

Town of Arcola

COVID 19

Coronavirus Response

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By resolution of Arcola Town Council, the following preventative measures are being taken to **ensure the continued health and safety** of our employees and the entire community. The following are in effect immediately (March 17th) until further notice:

Recreational/Cultural Facilities:

- ALL Town owned public facilities will be **CLOSED** effective immediately until further notice. The Town Council will continue to monitor the situation.
- This includes: **Prairie Place Hall, Prairie Place Hockey Rink, Prairie Place Curling Rink, Optimist Legion Hall, MacMurray Theatre, Moose Mountain Wildlife Hall, Arcola Museum, Arcola Public Library and all playparks.**

Town Office:

- **Closed to the public, but staff will remain at work.** Payments for property taxes, utility bills, and accounts receivable can still be made through online banking, by cheque via Canada Post or through e-transfer to arcadmin@sasktel.net.
- If you have any questions about this, please call the office, we would be happy to assist you. Our office will continue to operate during our regular hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., we will be available by telephone: 306-455-2212, or by email: arcadmin@sasktel.net.

The Public Works staff will also be limiting public interaction. Please do not approach staff in person but contact the office instead by phone or email. Public Works will also not be entering homes of residents at this time unless deemed an emergency.

We realize that some residents, especially seniors, may not have access to social media, so we ask the community at this time to check on your friends and neighbours via telephone to make sure they are aware of these Town changes.

Town Council and staff understand that things are very uncertain in our world right now and appreciate your patience in this rapidly changing situation. We ask that you follow the advice of our public health officials and practice social distancing and revert back to the Government of Saskatchewan website for more information: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/>

Refuse Pick Up



Refuse pickup began on April 6th. Our town employees will be around to pick up any tree tranches or bagged grass clippings/leaves every Monday until further notice.

We ask that you please put your branches and garden refuse on the curb. Also please tie or bundle branches neatly and make sure the bags and tree branches are not too large so that our maintenance workers can pick them up.

SMAK Attack



Last year we had the SMAK Attack at the end of June between Stoughton, Manor, Arcola, and Kisbey.

Stoughton won last year, so Arcola residents will have to work extra hard this year. There were only a few points difference so let's work hard this year and win.

We have not set a date yet, but we are hoping it will be sometime in June again (depending on how Covid 19 is going).

In the meantime, please do your part and clean up your property, cut your grass, trim your hedges, remove any unlicensed vehicles and clean up any garbage lying around.

Let's get our beautiful community looking neat and tidy!

Summer Transfer Station Hours

Now that spring is upon us, we are changing the landfill hours to summer hours as of Tuesday, May 19th. They are as follows:

Tuesdays: 1-2 pm, Thursdays: 1-3 pm, Saturdays: 1-4

Normally we except cash or cheques, but until further notice we will not be accepting cash or cheques at the landfill. With Covid 19 being a concern we will be billing everyone that comes out to the landfill. Also, our maintenance workers will not be able to help you unload.

The waste disposal fees are as follows:

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| • Small utility trailers or trunk of vehicle | \$7.00 |
| • ½ ton trucks & ½ ton trailers | \$20.00 |
| • 1 ton trucks | \$45.00 |
| • 3 ton trucks, single axle | \$100.00 |
| • Chesterfields and carpets | \$20.00 each |
| • Love seats, Chesterfield chairs and Easy chairs | \$15.00 each |
| • Fridges, stoves, washers (whites) | \$15.00 each |
| • Water heaters & smaller metal items | \$7.00 each |



Town Information

Events:

There are no events posted at this point until the government clears everyone from lock down because of Covid 19. We will keep everyone posted as we hear updates.

Just a reminder as you are out walking your dogs to keep them on a leash as well please remember to clean up after them. Throw a plastic bag in your pocket as you go out and you will have it handy if you need it.

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Dutch Elm Disease

A disease that kills Elm Trees:

Dutch elm disease is caused by an aggressive fungus that kills elms regardless of their health. It is considered the most costly shade tree disease ever and will remain active in a community as long as there are susceptible trees. The fungus invades the water transporting vessels and produces toxins to which the tree reacts. In defense to the toxins the tree produces gums and internal growths designed to block the advance of the fungus. The combination of the toxins and the defense mechanisms of the tree inhibit water flow to the crown, which causes wilting and tree death.

How Dutch Elm Disease Spreads:

Female elm bark beetles lay their eggs beneath the bark of dead and dying elm trees. If the elm is infected with Dutch elm disease the newly hatched beetles will emerge from the tree carrying the deadly fungus on their bodies. The beetles fly to healthy trees to feed on 2-4 year old branches and thereby spread the disease. Besides beetle transmission, Dutch elm disease may also spread through grafted roots. When elms grow in close proximity to each other, their roots can come into contact and graft together. This common root system provides the fungus with a pathway to spread through an entire stand of healthy elms very quickly.

Disease Symptoms:

- Symptoms begin to develop 4-6 weeks after infection.
- Wilting or “flagging” of one or more branches, starting at the branch tip.
- Infected branches turn dull green to yellow, curl, and become dry and brittle.

What Can you Do to Help Save Our Elms?

- Take preventative measures by keeping your elm trees healthy, vigorous and Properly pruned.
 - Elms should be well watered from April to August.
 - Dead branches and trees that provide beetle habitat should be removed. Since Elm bark beetles are attracted to fresh tree wounds, pruning should only be Done October – to March 31 when the beetles are not in their active stage.
 - Dispose of all elm wood you have properly.
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