

Newsletter

Town of Carlyle

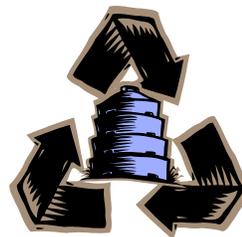
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Want to live green?

Think about composting. The benefits of composting are numerous, from reducing the solid waste you send to the landfill to creating a nutrient rich, organic additive for your organic garden.

The simple act of composting is an easy step toward green living. Composting is nature's way of recycling. Redirecting your yard and household organic waste to a compost system can reduce your landfill contribution by as much as 30%. If every household in America composted all of their compostable waste, then we could extend the life of our landfills by 50%. Diverting household waste from landfills reduces the formation of methane gas and leachate in landfills. Less garbage means less plastic garbage bags, and less fuel to run the garbage trucks.

In your garden, compost will act as a soil conditioner. Compost can transform even the most useless clay into productive soil for your vegetables, flowers, and lawn. Mix it into existing dirt or clay to add nutrient-rich humus for plant growth and better crop yield. Plants need macronutrients like potassium, phosphorous and nitrogen as well as micronutrients like copper, zinc, iron and manganese. Compost provides these nutrients and also adds beneficial microscopic organisms that help aerate the soil, fight plant diseases, and break down other organic matter in the soil for a continuous supply of nutrients. When compost is mixed into soil, it improves the soil structure so it will retain moisture better. This means you can water less often and use less water when you do. If you are trying to grow organic vegetables, then compost is the perfect alternative to chemical fertilizers. Because you know exactly what goes into the compost you make, you can be sure of its organic integrity.



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So you don't have a garden?

So, what if you don't have a garden? You can use the compost in your yard too! It makes a great erosion deterrent. Spread it around bare roots, along stream banks, on hillsides and around ponds to reduce erosion and turf loss. Apply a liberal layer of compost around trees and bushes in

place of mulching. Like mulch, compost will keep moisture from evaporating. Think of the money you'll save on your next visit to the nursery when you don't have to buy as much mulch. You'll also see the saving in your water bill. If you have children, get them involved. It can be a fun science

experiment. Plus, it's one of the best ways to help them understand that managing our waste properly can change a negative environmental impact like sending waste to the landfill into a positive one like using compost instead of chemical fertilizers.

There is the personal satisfaction of knowing you are doing something that's good for the environment and part of a sustainable lifestyle.

Keeping Our Children Safe Tips for Summer Fun

- You all know how important sunscreen is, but did you know that it expires? A good rule of thumb is to use the sunscreen in the same season that you bought it, then toss it.
- Swallowing a lot of pool water can cause electrolytes imbalance by altering the salt to water ratio. This can lead to vomiting, lethargy, and, in extreme cases, seizures.
- Bee sting? Make a paste of meat tenderizer (the non-flavored kind) and water and rub it on the sting. It will help break down the toxins quickly.
- A popsicle makes a great ice pack for "owies" in or on the mouth.

Summer fun can bring accidents. No matter how careful we are with our children, accidents will happen. When one happens, taking care of it quickly is vital. Having a First Aid kit handy can relieve the pain and worry for both the parent and the child. You can either purchase a kit and add things or make your own. Here are a list of items recommended to have on hand:

- Tote bag or small box/ one for the car & one for the house.
- First aid manual, read it before you need it.
- Syrup of Ipecac (check the expiration date) to counteract certain poisons
- Disposable, instant-activating ice bags,

used to minimize swelling

- Small scissors
 - Tweezers
 - Gauze pads
 - Adhesive tape
 - Adhesive bandages, various sizes
 - Over the counter antihistamine, for minor allergic reactions
 - Hydrocortisone cream
 - Antiseptic cream
 - Acetaminophen for pain, fever, sprains & strains
- Also tape important phone numbers in the lid, Poison Control, your doctor, etc. You may also want to keep a copy of your health insurance information in the box.

Be A Good Neighbor - 10 Good Reasons To Leash Your Dog

"Be a good neighbor. Be a good friend. Use a leash."

The Town's Animal Control bylaw requires that dogs be kept on a leash at all times when on public property. While on private property, dogs must be under the control of their owners. The intent of this law is to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect your pet. The use of a leash will benefit you, your neighborhood, and your pet. There are many good reasons to keep your dog on a leash.

- ✓ It's a great good neighbor policy, preventing your dog from trespassing on neighbor's property during your walk. It also keeps your dog from jumping on people you encounter, ensuring that your dog has the chance of being properly introduced.



- ✓ Improved companionship. A well trained and leash-obedient dog is a pleasure to walk with.
- ✓ Walking your pet on a leash will prevent the spread of disease. It is less likely that your dog will be exposed to Parvo or Distemper. A leashed dog can be restrained from sniffing the droppings of other animals.
- ✓ A leash is commonly referred to as "Your Pet's Lifeline," protecting your pet from traffic and unrestrained animals. Accidents or animal bites are greatly reduced when responsible pet owners obey the leash law.
- ✓ An obedient and well behaved dog is a positive reflection of its owner.
- ✓ Re-locating your dog into another household is 100% easier if your dog is obedient and leash trained.
- ✓ It's a great way to reward your dog. Your dog will immediately respond with a wagging tail the moment he or she sees you holding the leash.
- ✓ It's a great identification tool, symbolizing that the dog has an owner, and enabling someone who sees the leash and identification tag attached to the dog's collar to find you if you and your pet should become separated.
- ✓ It's a great relief to wildlife, keeping your dog from chasing squirrels, deer and other wildlife.

Fire Pits in the Town of Carlyle

In doing inspections of the Town, staff have noticed several fire pits that do not meet the bylaw regulations.

