

## Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program will help improve road user safety

Provincial legislation permits municipalities to create by-laws that permit the use of ASE units (also referred to as Photo Radar) exclusively in school zones and community safety zones. A community safety zone is an area designated through a by-law that identifies it as a road segment of higher risk or concern. Certain Highway Traffic Act fines (including speeding) are doubled in community safety zones, which are mostly located close to schools and school zones.

Severn's Community Safety Zone By-Law (By-law 2025-27) designates portions of the following roads as community safety zones:

- Division Road West (Marchmont Public School)
- Gray Street (Coldwater Public School)
- Cumberland Road (Severn Shores Public School)
- Coldwater Road
- Muskoka Street north
- River Street
- Burnside Line



The ASE program will launch in late summer 2025. All ASE sites will be marked with clear signs 90 days before the cameras are installed and while they are in operation. To view a map of the community safety zones or to view the Frequently Asked Questions about the program, visit [severn.ca/ase](https://severn.ca/ase). Subscribe to receive email updates at [severn.ca/subscribe](https://severn.ca/subscribe).

## Waste management services

County of Simcoe coordinates the collection of all garbage and recycling in Severn, including curbside collection, yard waste pick-up, and bulky collections.

### Simcoe County Collects app

Download the FREE Simcoe County Collects mobile app to receive waste collection notifications for your address at [simcoe.ca/waste](https://simcoe.ca/waste).



## Get prepared

Do you know what to do if an emergency strikes? Township of Severn has a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan that outlines how the municipality will respond during an emergency. During an emergency, every second counts.



## Keep your emergency preparedness kit stocked

Some severe weather events (like tornadoes or wildfires) may require you to evacuate your home at a moment's notice, while others (like snowstorms and extended power outages) could leave you stuck at home for days on end, potentially even without power or running water.

Make sure you have:

- crank-operated radio
- extra batteries
- first aid kit
- non-perishable foods
- potable water

Your kit may need other items, such as medicine, pet food, and emergency contact numbers. Make sure it's stored in a dry, clean, and accessible place in case you need to grab it in a hurry. Learn more at [getprepared.ca](https://getprepared.ca).

## Power outage safety

Power outages can happen at anytime and can last minutes, hours, or days.

Stay safe by following these tips:

- there may be downed or live power lines in your area - stay at least 10 metres away at all times
- call 1-800-434-1235 or visit [hydroone.com](https://hydroone.com) to report an outage or a downed line
- keep refrigerator doors closed to help preserve food
- **never** use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping stoves, or generators indoors or in an enclosed space such as a garage (this can cause carbon monoxide poisoning or start a fire)



# Severn Bulletin

June 2025

## Due dates

Interim property taxes are due in two installments on **August 8** and **October 8**.

## Payment options

### Pre-authorized payments

Pre-authorized payment plans allow you to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank account every month or on due dates. Sign up for pre-authorized payments at [severn.ca/taxes](https://severn.ca/taxes).

### Cheque

Pay by cheque (to Township of Severn) by mail (PO Box 159, Orillia Ontario L3V 6J3) or drop box (1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn).

### Banking

Pay through online or telephone banking, or in person at a financial institution. Please use the 19-digit roll number found on your tax bill (numbers only, no hyphens or spaces) and select Severn Township or Township of Severn as the payee.

## Register for eServices

Once registered, you will be able to easily view, pay, and manage bill payments online anytime and anywhere.

You can also request a service, report a concern, and help improve your community.

You will find detailed instructions on how to register for your E-Services account on the back of your property tax bill. Register at [eservices.severn.ca](https://eservices.severn.ca).

### Need help?

Please reach out to our Customer Care Team directly at 705-325-2315 or email [customercare@severn.ca](mailto:customercare@severn.ca) for one-on-one support.



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# 2025 Budget

## Breakdown

In December 2024, Council approved the 2025 Budget. It incorporates the following priorities:

