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COVID-19 UPDATE #96

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MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Compost Yard Opening - The Town of Carleton Place would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding while our Compost Yard has remained closed during the COVID-19 crisis. We are pleased to announce that the Compost Yard located at 128 Patterson Crescent will be open to the public on Saturdays beginning July 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The Compost Yard will also be open Wednesday evenings from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting July 8th.

The following items will be accepted:

- Branches less than 3 inches in diameter
- Leaves and grass clippings in paper bags – items in plastic bags will not be accepted
- Cardboard
- Scrap metal

The Compost Yard is strictly available for the residents of the Town of Carleton Place only. If you reside outside of Carleton Place, please contact your municipality for information.

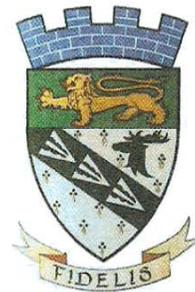
Residents need to be aware of the following measures which will be in place in order to protect the public and the staff working at the compost site:

1. A limited number of vehicles will be permitted into the site at any given time. Staff will be providing traffic control at the gate.
2. Residents will need to be able to remove items from their vehicles independently as staff will only provide direction as to where items are to be placed from a safe distance. Staff will not be chipping items while residents are on site.
3. Residents will immediately depart from the site as soon as items have been dropped off.



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Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) - The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility will remain closed until further notice. The Carleton Place HHW site poses unique issues in regards to re-opening with appropriate COVID-19 safety measures in place. Please follow the Town of Carleton Place communications for future updates as to when the HHW facility will be able to open. Staff are actively working towards solutions for the site and hope to open the site in the near future. Once we are able to open HHW, we are committed to extending the season further into the fall to allow residents time to dispose of unwanted materials. **Under no circumstances are residents to leave any HHW materials at the site.**



Downtown Foot Patrols – Please note that Carleton Place By-law Enforcement Officers and Lanark County OPP Officers are regularly patrolling the downtown in an attempt to provide a safe and welcoming environment as businesses begin their COVID-19 recovery efforts. Officers will be speaking to residents about the importance of physical distancing and giving reminders in regards to the prohibition of bicycles and skateboards on the sidewalks.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

While some countries are preparing to partially open up their borders, the Government of Canada wants to remind all Canadians that a [global travel advisory](#) to [avoid all non-essential travel outside Canada](#) remains in effect. We also continue to advise travellers to [avoid all cruise ship travel](#) until further notice.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The Ontario government is providing up to [\\$4 million for the Seniors Community Grant Program](#), a significant increase over last year. This funding will help non-profit organizations, local services boards, or Indigenous groups develop programs for seniors that focus on combatting social isolation, promoting seniors' safety and well-being, improving financial security and making communities age-friendly.



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OTHER UPDATES

New Hospital Visitor Guidelines at Almonte General Hospital and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital - Visits from family and caregivers contribute greatly to a patient's quality of life and well-being. Visits have been challenging during COVID-19 and we are pleased to be able to welcome more visitors at Almonte General Hospital (AGH) and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH), starting Monday, June 29th.

Full details on the new visitor guidelines are posted on the hospital websites at www.agh-fvm.com/visitors and www.cpdmh.ca/visitors.

Health Unit starts beach water testing program - The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has started [weekly water sampling of the area's public bathing beaches](#) for this year.

The following beaches will be monitored weekly throughout the summer season until August 24, 2020:

- **In Lanark County:** Almonte Beach, Dalhousie Lake, Centennial Beach, Riverside Beach, Lanark Beach, Pakenham Beach, Rideau Ferry Yacht Club, Robertson Lake Beach, Smiths Falls Junior and Senior.
- **In Leeds and Grenville:** Sand Bay Charleston Lake County Park, St. Lawrence Park, Lyn Valley Conservation Area, South Crosby Beach, Portland Campbell Street Beach, Joel Stone Beach, Lower Beverley Township Park, Kelly's Beach, Merrickville, Westport Sand Lake.
 - Foley Mountain Beach, Kendrick's Park and Bellamy Park are not open this week and therefore have not been tested. Keep checking with municipalities as they work to open their beaches.

Beaches are sampled once a week and monitored for E. Coli. When samples exceed 200, the beach is posted with a warning sign "unsafe for bathing" The bathing beach will remain posted until test results indicate that the water quality meets the bathing beach water standard. The results of the testing will appear on our website and social media. Updates will be posted Friday mornings by 9:30 a.m. starting July 10, 2020.

Information about recreational water safety and beach water testing results for this week are available on our [Weekly Beach Results page](#), @LGLHealthUnit on Facebook and Twitter or by calling 1-800-660-5853.

