

NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

9 a.m. Council Chambers		
MARCH	3	17
APRIL	7	21
MAY	5	19
JUNE	2	16
JULY	14	
AUGUST	11	

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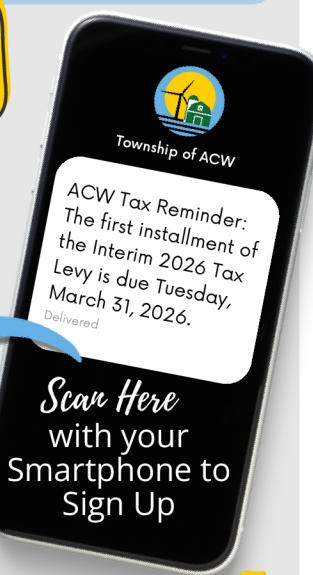
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Short-Term Rental Regulation

The Township is implementing regulations to better manage short-term rentals (such as Airbnb and VRBO). These regulations aim to preserve neighbourhood character, uphold safety standards, and ensure rentals operate responsibly and in line with community expectations. More information will be posted as it becomes available at acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/short-term-rentals

Residential Lots for Sale in Dungannon

Four Township-owned residential lots in Dungannon will be offered for sale by tender in April 2026. These properties present an exciting opportunity for future development. For property details visit acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/dungannon-surplus-lots

Nominations Open for Volunteer Awards

The Township recognizes and honours the achievements and contributions of community volunteers. We invite you to submit nominations for those individuals or groups that have made a significant contribution to our community.

Deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 20, 2026.

Nominations forms are available at the Municipal Office or online at acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/volunteer-recognition-and-appreciation-awards

2026 Tree Program

The 2026 Tree Program is now open. Complete online, or submit a paper copy to the Township Office by **Friday, February 27, 2026** to be entered into the random draw for a chance to purchase up to 5 trees at \$10 each. Varieties available are Sugar Maple, Silver Maple, and/or Red Oak trees, approximately 80cm+ in size. Learn more and sign-up at: acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/tree-program

Agricultural Property Standards Working Group

The Township has formed an Agricultural Property Standards Working Group to review whether the Property Standards By-law should apply to all properties, including agricultural lands. No decisions have been made at this time. The Working Group's role is to explore this option, understand potential impacts, and gather information and feedback before bringing any recommendations to Council for consideration. Please see the insert for further details.

2026 Election

The next municipal election will take place on Monday, October 26, 2026. For information on running for council and the nomination process please visit acwtownship.ca/vote. Nominations open on **May 1, 2026**, and close **August 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL 2022-2026

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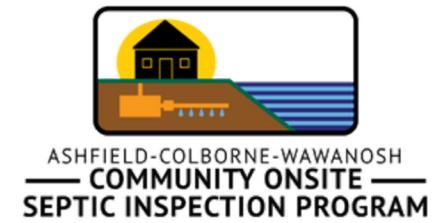
Community Onsite Septic Inspections – Summer 2026

Inspections will take place in the First Stage area:

Shoreline Road, south along the lake shore **west of Bluewater Highway**

to the **Maitland River**, including **some Saltford** properties.

Appointment letters will be mailed in May 2026.



Property owners must confirm their date and time. A property owner or representative must be onsite, and all septic and holding tank lids must be accessible. For more information visit acwseptic.ca

2026 Interim Taxes

DUE

MARCH 31, 2026

DUE

JUNE 30, 2026

Tax payments must be received by the due date. Failure to receive a tax notice does not exempt you from the payment of taxes, nor penalty and interest.

- **Methods of Payment:** Debit, Cash or Cheque at the Municipal Office, After Hours Drop-Box, Mail, Online and Telephone Banking, Pre-Authorized Payment, E-Transfer, or CIBC Goderich

 **E-Bill** Receive your Property Tax Bills to your inbox acwtownship.ca/e-billing-request-form

Waste & Recycling

To ensure your household waste and recyclables are collected on your scheduled day, place them at the curb near your mailbox by 7 a.m. View schedule: acwtownship.ca/residents/waste-recycling

For missed pick-ups contact Waste Management 1-800-561-1655 or canresidential@wm.com

