



Township of

**SEVERN**

Welcome to

*Severn*



*Gateway to the Canadian Shield*



# We're happy you're here.



## About Severn

Located just 90 minutes north of the Greater Toronto Area and easily accessed from major highways 400, 11, and 12, Severn is nestled in the northern corner of Simcoe County and is considered the gateway to the Canadian Shield.

Our community offers natural beauty and historic charm, making residents proud to call Severn home.



This guide is a tool to help you find the information you need as a new resident of Severn.

Look for the QR codes that can take you to detailed webpages on our website at [severn.ca](http://severn.ca).

## Land acknowledgment

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather, and which the Township of Severn operates, is part of the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have been inhabiting and caring for this land. In particular, we acknowledge the territory of the Ojibway (or Chippewas) peoples. This territory is covered by Lake Simcoe Treaty 16 and the J. Collins land purchase. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land, and by doing so, give our respect to its first inhabitants.*



# Property taxes

If you own a property in Severn, you will need to pay annual property taxes.

Visit [severn.ca/taxes](http://severn.ca/taxes) to learn how to:

- pay your property taxes
- request a tax certificate
- change your address
- explore tax incentives and rebates
- change your school support

## Tax bill due dates

The tax payment due dates are located on your tax bill. The interim tax bill is issued in January, and the payment due dates are:

- **March 8 and May 8**

The final tax bill is issued in June, and the payment due dates are:

- **August 8 and October 8**



# Water and sewer bills

Severn provides water and sewer services in many of our communities. In all other areas, individual drinking water wells and septic systems are the homeowner's responsibility. Visit our website to view our water and sewer rates, as well as payment options. Visit [severn.ca/water](http://severn.ca/water).

## Water and sewer bill due dates

Water and sewer bills are due on:

- January 31
- April 30
- July 31
- October 31



Make payments easy! Sign up for our pre-authorized payment plan to set up automatic withdrawals from your account to pay your tax bill and water and sewer bill.



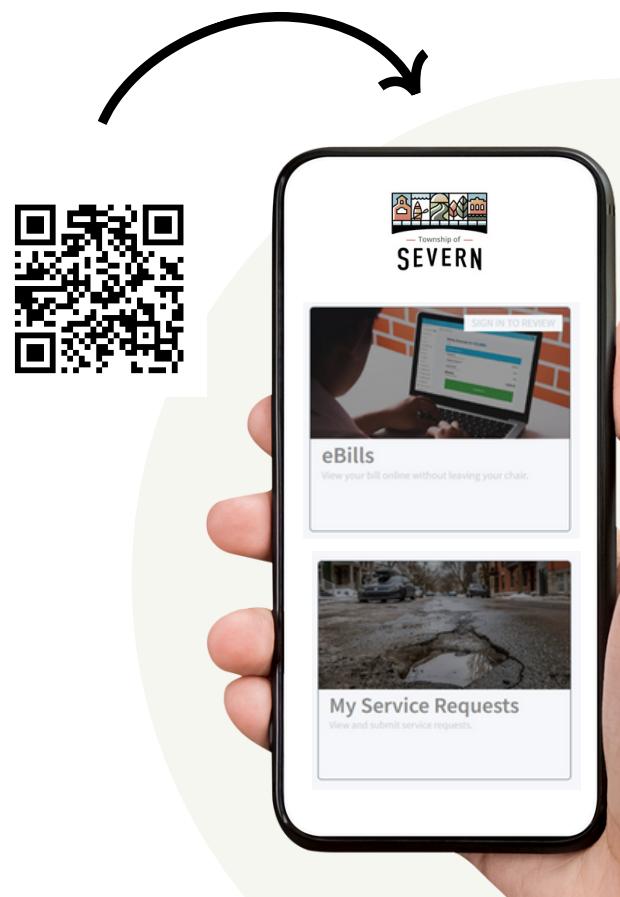
# eServices portal

Our eServices portal provides our community with access to several online services through an easy-to-use dashboard.

Visit [eservices.severn.ca](http://eservices.severn.ca) to:

- register for eBilling
- complete online bill payments
- report a by-law concern
- submit a service request

You can find detailed instructions on how to register on the back of your tax or water and sewer bill. Need help? Contact the Customer Care Team.



