



Working Smoke Alarms Provide Early Fire Detection

To prevent a tragic fire in Adjala-Tosorontio, Fire Chief Darryl Bailey is urging residents to ensure that they have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of their homes.

Every home is required by law to have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. These can be hard-wired or battery-operated depending on when your home was built. Both types are required to meet the same standard for smoke alarms, and both are equally effective and acceptable under the Ontario Fire Code. If you do not have a smoke alarm on every storey of your home, it is vital that you install them as soon as possible" said Chief Bailey.

Residents are urged to test their smoke alarms every month by pressing the test button. If the alarms fail to sound, and it is a hard-wired smoke alarm, make sure you have it looked at right away. If it is a battery-operated smoke alarm, make sure that the battery is installed correctly or install a new battery. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and batteries should be replaced every year. Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace smoke alarms with new ones if they are more than 10 years old.

"Just as important as having working smoke alarms is making sure everyone in your home knows exactly what to do to escape BEFORE a fire occurs," continued Fire Chief Darryl Bailey. "Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire household."

Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- Determining who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults, or anyone else that due to cognitive or physical limitations may require additional assistance to escape.
- Making sure everyone knows two ways out of your residence.
- Checking that all exits are unobstructed and easy to access.
- Designating a meeting place outside the home, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- Calling the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour's home.
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.
- Practicing your home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

For people who live in apartment buildings and need assistance to escape:

- Make sure you tell the superintendent or landlord if you need assistance.
- Make sure your name is added to the persons who require assistance list in the fire safety plan, so the fire department knows which apartment you are in.
- Know the emergency procedures outlined in the building's fire safety plan.

Only working smoke alarms can give you the early warning you need to safely escape a fire. There is no time to spare in a fire. When you hear the alarm, you **MUST** get out immediately.

For more information, please visit our website, www.adjtos.ca

Best Regards,

Darryl Bailey
Fire Chief

NEW

Paperless E-Billing

The Township of Adjala-Tosorontio is pleased to offer a paperless billing option to our residents. E-Billing is a paperless method where residents receive their property tax and/or water bill by email as opposed to hard copy being mailed out.

To enroll in e-billing, please complete the Online Paperless Billing Form at www.adjtos.ca or email the Finance Department at finance@adjtos.ca.

Your Property Tax Information

Tax bills are issued twice per year with each bill having two installment due dates. Payments must be received on or before the due date. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure payments are received by the due date. Late payments are subject to penalties of 1.25% added on the first day of default. Staff do not have the authority to waive penalty charges. Canada Post is not an agent for the municipality; therefore, penalty cannot be waived if the payment is not received on time.

Final Tax Due Dates

Residential, Farm and Managed Forest
Commercial and Industrial

1st Installment Due

July 29, 2022
August 31, 2022

2nd Installment Due

September 30, 2022*
October 31, 2022

*Note September 30, 2022 is a bank holiday, kindly ensure payments are made in advance.

Payments may be made at your financial institution, by cheque via mail or dropbox which is located at the Township Office, cash or debit. Payment by Visa/Mastercard (fees apply) is available on our website at www.adjtos.ca. Pre-authorized payment options are also available, sign up in person or through our website.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for assessing and classifying all properties within the Township. Please consult www.mpac.ca for more information.

Civil Marriage Ceremonies

We are excited to announce that we will be offering Civil Marriage Ceremonies for couples wishing to have a simple, non-denominational marriage ceremony.

Wedding ceremonies are performed by our Clerks Department and are available on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only.

Couples wishing to get married in Ontario require a valid Ontario Marriage Licence. Applications for a Marriage Licence can be made on our website, and are processed by the Clerks Department for a fee of \$115.00.



Did You Know?

Your burn permits and dog tags need to be renewed annually.

Visit us at www.adjtos.ca to renew and pay online using your credit card (fees apply).

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