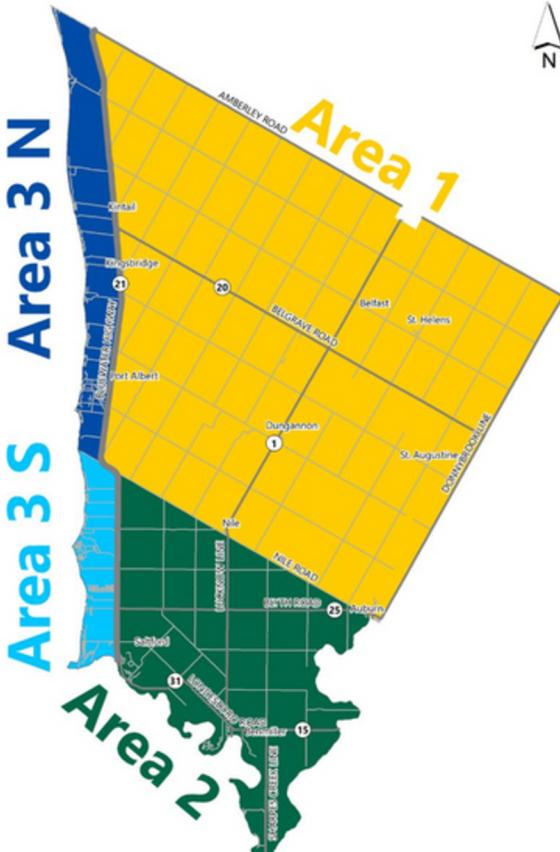
 **Recycling Changes**

New! Recycle more than ever before. Learn what's now acceptable.

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2026 Household Waste & Recycling Program



JANUARY 2026				FEBRUARY 2026				MARCH 2026			
	1	2	3S	1	2	3S	3N	1	2	3S	3N
Monday	5							Monday	2		
Monday	12							Monday	9		
Monday	19							Monday	16		
Monday	26							Monday	23		
								Monday	30		
APRIL 2026				MAY 2026				JUNE 2026			
	1	2	3S	3N	1	2	3S	1	2	3S	3N
Monday	6							Monday	1		
Monday	13							Monday	8		
Monday	20							Monday	15		
Monday	27							Monday	22		
								Monday	29		
JULY 2026				AUGUST 2026				SEPTEMBER 2026			
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Monday	6							Monday	7		
Monday	13							Monday	14		
Monday	20							Monday	21		
Monday	27							Monday	28		
OCTOBER 2026				NOVEMBER 2026				DECEMBER 2026			
	1	2	3S	3N	1	2	3S	1	2	3S	3N
Monday	5							Monday	7		
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Garbage tags - \$2.50 each. Available at:

- Auburn Gas Station
- Amberley General Store
- Ashfield Landfill
- Becker's – Lucknow
- Goderich Convenience
- Lucknow Co-Op
- Maxx Convenience - Goderich
- Mobil Gas Station - Goderich
- Municipal Office
- Victoria Street Shell

Ashfield Landfill 36739 Glens Hill Road

HOURS OF OPERATION:

December - March: Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
April - November: Monday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All household recycling must be disposed of through curbside collection, it is no longer accepted at the landfill.

**A minimum charge of \$10 per load
of waste will apply.**



Property Standards Review: Agricultural Lands and Normal Farm Practices

www.acwtownship.ca

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The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has formed an Agricultural Property Standards Working Group to consider updating the Property Standards By-law to **apply to all properties, including agricultural lands.**

Currently, agricultural lands (AG1, AG3, AG4) are exempt from the Township's Property Standards By-law. This broad exemption means the Township cannot address concerns on those lands, even if the issues have nothing to do with farming (for example maintenance and property condition issues). By removing the blanket exemption, the by-law would apply fairly to all properties. At the same time, normal farm practices would remain fully protected under provincial law.



At this time, **no decision has been made.** The purpose of this working group is to explore the option, understand potential implications, and gather information and feedback before considering any recommendation of changes to Council.

What does this mean for property standards if agricultural lands are included?

- The Township could enforce property standards on agricultural lands if the issue is not related to farming (e.g., maintenance and property condition issues).
- If the concern is related to a normal farm practice, the property owner is protected by the Farming and Food Protection Act (FFPPA), and the by-law cannot be used to restrict that practice.

What are "normal farm practices"?

Normal farm practices are activities carried out as part of a legitimate farming operation that:

- follow sound farming principles,
- use accepted customs and standards, and
- may include the use of new technology if applied properly.

Examples include:

- running farm machinery at different hours of the day,
- spreading manure or fertilizers,
- raising livestock and poultry,
- using drainage, irrigation, or soil management techniques.

Who decides if something is a normal farm practice?

If there is a dispute, the decision is made by the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB), a provincial tribunal.

- Farmers can apply to the Board for a determination.
- The Board has the authority to confirm whether an activity is protected under the FFPPA.

Have Your Say

Opportunities for public input will be available before any amendment is considered by Council. Details on how to provide feedback and participate will be shared as the review progresses. More information regarding the Agricultural Property Standards Working Group can be found at www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/agricultural-property-standards-working-group

To view the current Property Standards By-Law visit

www.acwtownship.ca/government/by-laws/building-and-property/46-2018-property-standards