# Welcome to Middlesex Centre

# Welcome!

Whether you're in Delaware, Denfield, Arva or somewhere in between, we are so glad you'll be calling Middlesex Centre home. With rural charm and nearby urban amenities, you'll soon understand why we say Middlesex Centre is "in the centre of it all."

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The following information will help you get to know some of the services that the Municipality of Middlesex Centre has to offer. If you have any questions or don't have access to the internet, please don't hesitate to give our friendly staff a call.

#### **Municipal Office**

**Office Location:** 10227 Ilderton Rd. in Coldstream, ON

Mailing Address: 10227 Ilderton Rd. Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

Telephone: 519-666-0190 or 1-800-220-8968

Email: customerservice@middlesexcentre.ca

Website: middlesexcentre.ca

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Staff Listing: middlesexcentre.ca/staff

# Mayor & Council



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>> middlesexcentre.ca/mayor-council

# **Building & Renovating**



If you are planning renovations to your new property or are looking to add a garage or pool, you may require a building permit. Middlesex Centre offers residents and businesses an online system, Cloudpermit, to apply for and track building permits.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/building-permit

# **Dogs in Middlesex Centre**



All dogs in the municipality must have and wear a municipal dog tag. Middlesex Centre issues a dog tag for the lifetime of your dog at no charge.

To apply for a dog tag, complete a dog license application and submit it to the municipal office.

Moving within Middlesex Centre? Let the municipal office know so we can update your dog's record.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/dogtags

#### Dog Parks

Dogs must be on a leash in all municipal parks and property except in "Paws in Parks" areas. These areas are at the Douglas B. Weldon Park in Arva and along the Ilderton Rail Trail.

>> middlesexscentre.ca/pawsinparks

# **Emergency Services**



Fire, Police or Ambulance Related Emergency – Call 911

Non-urgent incidents requiring fire services – Call 519-666-0190

# Non-urgent incidents requiring police – Call 1-888-310-1122

Emergency services in Middlesex Centre are provided by:

- Fire: Middlesex Centre Fire Services, which consists of five fire stations staffed by professionally trained, paid-on-call firefighters with full-time headquarter staff
- Police: OPP
- Paramedics: Middlesex-London Paramedic Service

#### **Green Emergency Lights**

Help our firefighters get to their emergency calls quickly and safely. Our firefighters flash green lights in the front of their personal vehicles when they are responding to an emergency. If you "see green" pull over if it is safe to do so, and let our firefighters pass!

>> middlesexcentre.ca/fire

# Libraries

Middlesex Centre is home to four public library branches in Coldstream, Delaware, Ilderton and Komoka. The branches each operate and are funded by the Middlesex County Library.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/library

# Municipal Billing – Taxes & Utilities

#### **Property Tax Bills**

Middlesex Centre issues two tax bills per year (February and August) that are broken into four tax instalments. The instalment payments are due the last working day of February, May, August and November.

#### **Utility/Water Bills**

Middlesex Centre issues monthly utility bills for water and/or wastewater (sewer), depending on the services offered in your area. All properties are charged a stormwater management fee.

#### **Receiving your Bills**

Unless otherwise indicated, customers receive their tax and utility bills by mail. You can **opt to receive your bill electronically** through email billing – visit the website to sign-up.

#### Paying your Bills

**Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan** – We offer a PAP Plan to make it easier to pay your municipal tax and utility bills, and to help avoid late fees. There is no cost for this service. To sign-up for PAP, visit our website.

You can also pay by:

- Internet banking
- At your financial institution
- By mail (by cheque)
- In-Person (by cash, cheque or debit)

Please note:

- Credit card payments are accepted, but there is a service fee.
- If paying by cheque, make cheques payable to "The Municipality of Middlesex Centre."
- An NSF fee will be charged for returned payments.
- Payments received after the due date will be subject to penalty. Make sure you leave enough time for your payment to go through.
- Failure to receive a bill does not relieve you of a penalty charge.

#### Supplementary Tax Bills

If you have recently bought a new home or made any additions or improvements to your property, remember to plan for a Supplementary Tax Bill in your budget.

#### For Newly Constructed Homes

For the first 12 to 24 months after occupying a newly constructed home your property tax bills may cover the land only, not the building, because the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has not completed the assessment. Once your new home is assessed, you will receive a "Property Assessment Notice" from MPAC.

A Supplementary Tax Bill will follow with taxes covering the building from the date of occupancy. You are strongly encouraged to budget for this billing to avoid unwanted surprises. Note that if your mortgage payment includes taxes, you will need to send the Supplementary Tax Bill to your financial institution.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/taxes

# **Outdoor Fires**



In general, outdoor fires are allowed as long as it is not a high-risk period or a poor air quality day. Certain rules apply depending on if you are in a settlement area or in a rural area. Please see our **Open Air Burn Bylaw Quick Guide** for the rules, and make sure you are following them to keep yourself and your family safe.

While you are reading that information, check out the rules around fireworks as well!

>> middlesexcentre.ca/fire

>> middlesexcentre.ca/billing

# Parking



Parking is not permitted on municipal roads between 2:00 and 7:00 am from Labour Day to Victoria Day. This is particularly important in the winter to allow for snow clearing.

> middlesexcentre.ca/parking

### Parks & Recreation



Middlesex Centre offers a wealth of recreation opportunities for residents!

#### Arenas & Gymnasiums

The **Komoka Wellness Centre** boasts two NHL-sized ice rinks, a fitness centre with an indoor walking track and a large gymnasium (operated by the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario), a library, and a number of activity and multi-purpose rooms.