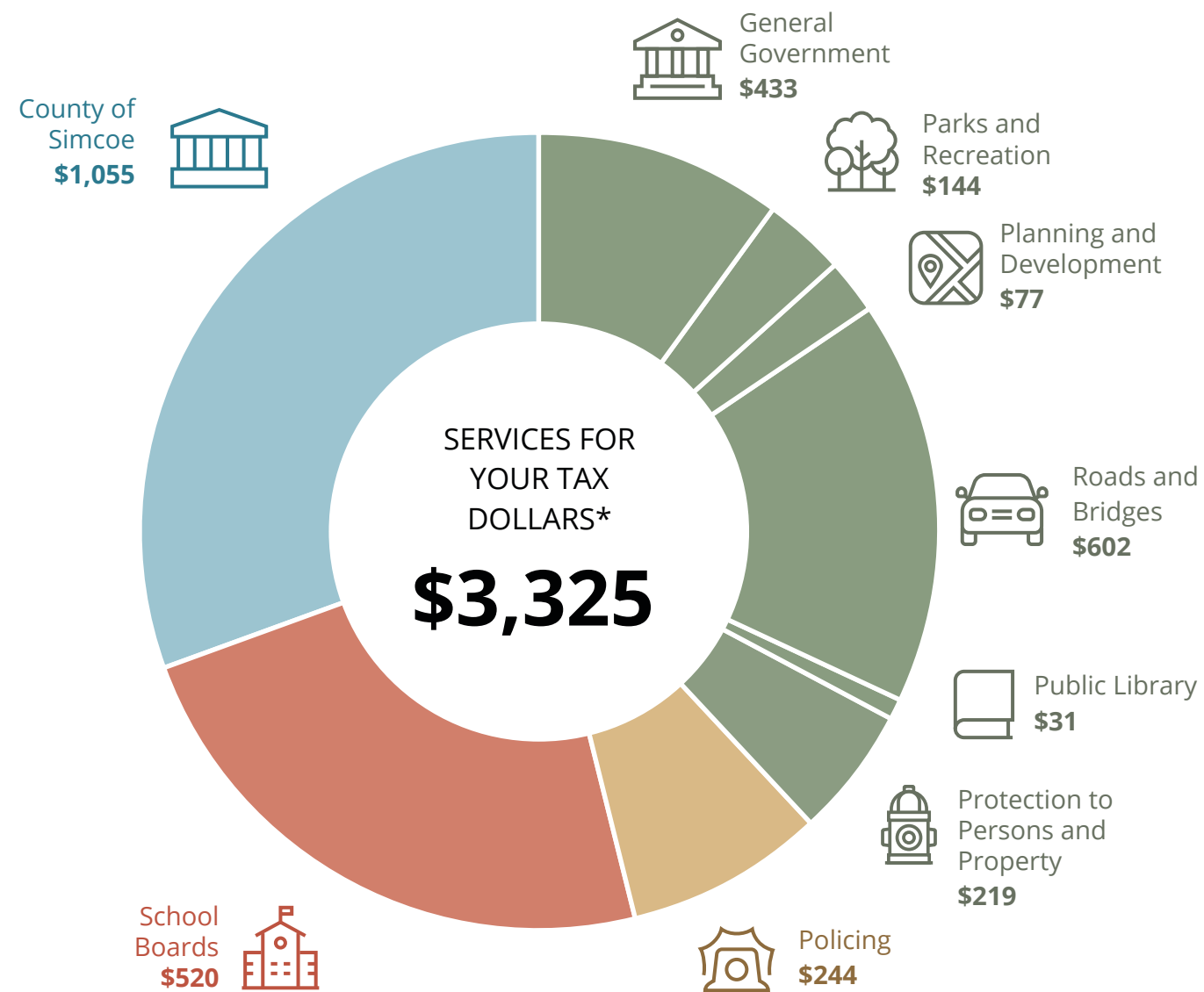
- Enhance levels of service for residents
- Ensure community safety and wellbeing
- Responsibly manage municipal assets

The Township's 2025 Budget was approved with a 7.53% net tax increase over 2024 rates. When combined with the County of

Simcoe's approved tax increase of 3.625%, a 5.4% increase to policing services, and a 0% increase in education rates, residents can expect to see a 4.88% blended tax increase on their 2025 property tax bill.

For an average home in Severn assessed at \$340,000\*, the approved blended rate amounts to a \$154.76 increase over 2024 levels, or \$12.90 per month, with a total tax bill of \$3,325 in 2025.

Visit [severn.ca/budget](https://severn.ca/budget) for details.



## Be a hero for your community

Are you ready to make a difference? Join the Township of Severn as a Volunteer Firefighter. Experience pride, camaraderie, and personal growth while serving those in need. Learn more about becoming a Volunteer Firefighter at [severn.ca/recruitment](https://severn.ca/recruitment). The deadline to apply is September 30.

## Fire Danger Rating

Always check the fire rating before starting a fire. We've placed signs throughout the community to show the current fire rating. Burning is not permitted during a fire ban.

These signs are located at:

- Fire Station 1 at 3216 South Sparrow Lake Road
- Fire Station 2 at 3958 Burnside Line
- Coldwater Dock (Upper Big Chute Road and River Street)
- Fire Station 4 at 2060 North River Drive
- Irish Line and Ellis Road

Purchase your residential fire permit online at [severn.ca/firepermits](https://severn.ca/firepermits).

## Inspections underway for the annual Septic Inspection Program

To ensure that all septic systems in Severn are properly maintained and functioning, the Township follows the Discretionary and Mandatory On-Site Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program outlined in the Ontario Building Code, which supports the Clean Water Act.

Residents in the Lake St. George (discretionary) and Intake Protection and Wellhead Protection Zone properties (mandatory) can expect inspections to occur in the spring, summer, and fall of 2025. The Septic Inspector will inspect 309 properties this year and provide a final report summarizing this work.

Learn more about how this program helps to protect drinking water sources and ensures our lakes, rivers, and natural spaces stay healthy and clean for everyone to enjoy at [severn.ca/septicprogram](https://severn.ca/septicprogram).

## Did you know?

Township of Severn keeps 45 cents of every property tax dollar collected. The rest goes to the County of Simcoe, education and policing. Our annual budget helps us deliver services and infrastructure that people use every day. It also ensures we provide value for money and that your tax dollars are spent wisely.

## Services for your tax dollars



## New recreation programs

Looking for Yoga, Zumba, or art classes for yourself or a member of your family? Register for our new adult, senior, and youth programs at [severn.ca/recprograms](https://severn.ca/recprograms).

## Community grant applications open August 1

Severn is committed to supporting various community organizations and other groups in the municipality, as they provide important programs, activities, services, and events for residents. By providing grants, Council can enable community organizations to fundraise, leverage other funding, and support important volunteer contributions.

Applicants can apply for a grant of \$1,500 or less, or a grant of \$1,501 or more using one of two grant application forms. Grant applications are accepted annually from August 1 to September 30 and are considered as part of the Township's budget process.

Review our Community Grant Policy at [severn.ca/grants](https://severn.ca/grants).

## Celebrating a business milestone?

Mayor and Council offer letters of congratulations to businesses in our community that are celebrating notable milestones such as a grand opening or significant anniversary.

To request a certificate please visit [severn.ca/mayorsoffice](https://severn.ca/mayorsoffice). We require at

least two weeks' notice to coordinate the attendance of a Township representative at your business event.

Home-based businesses are invited to participate as we host quarterly business celebration events at our Administration Office.

Learn more about supports for your business at [severn.ca/business](https://severn.ca/business).