

VILLAGE NEWS

Village of Sedley Newsletter

March 2020

Changes to Water/Sewer Billing

Effective January 1st, 2020 changes were implemented to our water/sewer billing process. Going forward, meters will be read on the 4th of the last month in the quarter (March 4th, June 4th, September 4th and December 4th). We will make every effort to not have an estimated billing.

Water/sewer bills will be sent on the 15th and due the last day of the month in the quarter (March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st).

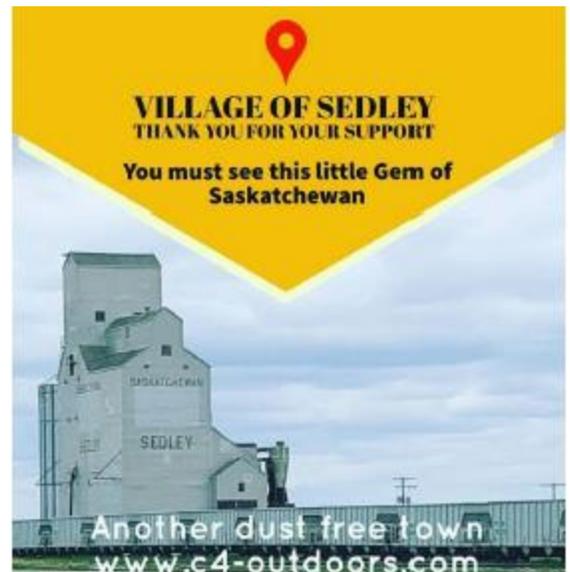
We hope this new process will reduce the times of 'Oops, I forgot to pay the water bill!'

Dust Control

Watch your mailbox in the coming weeks for more information about the 2020 dust control program. A quick overview is as follows:

We have once again chosen C4 Outdoors as our supplier of dust control. C4 Outdoors will be donating 10% of total sales back to our community.

To participate entire blocks will receive dust control application. We will not apply in front of individual properties. This is a user pay program – you will want to coordinate with your neighbours if you wish to participate. There should be Block Coordinator on each participating block. This person will be responsible for coordinating with neighbours, submitting the attached participation form, paying the full cost of the application and collecting money owed from neighbours.





The Office has received too many complaints from residents about the amount of dog poop in our Village. Not only is it irresponsible, it makes our Village look terrible. We all spend a lot of time and money to make our Village and properties look nice – why ruin it by not cleaning up after your dogs?

Please, please clean up after your dogs.

Let's do our part to reduce landfill waste

By now, we should all know the basic items that can be recycled through Canada's blue bin system – paper, cardboard, juice and milk cartons, plastic bottles and containers marked recyclable, empty aerosols, and steel and aluminum cans.

But is that really all? How can we do more to reuse everyday items that don't fit the blue bin requirements?

There are many items that can be recycled through alternatives to the blue bin system. It is well worth the effort to do a little research before throwing something in the garbage – landfills should be our last option after we've exhausted all other avenues. Of course, the best approach is to avoid buying items in the first place, especially if they'll end up in the garbage. Always ask yourself if you really need an item – and where it will end up when you're finished with it.

Here are items you may not recycle but should:

Batteries

What to do with all those dead AA batteries? Whatever you do, please don't throw them in the garbage or blue bin. Most hardware stores take dead batteries, and there are several reliable battery recycling programs across Canada, including www.Call2Recycle.ca.

Household items and building materials

Remodeling your home or building one from scratch? Habitat for Humanity has [partnering ReStores](#) ll across the country that will take building materials, including lumber, tiles and doors. They'll also take household items, such as furniture, appliances and light fixtures.

Vehicles

Before scrapping your car, look online for a nearby automotive recycling service that will recycle the parts.

Old sneakers

We go through many pairs of shoes, so it doesn't feel right to throw our old pairs in the garbage. Consider donating your old sneakers to a local thrift store. Better yet, many companies have drop off locations that will donate shoes or grind them down into new materials. A quick Internet search can help you pinpoint a nearby location.

Bicycles

Did you upgrade your bike and you're not sure what to do with the old one? Before putting it on the curbside, look for a bicycle recycling program that will fix up your old bike and find it a new owner.



Go to this website to see where you can recycle materials.

Carpeting

Are you finally getting rid of that old shag carpet in your house? Most carpets are made of plastic fibres and should be recycled. Fortunately, many companies across Canada will take your old carpet – just search Google for “where to recycle old carpet in <your city>” to find a location near you.

Crayons and markers

Did you know [Crayola's ColorCycle program](#) will partner with schools to take any used markers, highlighters or even dry-erase markers and repurpose them? The program runs in some parts of Canada – find out if your postal code is eligible [here](#).

Eye Glasses

Did you know 55 per cent of Canadians wear eyeglasses? If your prescription changes, your eyeglasses likely change as well. Consider donating your used prescription glasses. Many opticians can recommend a local program, or you can search for the nearest collection location on the [Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre webpage](#) – most Lions Clubs accept used eyeglasses.

Plastic bags

Of course, the best approach is to avoid plastic bags altogether by switching to reusable grocery bags. But if you do have plastic bags at home in good condition, consider repurposing them for your kitchen or bathroom garbage, cat litter bag or another use. If the bags are not in good condition, most grocery retailers have bins inside for collecting unusable plastic bags.

Mattresses

Each year, about 6 million mattresses are disposed of in landfills. Luckily, more and more companies are taking the lead to help reduce this number. If you live in western Canada, www.MattressRecycling.ca is a good option for recycling your used mattress. If you live in Quebec, try www.mattcanada.com. And if you're in a different location, there are many more mattress recycling options – just head over to Google for a quick search!

Electronics

Don't toss out your old cellphone – or any electronics for that matter! These devices contain plenty of recyclable metals, which means recycling your electronics helps to decrease the amount of raw materials needed to make new products. Many electronic retailers (such as Staples) will take and recycle used electronics – everything from printers to cameras to sometimes even coffee makers. For your cell phone, you can check out www.recyclemycell.ca for drop off locations across Canada.

There really is no such thing as throwing something “away” – it just winds up somewhere else on our planet – so every action we take to minimize landfill waste is a win.

Information from Canadian Wildlife Association

Contest Time!!!

My daughter and I were talking about recycling...she said she doesn't recycle a lot of things because it's NOT EASY!!! And, she's right - it's not always easy to recycle. In my home we have a septic system and it drives my husband CRAZY that I rinse everything going into the blue bin; which is why I have to dig recyclables out of the garbage, rinse them in order to recycle them!

What's your barrier to recycling all you can? Do you have any ideas to share which make recycling easier in your home?

Submit your barriers and ideas to the Village Office by April 30th and you could win a prize!!

We will share all submitted ideas to make recycling easier once the contest closes - I cannot wait to hear from you!



Tree Removal

It's almost (?) spring and time to start thinking about yard work! Just a reminder, if you are planning to removal a tree you should contact the Village Office prior to removal. If it's a viable tree which could be moved to a green space, we will assess the tree and perhaps move it. Tree removal permit cost is \$1.