

2024/2025 Holiday Schedule

Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.)

The Orillia City Centre will be closed until Wednesday, Jan. 1. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. No marriage licences or lottery licences will be issued during this time. For more information, call 705-325-1311, email info@orillia.ca or visit orillia.ca.

Municipal Operations Centre (20 James St. W.)

- Dec. 25 and 26: Closed
- Dec. 27 to 31: Regular hours
- Jan. 1: Closed

Regular hours resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. For more information, call 705-326-4585, email enviroservices@orillia.ca or visit orillia.ca.

Wastewater Treatment Centre (40 Kitchener St.) and Water Filtration Plant (200 Bay St.)

- Dec. 25 and 26: Closed
- Dec. 27 to 30: Regular hours
- Dec. 31: Closed at 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed

Regular hours resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. For more information, call 705-326-1502, email enviroservices@orillia.ca or visit orillia.ca.

Waste Diversion Site (100 Kitchener St.)

- Dec. 25 to 26: Closed
- Dec. 27 to 30: Regular hours
- Dec. 31: Open until 3 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed

Regular hours resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. Please note that starting in 2025, the Waste Diversion Site will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays and closed on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 705-325-3522, email enviroservices@orillia.ca or visit orillia.ca.

Orillia Opera House Box Office (20 Mississauga St. W.)

- Closed Dec. 28, 2024.

Regular hours resume on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, when the Box Office is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and three hours prior to showtime on days with ticketed events. Get your tickets online 24/7 at orilliaoperahouse.ca.

Leacock Museum (50 Museum Dr.)

The Museum, gift shop and guided tours are closed until Feb. 28, 2025. The Leacock Museum will re-open for self-guided tours on March 1, 2025. To stay up to date on 2025 hours and special programming, call 705-329-1908 or visit leacockmuseum.ca.

Orillia Public Library (36 Mississauga St. W.)

- Dec. 25 and 26: Closed
- Dec. 27: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 28: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 29: Closed
- Dec. 30: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 31: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed

Regular hours resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. For more information, call 705-325-2338, email info@orilliapubliclibrary.ca, or visit orilliapubliclibrary.ca.

Orillia Farmers' Market (36 Mississauga St. W.)

- Dec. 28 and Jan. 4: No Market

The Market will reopen on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025. For more information, visit orillia.ca/ofm.

Holiday Waste Collection (Garbage, recycling, green bin collection)

There will be no garbage, recycling, green bin or yard waste collection on Wednesday, Dec. 25. Collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. Due to New Year's Day, there will be no recycling and green bin/yard waste collection on Wednesday, Jan. 1. Collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. The regular collection schedule will resume on Monday, Jan. 6. Visit orillia.ca/waste to view the full collection guide and calendar. Garbage, recycling, and green bin/yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.

Christmas tree collection runs from Jan. 6 through to Jan. 24.



Please note that the County of Simcoe holiday waste collection schedule does not affect City of Orillia residents. For more information call 705-325-3522 or visit orillia.ca.

City of Orillia Recreation Facilities

Orillia Recreation Centre (255 West St. S.):

- Dec. 25: Closed
- Dec. 26: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dec. 27 to 30: Regular hours
- Dec. 31: Noon to 4 p.m.; 5 to 7:30 p.m. (New Year's Eve Bash)
- Jan. 1: Noon to 5 p.m.

Regular hours resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. For more information, call 705-325-4386, email recreation@orillia.ca or visit orillia.ca/active.

Barnfield Point Recreation Centre (500 Atherley Rd.)

will be closed from Dec. 25, 2024, to Jan. 1, 2025. Bayside Restaurant is also closed during this time.

Rotary Place (100 University Ave.):

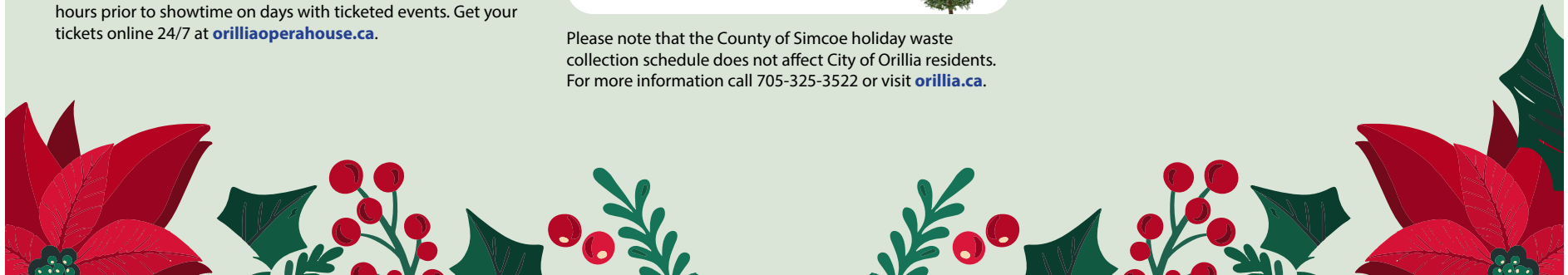
- Dec. 25: Closed
- Dec. 26: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 27 to 30: Open regular hours
- Dec. 31: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Jan. 1: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 705-325-4386, email recreation@orillia.ca or visit orillia.ca/active.

