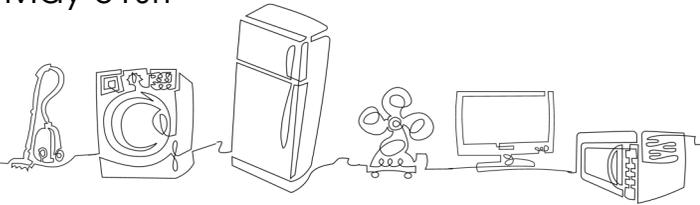


## Spring Clean Up

### **Giveaway Weekend: May 29-30, 2021**

Items that you no longer need can find a new home during Giveaway Weekend! Place your gently used items at the curb for other members of the community to pick up for their use. Please note, you are responsible for cleaning up any items left behind by May 31st.



### **Drop Off Waste Loop:**



### **Branch Pick-Up: June 4, 2021:**

Place your branches in a neat stack, parallel to the curb before 7 am so our team can collect using a loader with forks. Remember, all other yard waste is collected weekly with compost!

### **Drop-Off Waste Loop: June 1-4, 2021**

Come by the Millennium Exhibition Centre parking lot between 9 am and 8 pm during this week, and our team will help direct you to the right place to drop off your waste. Please see the graphic below for the order of the bins and zones. For convenient unloading, fill your vehicle in the opposite order!

## Backyard Fire Safety Reminder

As more residents are spending time in their own backyards this year, the Altona Rhineland Emergency Services team wants to remind you that the burning of yard waste such as grass, leaves and sticks is strictly prohibited, and any outdoor fire must be made with clean, dry wood in an approved receptacle.

### **Excerpt from Bylaw 1757/2018:**

Only clean, dry wood or charcoal briquettes may be burned in outdoor fire pits and outdoor solid fuel receptacles. Outdoor fire pits or outdoor solid fuel receptacles may not be utilized for the burning of garbage, rubbish, debris, previously painted or treated wood or any other fuel which when burned, may result in the release of dense smoke, or obnoxious odours. Burning of wet or damp wood may contribute greatly to heavy smoke propagation.

### **Don't Move Firewood**

Invasive insects & diseases can exist in firewood. Moving untreated firewood, even just a short distance is a common way for them to spread. For example, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of trees in the US and Canada, and Dutch Elm Disease causes dozens of trees to be removed from our community every year.

## Did you know?

You can visit the Waste Diversion Loop at the landfill anytime of year for *free* disposal of scrap metal, mattresses, appliances, tires, propane tanks, large batteries, used oil, and more! Using the Waste Diversion Loop for these materials extends their life, and the life of the landfill. No need to wait for spring to do some clean-up!

## LOCK IT or LOSE IT

Altona Police Service has had a spike in calls for service pertaining to theft from vehicles that were left unlocked. In most cases, the thieves were seeking out valuables and loose change. To date, there has been no reports of damage to vehicles; it appears that if the doors are locked these thieves move on until they find an unlocked one. Items such as wallets, personal documents such as passports, cell phones, sunglasses and purses are just some of the examples of items stolen to date. Ensure that you remove your keys from your vehicle and lock it up!

Altona Police Service would like to use this opportunity to remind its citizens to lock up their Vehicles, Homes and other Valuables, even if absent for a brief moment. It only takes a second to LOCK IT or LOSE IT!



## Dates to Remember for May 2021:

- ⇒ **May 10:** Emergency Warning Siren Test @ 1:00 pm
- ⇒ **May 11:** Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting @ 3:30/5:30 pm
- ⇒ **May 11:** Excess Animal Permit Hearing @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ **May 24:** Victoria Day, offices closed
- ⇒ **May 25:** Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting @ 3:30/5:30 pm
- ⇒ **May 29-30:** Giveaway Weekend

### Emergency Warning Siren Test

The Emergency Warning Siren will be tested on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 1 pm. The siren will be activated for four (4) minutes as a test to ensure that the equipment is working properly.

The Altona Emergency Warning Siren may be activated when Altona is threatened by any hazard. The siren is to alert anyone outdoors of a possible emergency, and to seek shelter right away.

When the siren sounds for longer than 30 seconds, seek shelter and tune in to CFAM 950 am on your radio to find out what the threat is, and how to protect yourself.

Outdoor sirens are an effective method of outdoor notification, but should not be relied upon for early warning for individuals indoors. It is highly recommended that each home and business have another means to receive warnings and notifications, such as an Emergency All Hazard Radio, or by signing up for notifications to your email, cell phone, or landline through the **Altona CONNECT** system (see more ———>)

The Emergency Warning Siren will continue to be tested at noon for a few seconds each day.

For more information about being prepared in the event of an emergency, visit our website at [www.altona.ca/residents/emergency-services](http://www.altona.ca/residents/emergency-services), and learn to create a 72 hour family emergency kit for your household.

### Altona CONNECT

The past year has been a powerful reminder of the need for timely communication, and easy access to reliable information. The desire to connect with each and every resident in Altona has led to this newsletter, our social media channels, and more. We are adding another tool to our belt with **CONNECT**.

**CONNECT** is a digital communication tool that allows you to receive timely news and alerts directly from the town. You can choose the delivery method that is the most convenient for you—either email, text, or a telephone call.

We are using **CONNECT** to inform you about:

- Changes to service hours, procedures, or schedules for the “business” of the town, like offices, landfill, waste collection, deadlines, etc
- Status of public works and infrastructure projects underway
- Local emergency alerts
- Other municipal updates

You can register at [www.altona.ca/connect](http://www.altona.ca/connect), or, if you don't have internet access, call us at 204-324-6468 for assistance with registration. Please encourage your friends and family to sign up too!

Stay in the loop, sign up for **CONNECT**!

### Contamination in Recycling Bins

There has been an increase lately in contamination within recycling bins, with a number of people placing non-recyclable items within their blue bins. All of our recycling is sorted locally at Blue Sky Opportunities, and they have informed us that some residents have begun placing used diapers and food waste within their bins. Aside from not being recyclable, those items actually contaminate or soil recyclable items, which makes them into garbage. There has also been an increase in non-recyclables like Styrofoam and clothing being placed in blue bins. Out of respect for the individuals who collect and sort your recycling, please review the list of recyclable items below, and keep diapers out of the blue bin!

**What goes in the blue bin:** aluminum cans, box board, bubble wrap, corrugated cardboard, glass, ceramic and porcelain, jugs and cartons, paper, plastics #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, plastic bags/soft plastics (bundled), cell phones and batteries (bagged)

Separate all lids and containers, rinse containers, fold/flatten cardboard, bundle soft plastics together, and bag any cell phones or batteries.