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District 15  
Fairview-Clayton Park



## Weekly Summer Green Cart Collection

The weekly summer green cart collection will be starting again on July 2nd and will be in effect until August 31st. Over the summer, eligible residents can place their green cart out for collection weekly, even if it's not full. Collection may begin as early as 7 am. Residents may place their material curbside the evening prior to collection.

On completion of this summer service, collection returns to the regular 2 week green cart/garbage schedule. Garbage will continue to be collected over the summer on the regular bi-weekly cycle.



Have a safe and happy summer. Enjoy!

## Summer Safety Tips

With this weekend marking the first long weekend of summer, HRM Partners in Policing would like to provide some safety tips to help limit your risk of becoming a victim of crime.

A large number of residential break and enters happen over the summer when thieves are able to enter homes and sheds through unlocked doors and windows. A thief can be in and out in a matter of minutes, grabbing items that are easy to carry like purses, wallets and/or laptops. Even if you are in the backyard, keep your home secure to prevent thieves from seizing the opportunity to break-in.

Many break and enters are crimes of opportunity. If you make it difficult for thieves to break-in, they will move on

looking for an easier target. To reduce the risk, you should:

- Refrain from announcing your vacation plans on social media or your answering machine.
- Keep windows closed when not at home. Ensure your patio doors and lower level windows are locked.
- Keep garages and sheds locked.
- Take steps to make your home appear occupied while you are on vacation, such as:
  - Having your mail and newspaper collected.
  - Arranging to have your grass cut.
  - Leaving your interior lights on or using timers to turn lights off and on.
  - Ensuring your property is well lit.
  - Asking a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.

It's also important to report any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood to police. This information is used to track potential "hot spots" for residential break and enters and alerts investigators to look for common methods used by thieves or similar descriptions of suspects.

The same golden rule applies to vehicles. Beaches are a fantastic place to spend a summer day, but they often attract thieves looking for valuables left in plain sight inside

parked cars. Remember to lock your doors and remove all valuables from your vehicle before leaving it unattended. By removing the temptation, you are less likely to become the victim of crime.

These simple steps can help you make the most of summer while keeping your home and property as safe and secure as possible.



Congratulations to all graduates. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

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