

National Housing Day

Grey County Housing staff celebrated National Housing Day on November 22 by distributing apples and granola bars to tenants in buildings and family units. Also, an information display and yummy treats were present at the Housing counter at the County Administration building.



Garbage pickup

Help keep your neighbourhood and home free of litter by ensuring that garbage bins are utilized.

Winter Fire Safety Tips

Keep your cooking area hazard-free by removing anything that can burn and cause a fire, including oven mitts, food packaging and wooden utensils.

Always clean up food spills before using the oven or stove as spills can easily catch fire.



Conservation Tips

- Help prevent odours and pests by keeping waste enclosures clean.
- Save electricity by turning off and unplugging electronic devices when not in use.
- Conserve water by reporting leaky taps to maintenance for repair.

Short-Term Shelter Program



NOWHERE TO GO?

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, the Short-Term Shelter Program is here to help.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AT ANY TIME, CALL 2-1-1



The Short-Term Shelter Program can offer immediate shelter with supports, help find alternative housing, and work with individuals and families on a plan for stable housing. Learn more at grey.ca/stsp.

Holiday Office Closure

The Grey County Administration building and Housing resource centers will be closed December 26th until January 2nd. If you have an emergency maintenance issue, please call our housing mainline. If you have a non-emergency maintenance request, please complete a maintenance request form and put it in the drop box.

Important Holiday Tips

- Use non-flammable decorations and keep them away from heat sources and exits.
- Inspect lights before plugging them in and throw away if damaged.
- If possible, use an artificial holiday tree. If you're using a real tree, water it every day. Once a tree is dry, it can easily catch fire and should be thrown away.

Snow Removal

Please be mindful of snow removal services at your buildings. If there is a large accumulation of snow, Grey County Housing will notify you of a full parking lot clean out when necessary. When a full parking lot clean out is scheduled, please ensure your vehicles are removed from the parking lot.

Reporting Maintenance Issues in a Timely Manner

Maintenance issues can be reported by completing a maintenance request form or sending an email to housingrepairs@grey.ca. If there is an emergency after hours such as a flood, fire, lockout, plumbing or electrical issue, please contact the after hours line. It is important to report maintenance issues in a timely manner to prevent further damage, ensure safety, and avoid unnecessary charges to hydro bills, water, etc.

Icicles can be dangerous

Falling ice in the winter can cause serious injuries. With fluctuating temperatures, we often see periods of freeze-thaw-refreeze. Falling ice and snow from elevated surfaces can also be a hazard during the thaw periods.



Food Insecurity

In need of food? Reach out to 211 and get further information on where you can receive help.

Don't Flush

Do not flush the following down the drain:

- Cigarettes
- Condoms
- Cotton swabs
- Diapers
- Medication
- Needles
- Paper Towels
- Tampons
- Wipes

Flushing the items listed above down toilets or sink drains can cause major sewage problems in the building and significant expenses for repairs!

Pets

If you have a pet, please ensure that you have filled out the appropriate form to let us know who to contact for pet care in the case of an emergency. You can obtain the form from a Community Relations Worker.

Eliminate Winter Germs

Remember that we are all more prone to coughs and colds during the winter. To help prevent the spread of unwanted germs, regular cleaning and handwashing is recommended. Hard surfaces such as kitchens and bathrooms should be wiped down with disinfectants.

Tax Clinics

It is important to file a tax return to get Ontario tax credits and benefits. Even if you received social assistance or didn't earn income, you could get money back by filing a tax return.

Need a hand? If you have a modest income, tax-filing help is available at freetaxclinics.ca or by calling 211 for information and support.