

CITY OF SARNIA COVID-19 UPDATE



PARKS & RECREATION*

In order to protect public health, the City is closing the playground equipment in our local parks because the equipment cannot be properly sanitized at this time. Signage will be posted throughout our parks as a reminder of this requirement. Parks will remain open.



WASTE, RECYCLING, COMPOST*

- Regular curbside garbage collection will continue
- To assist in the protection of workers, avoid using garbage bins if your garbage is tightly stuffed in the container, as the bags may rip upon removal.
- Items should be in paper bags or bins, not plastic bags.
- If there is reason to suspect recycle items may be contaminated with COVID-19, please put these recycle items in the garbage – bagged and securely tied.
- The opening of the City's Compost Yard on April 6, 2020 has been deferred until further notice.
- Curbside collection of leaf/yard waste will begin the week of April 13, 2020 as scheduled. The first scheduled brush collection is scheduled for the week of May 18, 2020.



TRANSIT*

In order to protect the health and safety of our operators and passengers, the City of Sarnia is requesting that transit passengers only use the rear doors of the buses when boarding and exiting.

Transit schedules have been modified, please visit the website or see signage posted at the main terminals for route updates.

The City of Sarnia will not be collecting fares from March 20, 2020 until further notice.

Transit has also implemented additional measures:

- Passengers will not be able to use the seats closest to the operators
- Passengers are requested to practice social distancing with other passengers and transit staff
- An enhanced cleaning and disinfection program has been implemented for all our buses.



WIPE DISPOSAL*

With large amounts of wipes/disinfecting wipes being purchased in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking the public to please remember: Treating your drains like a garbage will have negative consequences! Only flush toilet paper down your toilet. Our sewer system is not designed for other items, even those products that claim to be flushable!

The City of Sarnia has established a COVID-19 Hotline and enhanced the City's website with up to date messaging pertaining to closures and contact information. The COVID-19 Hotline can be reached at 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642).

The Provincial Government has issued orders relating to the enforcement of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. City staff, together with the Sarnia Police Service, are responding to ensure community safety and well-being. Complaints of violations of these orders will be dealt with through a progressive response of dialogue, education, warning and enforcement if required.

Members of the public can report violations and concerns from within Sarnia, to the COVID-19 Hotline during business hours. Concerns can also be emailed to covid@sarnia.ca.

The City's top priority during this crisis continues to be the health and safety of our citizens and staff, consistent with the advice provided by Public Health Canada, Lambton Public Health and community members. The most important thing we can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home. Now more than ever we need to pull together as a community and do whatever is necessary to beat this virus.

Although City facilities are closed to the public, you can still access the city by calling Customer Service at 519-332-0330 ext 3131 or emailing customerservice@sarnia.ca.

All health related questions should be directed to your personal health care provider, Telehealth (1-866-797-0000), Lambton Public Health (519-383-8331) or via their website <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca>. For emergencies call 9-1-1.



TOGETHER WE WILL KEEP THE SARNIA COMMUNITY STRONG.

*Visit www.sarnia.ca for updates on the latest information available