

Solid Waste Special Service Plan

On December 8th, 2020, the Solid Waste Special Service Plan will be subject to a public hearing. If you are interested in attending the public hearing, please contact 204-324-6468 or communications@altona.ca by December 7th.

The proposed plan includes the following changes from the current waste collection plan.

Rates:

Single Family Household and Duplexes: Tax levy reduced from \$240 to \$195/dwelling unit

Multi-Family Units: Tax levy increased from \$120 to \$195/dwelling unit **or** reduced to \$105 if property owner opts out of Town garbage disposal service (must make other arrangements)

Non-Residential properties: tax levy reduced from \$320 to \$195 **or** reduced to \$105 if property owner opts out of Town garbage disposal service (must make other arrangements)

Curbside Garbage Collection:

For each residential unit:

Reduction from 2 bags/week to **one**

For each non-residential unit:

Reduction from 6 bags/week to **three**

There will be no changes to curbside recycling collection, curbside compost collection, or landfill operations.

Snow Clearing Correction

The November newsletter contained outdated bylaw text. Here is the correct text:

No person shall deposit snow from private properties onto public roads, streets and lanes.

Persons found depositing snow on public roads, streets and lanes will be charged the cost to remove such snow.

shop  from home

Visit www.altona.ca/shoplocal to see how you can still access goods from your favourite local businesses through delivery, curbside pick-up, virtual consultations and more! Stay safe this holiday season and shop from home, shop local.

Celebrate the Season with Altona Recreation

Email all submissions to recreation.office@altona.ca

santa paws

Email your photo by Dec. 15th for a chance to win a great prize! The winner will be chosen by YOU so make sure you vote on our Altona Recreation Department Facebook page on Dec. 17th & 18th. Winner will be announced on Dec. 21st. Thank you to Happy Skin & Coat Pet Grooming and Toba Tails for sponsoring.

'Tis the season

Register to be a part of the Christmas Light tour by Dec. 4th. Submit your photo between Dec. 1st – 31st for a chance to win a prize! Winner will be announced on Jan. 5th. Make sure you watch for the Christmas Light Tour Maps! Thank you to Sun Valley Coop for sponsoring.

colouring

Email in a photo by Dec. 7th-14th for a chance to win an awesome prize. You can find the colouring pages in the South Central Post (Nov. 26th edition) or download them from our website. Make sure to include your name, phone number and age in your submission. Thank you to South Central Post for being this contest's sponsor and to Josee Voth for creating the colouring pages.

Waste Collection Changes

Northeast Garbage Collection:

December 25, 2020 -> December 29, 2020
January 1, 2021 -> January 4, 2021

Northeast Compost Collection:

December 29, 2020

Bag Limit:

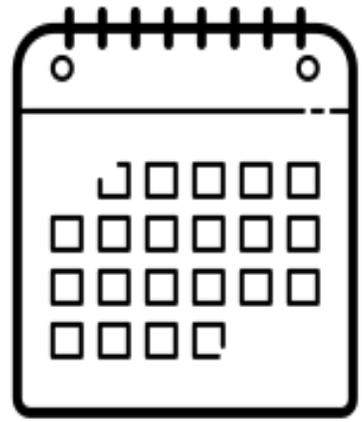
December 28—January 8: per household garbage bag limit has been lifted to allow easier disposal of packaging materials from the holidays this year.

Christmas Tree Collection:

January 11, 2021

Dates to Remember for December 2020:

- ⇒ **December 8:** Council Meeting 5 pm (Virtual)
- ⇒ **December 8:** Public Hearing 6 pm (Virtual)
- ⇒ **December 22:** Council Meeting 5 pm (Virtual)
- ⇒ **December 24:** Town Offices closed at 1 pm
- ⇒ **December 25:** Town Offices closed
- ⇒ **December 28:** Town Offices closed
- ⇒ **December 31:** Town Offices closed at 1 pm
- ⇒ **December 31:** 4th Quarter Meter Readings Due



holiday greetings



Altona Police Service:

Although Christmas 2020 will likely not be a traditional one, the Altona Police Service would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Spread kindness this holiday season, take care of one another and please don't drink and drive.

As we move into the new year (and hopefully a better year), we wish you moments of peace amid the difficulties, connections with family and friends even if they can't be in person, the warmth of memories from holidays past, and wonderful glimpses of the joy that still lives under the surface.

Stay well and please regard the Public Health Orders so we can all have traditional holiday seasons in the future.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all of us at Altona Police Service

Altona Rhineland Emergency Services:

Be sure to practice fire safety this holiday season!

- Water fresh trees daily, and keep them away from ignition sources such as heaters, fireplaces, or candles.
- Check your lights: make sure that the cords are not damaged or frayed.
- Use extension cords wisely—they should never be run underneath a rug.
- Space heaters should be kept at least one meter away from anything that could burn, such as curtains, or upholstery
- Never leave candles unattended
- Test your smoke alarms monthly
- Choose non-combustible decorations

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year,
From the Altona/Rhineland Emergency Services

From the Mayor's Desk

I read this past week how "pivot is the new black".....And how appropriate is that! Our community is been "pivoting" for most of 2020, and I'd add, quite well too. We all know it's been a tough haul for many of our businesses, but we also know, that we as consumers, can continue to search out and support local retail, through online, curbside, and home delivery options. You can find out more details on the Town of Altona website at www.altona.ca/shoplocal

Thanks also for your overwhelming support of the provincial health directives. It certainly can be frustrating, but I've been encouraged by how many smiles are visible behind the masks.

It's also encouraging how many of our health care, education and front line workers have been the recipient of Secret Santa gift certificates, small gifts, tips and thank you's. Let's keep it up, I know it's appreciated.

And finally, a huge shout out for joining us for the first ever virtual Night of Lights, complete with Christmas Tree lighting countdown, Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen royalty, and our favourite Christmas music. I'm confident we will meet in person around the tree in 2021.

On behalf of Council and Staff, wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas,

Mayor Al Friesen

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