

Building & Development Permits



Most building projects and all demolitions require municipal permits no matter the size of the project. This applies whether you are building an addition or making changes to the interior or exterior of your building.

The best way to determine if your project requires a permit is by checking with the Development office at 902-742-9691. Our friendly staff is here to assist you. More information on building permits can be found on our website at:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Domestic Brush Burning

Residents of Nova Scotia no longer need a permit to burn domestic brush. Instead of issuing permits, the provincial government has posted an online burning restrictions map to inform people when it's safe to burn brush. During wildfire risk season (March 15th - Oct 15) you must check before you burn.

The changes only affect brush burning on domestic properties such as woodlots, cottages and fishing camps. Industrial brush burning still requires a permit from the Department of Natural Resources.

To find out if it's safe to burn, please go to: www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe or call their toll free number: 1-855-564-2876

Spring 2015 Newsletter

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Yarmouth Recreation



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We are pleased to announce the 2015 Volunteer Representatives for this year:

Municipality of the District of Yarmouth: Stephen Sollows, SHYFT & Friends of Ellenwood Park.

Town of Yarmouth: Cecil Hamm-Roy, Christmas Daddies & Royal Canadian Legion Branch #61.

Congrats to all those volunteers who help make Yarmouth such a great place to live!

Provincial Volunteer Awards Day was April 7th at the Westin Hotel in Halifax and our local Yarmouth Volunteer Reception is scheduled for April 14th at Yarmouth Town Hall.

Also, please take part in our great summer program line up with Lake Milo Aquatic Club activities, Summer Day Camps, Canada Day celebrations, Family Beach Party and much, much more! Gail, Misty, Maura, John and Frank are here to help you get more involved and active! Call us today at 902-742-8868!

Check out our website

<https://yarmouthrecreation.ca/>

and "like" our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/YarmouthRecreation>

Check out and like our Facebook page for public notices, news on upcoming community events, employment opportunities and more!

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Acadian Shores
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Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Event Volunteer Sign-up

Yarmouth & Acadian Shores hosts many events and we require many volunteers to make sure these events are a great success.

In order to help us fill the volunteer positions for these events in the most timely way, we are creating a database of everyone who is interested in volunteering for these events. When an event is looking for volunteers we will send you information about the event and how to get involved. We may also contact you individually when we are looking for someone with a specific skill set. As a thank you for signing up we will be offering a number of prizes, from places like SIP Cafe, Argyle Lodge, Rudders and more. We will draw randomly for these prizes starting in March 2015.

To sign up please go to: www.eventsyarmouth.com

Low Income Exemption

The purpose of the Low Income Exemption Policy is to provide partial tax relief of current taxes on primary residences for low income property owners. The amount of the exemption will be calculated at 50% of the primary residence current year's tax bill, but only up to a maximum of \$200, less any Federal or Provincial property tax rebates received. Application forms are available at the Municipal office in Hebron.



To see if you qualify for the Low Income Exemption please contact our office at 902-742-7159 or go to our website:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Applications for a tax exemption must be received at the Municipal office in Hebron prior to May 15th of each year.

Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

932 Hwy 1 Hebron, NS B5A 5Z5 Phone 902-742-7159 Fax 902-742-3164 Website: www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Email: admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome Chris Churchill - Assistant Building Inspector, By-law Enforcement Officer and Civic Numbering Coordinator



We are pleased to introduce Chris Churchill who has recently been appointed Assistant Building Inspector, By-law Enforcement Officer and Civic Numbering Coordinator for the Municipality of Yarmouth. Chris has previous experience as a municipal building official.

Chris grew up in Raynardton working with his father in the refrigeration business and is now living in Tusket.

His hobbies include karate, volleyball and bowling.

Friends of Ellenwood Park Connecting Community with Nature



The mission of Friends of Ellenwood Park is to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles through outdoor activities for all ages. Throughout the year we hold activities such as nature walks, pumpkin carving, and birding and drumming workshops, which are suitable for all ages. In the winter months we encourage all ages to snowshoe and cross country ski on our groomed trails and also to use the ploughed walking trail.