## Waste collection

Waste collection services for the Township of Severn are provided and managed by the County of Simcoe. Collection occurs every two weeks (on alternating weeks). As of January 1, 2026, recycling will still be collected on the same day and using the same carts, but this service will be provided by Emterra Environmental Inc. on behalf of Circular Materials. For questions related to recycling, such as collection schedules, missed pickups, or cart repairs after January 1, please contact Emterra directly by phone at 1-888-597-1541 or email [customercareont@emterra.ca](mailto:customercareont@emterra.ca).

Contact Service Simcoe at 1-800-263-3199 or email [service@simcoe.ca](mailto:service@simcoe.ca) for all other questions about waste, organics, or special collections. Read more at [simcoe.ca](http://simcoe.ca).



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



Simcoe County Collects





## By-laws and permits

Severn works to provide a safe and friendly community. Our municipal by-laws are approved by Council and set standards that help us protect the well-being of both residents and visitors. Learn more at [severn.ca/bylaws](http://severn.ca/bylaws).

### Good Neighbour By-laws

Homeowners should be aware of the by-laws that apply to their property in Severn.

The Good Neighbour By-laws include:

- Noise By-law
- Fireworks By-law
- Open-Air Burning By-Law
- Parking By-law
- Zoning By-law



While everyone has their own way of relaxing, please be a considerate neighbour and respect everyone's right to enjoy their leisure time. For more information about how our by-laws relate to your property visit [severn.ca/good-neighbour](http://severn.ca/good-neighbour).

### Open-air burning

Severn's Open-Air Burning By-law regulates the size of fires and materials you can burn within an open-air fire.

We issue two types of fire permits:

- an annual residential fire permit that expires on December 31
- one-time use agricultural fire permit for larger burns

With either permit, you can only burn tree branches or clean, dry wood.

### Lifetime dog tag

Apply for your dog tag at: [severn.ca/dogtags](http://severn.ca/dogtags).



### Fire permits

Purchase your fire permit at: [severn.ca/firepermits](http://severn.ca/firepermits).



# Parking

Parking in Severn is free, including at our parks, facilities, docks, and boat launches. We do not provide resident parking passes. Be sure to follow all posted street parking, overnight parking, and prohibited parking signs in Severn. Before you park, read through our Parking By-law, which outlines everything you need to know.

Find it at [severn.ca/parking](http://severn.ca/parking).



## Winter parking restrictions



To allow snowplows to clear the roadways, seasonal parking restrictions are in place. From December 1 to March 31, parking is not permitted on any road between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

## Paying a parking ticket

If you have received a Parking Infraction (parking ticket), please refer to the back of your ticket for complete details. Voluntary payment can be made within seven to fifteen days of receiving the ticket at our Administration Office.

## Accessible parking

There are accessible parking spaces located throughout Severn. These spaces are designated with an accessible parking sign.

To use an accessible parking space, you must:

- properly display an accessible parking permit in your vehicle
- be an individual with a disability or be transporting someone with a disability



Learn about our Parking By-law at: [severn.ca/parking](http://severn.ca/parking).

# Roads

Severn is responsible for the maintenance and construction of most roads within the Township. However, a few County of Simcoe and provincial roads pass through Severn.

We issue a variety of road permits and applications in order to ensure that all roadwork is done in a way that is safe and protects municipal roads and infrastructure.

The following permits are available:

- Entrance Permits
- Temporary Road Closure Permits
- Road Occupancy Permits
- Oversized Load Permits

Apply online at [severn.ca/roads](http://severn.ca/roads).



## Did you know?

Severn is responsible for 416 km of roads and 39 bridges across an area of over 523 square kilometres.

## Submit a service request

To report a non-emergency concern, visit our eServices portal to submit a service request.

Examples of concerns include:

- drainage issue
- fallen trees or brush
- potholes
- rough road requiring maintenance
- signs (faded, broken, missing)

Visit [eservices.severn.ca](http://eservices.severn.ca).



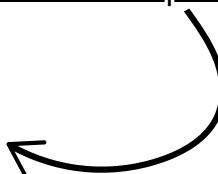
# Parks and Facilities



Severn offers our community access to:

- 2 community centres
- 1 indoor ice rink
- 2 outdoor rinks
- 12 public parks
- 1 dog park
- 3 multi-use sports courts

Learn more at [severn.ca/parks](http://severn.ca/parks).



## Did you know?



Download the Uhthoff Trail audio app for iOS or Android and learn about the history and ecology of the trail as you hike, cycle, or horseback ride.



