

# TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD Newsletter

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## WASTE DISPOSAL FEES

As of June 1, 2016 Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation (landfill) will be increasing waste disposal costs **SIGNIFICANTLY**. Loraas and the Town are working together to restructure pricing and/or operations in consideration of this increase. At this point in time, we are unsure of exactly what the prices will be going forward for residential, commercial & landfill fees.

## Building a deck?

If you are planning on building or replacing a deck, you need to obtain a development permit from the town office.

## Main Street Saskatchewan Program

The Town of Spiritwood is in the Accredited tier of Main Street Saskatchewan Revitalization Program. The program assists with initiatives for continual revitalization, capacity building and beautification of historic downtown areas of Saskatchewan's smaller communities. NLEDC and the Town are working together to create an inviting, vibrant downtown for people to shop, work and play. **Recently three main street businesses have received grant funding (in the combined amount \$32,000+) for repairs, maintenance and signage upgrades to our business core.** The next grant intake will be in late summer. Please contact Bevra Fee at 883-2426 or beвра.fee@nledc.com for more information or to get your Main Street Business involved!

## At Meter Reading Time...

Please keep pathways clear by removing anything blocking access to your water meter for our meter readers. Thank you!

## Defecation

Please remember to be responsible and pick up your dog's waste! Bylaw No.

409/05 states if a dog or other animal defecates on any public or private property within the Town of Spiritwood other than on the property of its owner, the owner of the animal shall cause the defecation to be removed immediately.

## Feeding Stray Cats

Please refrain from feeding stray cats and call the town office if you see any hanging around your residence. Feeding them assumes ownership & they become a nuisance to neighbors.



## Leash Your Pooch!

Please remember to ensure your dog is on a leash when being walked around town. All dogs found off of the premises of the owner not on a leash held by a person able to control the dog are considered to be running at large. If a dog is found running at large you may receive a fine.



## Dog Licenses

### Have you purchased a tag for your dog?

The cost is \$25 per dog.

Dogs that are lost can easily be identified if wearing a tag. The owner will also avoid a fine.

**If your dog is caught without license, you will be fined: \$50 for no license, and \$100 for non-licensed dog pound fees. In addition you must pay the \$25 fee to license your dog. You will not receive your dog back from the pound until the fees are paid in full.**

## Leaks Cost Money

**Toilets:** A running toilet could be wasting more than 750L of water per day.

**Showerheads:** A showerhead that drops 10 drips/minute wastes more than 1,800L per year.

**Drip:** 1 drip/second wastes 32.7L daily and 11,937.6L yearly.

**Dribble:** 3 drips/second wastes 98.1L.

**Drool:** 5 drips/second wastes 163.5L daily and 59,688.6L yearly.



## Contractors & Businesses

Contractors & businesses are required to have a business license to work within town limits if they **do not** operate from a property classed as commercial, industrial, elevator, railway right of way or pipeline. **Please contact the Town Office to renew or receive a business license for 2016!**

## 2016 Census

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** for residents to **SUBMIT** their **CENSUS FORMS!** Census helps with equal distribution of public funding from the government for things like education, healthcare, law enforcement, grants etc. Government funding is allocated to municipalities in part based on population.



# No Grease Down The Drain

Grease is a by-product of cooking which comes from meat, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces and dairy products.

When grease washes down the sink it sticks to the inside of the pipes that connect your home or business to the Town's sewer. This grease also coats the inside of the Town's sewer pipes.

Eventually the grease can build up until it completely blocks sewer pipes. This can create difficult and expensive maintenance problems for both the town and property owners.

Blocked sewer pipes can cause raw sewage to back up into your home or business or overflow onto the streets.

Garbage disposals don't keep grease out of sewer pipes. Products that claim to dissolve grease may dislodge a blockage, but the grease will harden again farther down the line and cause more problems.



## How Can You Help?

- Don't pour grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into trash.
- Pour grease into steel cans and let it harden then throw in the trash.
- Catch food scraps and other solids with a strainer in the sink drain and empty the strainer into the trash.
- Stop using your garbage disposal or try to minimize its use.

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## What Not To Flush

The only thing you should EVER flush down a toilet is human waste and toilet paper. Here are a few things that should NEVER be flushed:



- Disposable Wipes
- Dental Floss
- Paper Towels
- Feminine Products
- Cotton Balls or Swabs
- Bandages
- Feminine Products
- Syringes or Needles
- Gum
- Diapers
- Condoms