For more information about events and ski conditions, visit our website at www.friendsofellenwoodpark.ca or follow us on our Facebook page, Friends of Ellenwood Park.

Civic Sign Program



Once again, the Municipality of Yarmouth is offering FREE double sided blue reflective civic signs. As well, an aluminum post may be obtained for the cost of (\$21.25) upon application at the Development and Public Works Office. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

You are eligible for this program if you did not apply in past years and are a homeowner applying for your principle residence which is in the Municipality of Yarmouth.

For more information including the application form and installation guidelines, please call 902-742-9691 or visit our website:

www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Cape Forchu Lighthouse Celebrating 175 Years in 2015!

2015 is a very special year for the Friends of the Yarmouth Light as we are celebrating 175 years of the lighthouse shining from Cape Forchu. We are planning special events throughout the summer to encourage visitors both from afar and locally to visit and learn some of the history of the area. Take a walk around the Leif Ericson Park or have lunch at the Mug Up Tea Room. Events we have planned include Christmas at the Light, quilting week, rug hooking week and several other themed weeks during the summer. We'll have Lighthouse Day for Seafest with a lobster and scrambled egg breakfast! Come early and watch the Nova Star come in and stay late to watch the beautiful sunset!

Senior Safety Program

The Senior Safety Program has been in operation for three years in the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.

This program is at no cost to all senior residents who are 55 years of age and older, however no one in the municipality will be refused assistance.

The goal of the program has not changed since its beginning which is to help seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible in a safe and healthy way. The program helps seniors navigate through the various resources and services that may be available to them. The Senior Safety Coordinator, through home visits, provides support to both seniors and their caregivers.

The program also provides opportunities for presentations on Crime Prevention issues such as elder abuse, personal safety, consumer fraud / scams and other topics that may concern seniors and the community.

The Senior Safety Coordinator has strong partnerships with the RCMP, Continuing Care, VON and Adult Protection.

For more information on this program, or if you wish to book a presentation for a senior or community group, please contact:

Doris Landry, Senior Safety Coordinator
902-881-7107

Municipal Sewer System & Your Septic - Know What Not to Flush!

What you put into the Municipal system and your own septic greatly affects its ability to do its job. As a general rule do not dispose of anything in the system that can just as easily be put in the trash. Remember that the system is not designed to be a garbage disposal.

In the kitchen avoid washing food scraps, coffee grinds and other food items down the drain, including grease and cooking oils. In the bathroom don't use the toilet to dispose of **flushable wipes**, plastics, paper towels, tampons, diapers, condoms, kitty litter, etc. The only things that should be flushed are wastewater and toilet paper. Please refer to the "Do Not Flush" list.

DO NOT FLUSH

Flushable Wipes
Coffee Grinds
Dental Floss
Kitty Litter
Disposable diapers

Sanitary Napkins
Tampons
Cigarette butts
Condoms
Fat, Grease or Oil

Paints
Varnishes
Thinners
Waste Oils
Pesticides

These items can overtax and destroy the biological digestion taking place within the system and cost you money in the long run.

Would you like to receive our Newsletter by EMAIL? If so, please send your name and email address to: admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca or call us at 902-742-7159.



Spring Clean-Up for residential properties within the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth will be undertaken during May, 2015. (As usual, standard dates being the first two Fridays and Saturdays in May.)

SPRING CLEAN – UP COLLECTION DATES:

DATE OF CLEANUP

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS:

Friday, May 1
Saturday, May 2
Friday, May 8
Saturday, May 9

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Solid waste placed for collection shall be separated, packaged, or bundled and shall not exceed a total of 70 kilograms (155 lbs) in weight or over 2.0 meters (6 ½ feet) in any dimension up to a maximum of 2 cubic meters (2 ½ cubic yards) in volume. Garbage must be placed in clear bags when bagging material.

DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF WASTE TO BE COLLECTED OVER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THE MUNICIPALITY OF YARMOUTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES.

| Accepted Items | Items <u>Not</u> Accepted |
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| <p>The following list of items will be picked up during our Spring Clean-Up. Items must be separated into various groups for ease of pick up and disposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Oil tanks (must be cut in half) ▶ Mattresses rolled and tied ▶ Rugs/carpets (cut & rolled in manageable sizes) ▶ Swing sets and trampolines must be dismantled ▶ Hot water heaters ▶ Household furniture ▶ Lawn mowers (drained of oil and gasoline) ▶ BBQ's ▶ Appliances and white goods <p><i>Refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed from the appliance. Only one major appliance per household from each group will be accepted for pick up i.e. one stove, one washer, one dryer, one hot water heater, etc.</i></p> <p>Tree limbs, brush (must be bundled in 3' lengths) <u>WILL</u> be accepted on <u>NORMAL</u> organic week pick ups.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <u>ALL construction/renovation/demolition debris and waste material (windows, plywood, wood products, etc.)</u> ▶ Explosives, combustible or toxic materials ▶ Lobster traps ▶ Paints and solvents, liquid wastes. <i>(Most household waste paints & solvents can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot, 1932 Hardscratch Road for disposal).</i> ▶ <u>Refillable</u> propane tanks <i>(Can be dropped off at Home Hardware Building Centre Yarmouth or at the Hardscratch Road Transfer Station, Mon to Fri 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday 9 am to 3 pm).</i> ▶ Car bodies, batteries & heavy car parts ▶ Garden and yard waste <i>(goes in your organics green cart).</i> ▶ Waste oil <i>(May be dropped off at your local service station or at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot at the Transfer Station, 1932 Hardscratch Road).</i> ▶ Household hazardous wastes such as corrosive cleaners and solvents, strong acids and alkalis and house and garden pesticides <i>(Can be taken to the HHW depot, 1932 Hardscratch Road).</i> ▶ Electronics (computers, TV's, monitors, printers, telephones, VCR's, DVDS, stereos, digital cameras, etc.) <i>Can be taken to Paper Chase Bottle Exchange, 10 Hardscratch Road, Mon-Sat 8 am to 3:30 pm. Phone 742-9747. For a complete list visit: www.recycleMYelectronics.ca/ns or phone 1-877-462-8907</i> |

*If you have any questions on the proper disposal of these items, recycling, or regular pick up, please contact **Waste Check** at (902) 742-1312 or toll free at 1-800-569-0039.*

Please ensure that clean-up waste is placed on property lines at the edge of the public roadway no later than 7:00 am on the day of the collection. As per By-Law S-088-02 "**materials for roadside collection shall be set out no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the special collection.**"

Property owners may choose to drop off separated waste at the transfer station located on the Hardscratch Road (limit of 200 kg/week) but must limit quantities per household, as indicated above, and placed in clear bags.

Refrigerators and freezers that are 10 years and older, between 10 and 25 cubic feet and in working condition are eligible for pick up and rebates from Efficiency Nova Scotia. Non-working appliances do not use electricity, and therefore are not eligible for pick up. To schedule a pickup call **1-877-808-4549**. For more information on eligibility, pickup and recycling, please visit the Efficiency Nova Scotia website at www.energycyns.ca/

Before setting an item at curbside, consider REUSE options. A local service agency, your church group, or a second hand store, may provide a new home for an item you no longer want.

Municipality of Yarmouth - Residential Organics and Waste Collection

Residual garbage pickup
 Compostables pickup (green cart)

Fall & Spring Cleanup (Standard dates: October and May).

Match your regular pickup day to the corresponding clean up day:

Monday - 1st Friday; Tuesday - 1st Saturday

Wednesday - 2nd Friday; Thursday - 2nd Saturday

Notes: 1. Recyclables (blue bag) pickup takes place every week on your pickup day.

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This information is also available on the Municipality website: www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca
 For inquiries re: solid waste call WasteCheck at 902-742-1312.