## Docks and boat launches



Are you interested in spending a day on the water? We have multiple public docks and boat launches available to access our lakes and rivers. View maps and more at [severn.ca/water-access](http://severn.ca/water-access).



## Recreation programs

We offer a variety of recreation programs throughout the year for all ages and abilities. Learn about our programs and register online at [severn.ca/recprograms](http://severn.ca/recprograms).



## Facility rentals

Our parks, beaches, and sports fields, as well as facilities and community halls are available for rent. You can rent these facilities for recreation and sports events, receptions, dances, showers, banquets, and more.

Visit [severn.ca/facilities](http://severn.ca/facilities).



# Planning and Building

Severn's Planning department provides land use planning guidance and advice to our community, Council, landowners, and developers. We administer the Official Plan, Zoning By-law, and development approval process. For more information, visit [severn.ca/planning](http://severn.ca/planning).



View our Zoning By-law to make sure that all construction meets the zoning requirements for your property.

## Building permits

Always check before starting your project if a building permit is required. In general, under the Ontario Building Code Act, a building permit is required to erect, install, alter, extend, or repair a building. A building is defined as a structure occupying an area greater than 10 square metres.



### Did you know?

Building permits and inspections ensure that all work meets the requirements outlined in the Ontario Building Code and our Zoning By-law.

## Building inspections

Building inspections are needed at various stages throughout any building project. Book your inspection online.



## Call before you dig



Before you begin any excavation or digging project, be prepared. Hitting underground wires, pipes, or cables is dangerous and can be costly for you or your business. Please dig safely. Visit the [Ontario One Call online portal](http://ontarioonecall.ca) to request your free utility locates. You can also phone Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255.



# Winter reminders

## Winter road maintenance

Help ensure roads in Severn are cleared safely and efficiently in winter.

Please follow these guidelines:

- don't park on the road during snowplowing operations
- don't deposit snow on the road without written permission from the Township
- keep mailboxes clear of snow to allow the plow driver to see them
- promptly remove garbage bins from the road allowance following collection



Learn more at [severn.ca/roads](http://severn.ca/roads).

## Is the nearest fire hydrant clear of snow?

In an emergency, every second counts! Help keep fire hydrants accessible over the winter. If there's a fire hydrant near your home, you can assist Severn Fire and Emergency Services by clearing snow in a one-metre radius around the hydrant so it can be easily located if needed. For more fire safety tips and resources, visit [severn.ca/fireprevention](http://severn.ca/fireprevention).



# Stay informed

We share details regarding our municipal projects, programs, and services using various methods and channels.



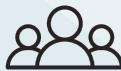
## Township of Severn website

Read the most recent news, access services, have your say, and learn about projects and more at [severn.ca](http://severn.ca).



## News, notices, and alerts

Get important news, notices, and alerts direct to your email inbox at [severn.ca/subscribe](http://severn.ca/subscribe).



## Connect with Council

Contact the Mayor or your member of Council at [severn.ca/council](http://severn.ca/council).



## Council portal

Watch Council and Committee meetings live on our Council Portal. Sign up to receive agendas or minutes by email at [severn.civicweb.net](http://severn.civicweb.net).



## Community Calendar

Our Community Calendar informs our residents and visitors of what's happening in Severn throughout the year. Submit your event or sign up to receive a weekly email at [calendar.severn.ca](http://calendar.severn.ca).



## Join a Committee or Board

Severn has a variety of committees and boards that advise Council. Review each committee to learn what they're doing and get involved at [severn.ca/committees](http://severn.ca/committees).



## Follow us on social media

Connect with us online. Follow @severnontario on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.



## Have your say

Share your input by participating in surveys and other engagement opportunities. Visit [severn.ca/haveyoursay](http://severn.ca/haveyoursay).



## Notes



A man in a black long-sleeved shirt and sunglasses stands in a forest setting. He is positioned in the center of the frame, looking towards the camera. Behind him, several fallen trees are scattered across the ground, and the surrounding trees are heavily laden with bright yellow and orange autumn leaves. In the background, two people are on bicycles; one is wearing an orange shirt and tan pants, and the other is wearing a pink shirt and light-colored pants. The overall atmosphere is one of a late autumn day in a wooded area.



customercare@severn.ca



**705-325-2315**



[severn.ca](http://severn.ca)