Please note:

1. Fire pits are to be located in back yards only, with a minimum of three meters (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines, or combustible material.
2. The burning area is not to exceed one meter (3 feet) in width, height or diameter when measured between the widest

points.

3. The fire pit/fireplace must have enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal, or other non-combustible material.

4. A spark arrester mesh screen with openings no larger 1.25 cm (1/2 inch) and constructed of expanded metal must be used to cover the fire pit opening in a manner sufficient to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks.

At least one responsible adult shall be in attendance to monitor and control the fire, and have available means to extinguish the fire should an emergency situation develop.

The fire pit/fireplace must be located in an area free of dry grass, brush, or combustible soil.

The fire pit/fireplace must be used in a manner which does not cause any inconvenience to neighbours. The fire must be extinguished without delay should anyone complain, or if smoke causes unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.

Only clean wood products with no preservatives or prefabricated burning logs are permitted for burning in a fire pit/fireplace.

Drinking Water Quality and Compliance – Annual Notice to Consumers

Sask. Ministry of Environment requires that at least once each year, waterworks owners provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by a Minister's Order or Permit to Operate a waterworks. The following is a summary of the Town of Carlyle water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1 to December 31, 2014, time period. This report was completed on January 16, 2015.

Readers should refer to Environment's Municipal Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines, November 2002 EPB 202 for more information on minimum sample submission requirements and the meaning of type of sample. Permit requirements for a specific waterworks may require more sampling than outlined in the department's monitoring guidelines. If consumers need more information on the nature and significance of specific water tests, more detailed information is available from http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/watereau/index_e.html

Water Quality Samples – Bacteriological Quality Total Coliform (Limit: 0 organisms/100 mL) and Background Bacteria (Limit: <200/100 mL): 52 Regular Samples Required / 52 Regular Samples Submitted – 0 positive regular samples

Water Disinfection – Chlorine Residual in Distribution System for test results submitted with Bacteriological Samples: Chlorine Residual (Limit: 0.1 mg/L free or 0.5 mg/L total) – Residual Range: .23 - .68 (free chlorine); .30 – .73 (total chlorine) 52 Regular Samples Required / 52 Regular Samples Submitted

Turbidity – From Water Treatment Plant Records (Limit 1 ntu) Test Level Range: 0.08 – 3.1

No. of Tests not meeting requirements: 0 Maximum Turbidity: .41
52 Tests Required/52 Tests Performed

Chemical – Health Category All waterworks serving less than 5,000 persons are required to submit water samples for SE's Chemical Health category once every 2 years. The chemical health category includes analysis for arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, lead, nitrate, selenium and uranium. The last sample for Chemical Health was submitted on September 23, 2013. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded. General Chemical – All waterworks serving less than 5,000 persons are required to submit water samples for SE's General Chemical category once every two years if a ground water source and once per three months every second year if a surface water or blended surface/groundwater source. The General Chemical category includes analysis for alkalinity, bicarbonate, calcium, carbonate, chloride, conductivity, hardness as CaCO₃, magnesium, sodium, sulphate, and total dissolved solids. The results of the sample submitted on September 23, 2013, showed that none of the provincial standards were exceeded.

For more information on water quality and sample submission performance may be obtained from the Town Office.



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For those who may be new to Carlyle, please note that dogs are required to have a dog license, purchased from the Town. The price is \$15.00 for the life of the dog – a small price to pay for the comfort of knowing that if your dog ‘escapes’ and is found wandering, the Town staff will know who to call.



Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A 'you can do it' when things are tough.

[Richard M. DeVos](#)

- ### Bicycle Safety
- Ride on the **right side** of the road.
 - Allow only one person on a bike. Do not ride double or carry large packages on your bike.
 - Be **visible**. Wear **bright** clothing. Cyclists must be seen by motorists to ensure their safety.
 - Encourage children not to ride at night. If night-riding is unavoidable, use appropriate **lights** and **reflectors**.
 - Be **predictable** – other traffic must know how you intend to act. Signal turns and stops. Cyclists need to know what the traffic around them will do next as well. In this way the road can be shared by cyclists and motorists safely.
 - Pedestrians have the right of way over all vehicles, including bicycles. Let pedestrians cross before you move through an intersection or a crosswalk.
 - Ride **single file** when with a group of cyclists. Call out stops and turns to the cyclists behind you. Do not blindly follow another cyclist through an intersection; each rider must decide when it is safe to go.

Warning Signs and devices at Railway Crossings

Whether on foot or in a vehicle, the only place you should ever cross railway tracks is at an authorized and properly marked crossing. When you approach or cross a railway track, **BE CAREFUL!**

Continue over the crossing only if you have looked and listened for a train and determined that none is approaching and that it is safe to cross.



Green and Clean Committee

*The Green and Clean Committee will once again be judging Residential, Community, Main Street Commercial and Commercial properties on **July 15, 2015**. Prizes will be awarded for the cleanest, most beautiful properties. Even if yours is an older building, you can spruce it up and trim it up by getting rid of weeds and adding a few flowers. **Please participate!***

2015 Budget

Your town council has worked diligently to get as much done with as few dollars as possible. There were many “wants” in the 2015 capital budget, but because of fiscal constraints, several items had to be put aside, and will be reconsidered again in 2016. Some of the items which have been approved by Council are a new street sweeper, development of the residential subdivision, completion of the lagoon aeration, various street repairs, and a new water well.

Council has purchased a software program that will enable them to proceed with paperless meetings, in an effort to save time and money, but each member of council will be supplying their own i-pad on which to load the software. Council has cut one part-time office position, to help balance the budget while still maintaining a strong level of service in the public works and utilities areas.