of Properties

Be conscious of the outward appearance of your property and it's effect on your neighborhood.

Loose garbage, yard waste, bottles, cans, boxes, household furniture, packaging materials, parts of machinery, equipment, appliances, automobile parts, etc. must be stored so they are not visible from the outside of the property. Grass and weeds are to be maintained throughout the growing season on your property as well as on boulevards and alleys adjacent to the property.



Check Your Trees for Black Knot Disease

Black knot starts as an olive green gall or swelling over two to three years and will grow into a bulky, black, tar like growth. If it's not dealt with it will spread.

How to Control? There is no pesticide that can be used. It's best to prune out in winter or early spring. Cut up to 12 inches below the infected area. Make a proper pruning cut, do not leave a stub and bag the cutting so the spores do not travel. Dispose of in the garbage or landfill as this should not be composted. Sterilize equipment as disease transfers easily.



Trees/Shrubs Blocking Roads/Sidewalks

Trees and shrubs must be pruned back, both on the street and in alleys, to allow clearance of four (4) metres for the passage of traffic, street maintenance equipment and for garbage pick-up. Any trees that are dead, deteriorated or for any reason may be a public safety hazard must be maintained or removed.

Trees or shrubs overhanging a sidewalk must be trimmed back to allow clearance of three (3) metres and trimmed back on the side for clear passage of pedestrians.



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