Orillia Transit/OWLS

- Dec. 25 and Dec. 26: No service
- Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): Extended transit hours and free service on Dec. 31 from 4:45 p.m. until 1:45 a.m., courtesy of Orillia Tim Hortons.
- Jan. 1: No service

Regular service hours resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. For more information, call 705-326-8300 or visit orillia.ca/transit.



Coming in 2025: Updates and Opportunities

Waste Collection

Waste Diversion Site: New Hours and Rates for 2025

New Rates (Effective Jan. 2, 2025)

- Regular Garbage: \$200/tonne (\$20 minimum)
- Mixed Loads: \$400/tonne (\$40 minimum)
- Construction/Demolition Waste: \$185/tonne
- Commercial Green Bin/Yard Waste: \$50/tonne
- Mattresses/Box Springs: \$30/unit

Please note:

- Green bin organics and yard waste are no longer accepted from residents of Ramara, Severn, and Oro-Medonte.
- Rain barrel sales to non-Orillia residents have been discontinued.

For more information, visit orillia.ca/waste or contact the Waste Diversion Site at 705-325-3522.

Need Help Sorting Waste?

Use the City's "What Goes Where" tool to get reminders, find sorting tips, and stay updated on special collections. Access the tool through the Recycle Coach app (App Store or Google Play), the City website, or the OrilliaNow portal at orillia.ca/now.

New Hours

Effective January 2025, the Waste Diversion Site at 100 Kitchener St. will be open:

- Tuesdays–Fridays: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

The site will no longer be open on Mondays.

Transit

Orillia Transit Updates for 2025

Free teen pass program, \$2 seniors' fare, and four free transit days will continue in 2025, along with some fare updates.

Single-ride fare increase: Effective Jan. 1, 2025, single-ride fares will increase slightly from \$3 to \$3.10, with changes to monthly passes and bulk ride fees also taking effect.

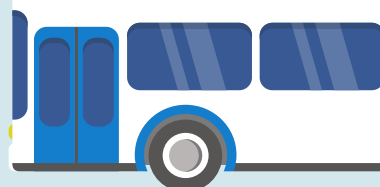
Four free transit days: Mark your calendars for March 12 (March Break), April 22 (Earth Day), June 5 (World Environment Day), and Nov. 26 (World Sustainable Transport Day).

Teen and seniors' passes: The free teen pass program is now permanent, and the \$2 seniors' cConnect Pass will continue. No changes are being made to the application process for these passes.

cConnect Pass Information

The cConnect Pass, a reloadable card for easy fare payment, is accepted on all Orillia Transit routes, including OWLS. Request a pass online at orillia.usetransit.com or in person at City Centre or the Orillia Public Library.

Visit orillia.ca/transit for updated rate schedules, route maps, and more information.



Community

2024 Citizen of the Year Award Nominations

A panel of local residents, with the assistance of the City of Orillia, is accepting nominations for the 2024 Citizen of the Year.

Nominations are open until Monday, Jan. 20, 2025. Nominations must be submitted using the nomination form available online at orillia.ca, or from the Service Desk located in the Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.).

Submissions must include the full name and contact information for the nominator and the nominee, as well as a detailed explanation of why the nominee deserves to be named Citizen of the Year. The award is not open to groups or organizations.

Nominees must be residents of Orillia, the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, or the townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara or Severn, who have contributed to the betterment of Orillia. The decision will be based on the nominee's accomplishments as a volunteer in 2024. The 2024 Citizen of the Year Award will be presented by Mayor Don McIsaac at a regularly scheduled Council meeting in early 2025.

The 2024 Citizen of the Year panel includes former winners Derick Lehmann, Cam Davidson, Marci Csumrik, and Fred Larsen, as well as *OrilliaMatters* editor Dave Dawson, Pure Country 106 Morning Host Carey Moran, and Orillia Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Allan Lafontaine.

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Harvie Settlement Road Partial Closure

Jan. 13 to March 15, 2025

To enhance winter safety, the City of Orillia is implementing an annual seasonal road closure for a portion of Harvie Settlement Road between University Avenue and the drive lane at 695 Harvie Settlement Rd.

The road will be closed for this winter season from Jan. 13 to March 15, 2025. Starting next winter, this section of Harvie Settlement Road will close annually from Dec. 15 to March 15.

Residences and businesses on Harvie Settlement Road will be fully available via alternative access from Diana Drive throughout the closure period.

For more information regarding snow clearing and winter operations in Orillia, visit orillia.ca/wintercontrol.