**Ilderton Arena** contains one ice pad that is shared with a four-sheet curling facility (privately run).

#### **Community Centres**

Community centres in Bryanston, Coldstream, Delaware, Ilderton and Komoka can be rented for special events, family celebrations or community gatherings.

#### **Ilderton Youth Centre**

Located at the Ilderton Arena, the Ilderton Youth Centre offers drop-in and specialized programming for those ages 9 to 18. These programs operate in partnership with BGC London.

#### Splash Pads

Splash pads at Ilderton Heritage Park, Kilworth Westbrook Park and the Komoka Wellness Centre operate from May to September, from dawn to dusk daily.

#### **Skateboard Parks**

Skateboard parks can be found at Delaware Lions Park and Ilderton Heritage Park.

#### Parks & Open Spaces

Middlesex Centre has parks across the municipality, each with their own unique services and amenities. Some offer picnic pavilions, ball diamonds, soccer pitches and playgrounds, while others offer an opportunity for passive activity. Please see the website for a full list of parks and the amenities each offers. Note that the availability of parking and washrooms varies from park-to-park, and also seasonally.

Douglas B. Weldon Park in Arva has paid parking. Property owners can request free parking passes on the website or by emailing customerservice@middlesexcentre.ca.

#### **Tennis & Pickleball Courts**

Seven local parks offer courts for tennis and/or pickleball. See the website for a full list.

#### **Recreational Programming**

Middlesex Centre offers public skating and pick-up hockey (shinny) at our arenas and an ever-growing number of recreational programs such as yoga at facilities across the municipality. We've partnered with the YMCA to offer health and fitness programs at the Komoka Wellness Centre.

There are many community groups, seniors' associations and minor sports associations that offer programs at local community centres, arenas and parks. Ask your neighbours or check online for programs of interest to you and your family.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/recreation

# **Roads & Snow Clearing**



Middlesex Centre maintains more than 550 km of municipal roads and 30 km of sidewalks. The municipality has a well-equipped, 24/7 winter response team that maintains the roadways and sidewalks.

After the snowfall ends, it can take 8 to 12 hours to clear priority roads, and 24 hours to clear all municipal roads. Sidewalks are cleared after more than 5 cm of snow accumulates and are generally completed within 24 to 48 hours after a snowfall event.

You can help keep the plows moving by keeping cars and sports nets well back from the curb during snowfall events and avoiding parking on the street. Always keep a safe distance from plows on the roads, and don't attempt to pass.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/roads

# Waste & Recycling



Waste and recycling services are provided by the Bluewater Recycling Association. You can get information about your collection day, what recyclables are accepted and more at their website.

>> bra.org/my-services/middlesex-centre-municipality

If your garbage or recycling collection is missed, please contact BRA at (519) 228-6678 or

#### Waste & Recycling Collection Bins



Middlesex Centre residents use "wheelie bins" for waste and recycling collection. Only waste and recycling in wheelie bins will be collected.

Middlesex Centre has a user pay program for waste and recycling. That means you select the size of waste bin that your family requires and pay for that size on your final property tax bill. There is no charge for recycling bins. Please see the website for the most current waste bin rates.

Note that wheelie bins stay with the house. You should leave your bin for the next resident when you move.

If you've moved in and don't have a bin, if your bin is in need of repair, or if you'd like to select a different size of bin, please contact BRA.

>> bra.org/containers

#### **EnviroDepots**

Looking to get rid of unwanted appliances, furniture, electronics, yard waste, tires and more? Visit one of Middlesex Centre's Enviro Depots.

Fees apply to dispose of some items.

#### Denfield Rd. Enviro Depot

23053 Denfield Road

Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, mid-April to November

Accepts: yard waste, e-waste, tires, recycling, mixed construction and demolition waste, mixed solid waste, white goods, metal, large bulky items, household waste

#### Longwoods Rd. Enviro Depot

10191 Longwoods Road Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, mid-April to November Accepts: yard waste, e-waste, tires, recycling

>> bra.org/contact/report-a-missed-collection

#### Try Recycling Depot

21463 Clarke Road Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, year-round

Accepts: yard waste, e-waste, tires, mixed construction and demolition waste, white goods, metal, large bulky items

#### Household Hazardous Waste

Middlesex Centre residents can use the City of London's Household Special Waste Depot to dispose of hazardous materials. Please check their website for current hours of operation.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/waste

### Water & Wastewater



Depending on where you live in Middlesex Centre, you may have municipal water and/or wastewater services, or you may be on a private well and/or septic system. If you aren't sure which applies to you, please contact the municipal office.

#### Summer Watering Restrictions

Alternate day outdoor watering restrictions are in place from June 1 to September 15.

- Properties with even numbered addresses may water ONLY on even numbered calendar days.
- Properties with odd numbered address may water ONLY on odd numbered calendar days.
- Gardens, flower beds, trees and shrubs may be watered daily by use of handheld hose ONLY.
- Newly sodded or newly seeded lawns may be watered daily for a two-week period.

#### **Private Wells**

For information related to testing water from private wells, please contact the Middlesex-London Health Unit at 519-663-5317 or visit their website.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/water

For information on the proper location, construction and maintenance of your private well, please contact the Government of Ontario.

>> Ontario.ca/page/wells-your-property

# Stay in Touch

Follow @MiddlesexCentre on Twitter and Facebook for news and information about your community.

Sign-up for our monthly e-newsletter to get updates about the Municipality of Middlesex Centre delivered right to your inbox.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/news

#### **Report a Concern**

If you notice municipal parks or property in need of repair or attention, please let us know. Non-urgent or general concerns about roads, parks or municipal facilities can be reported at any time through our website.

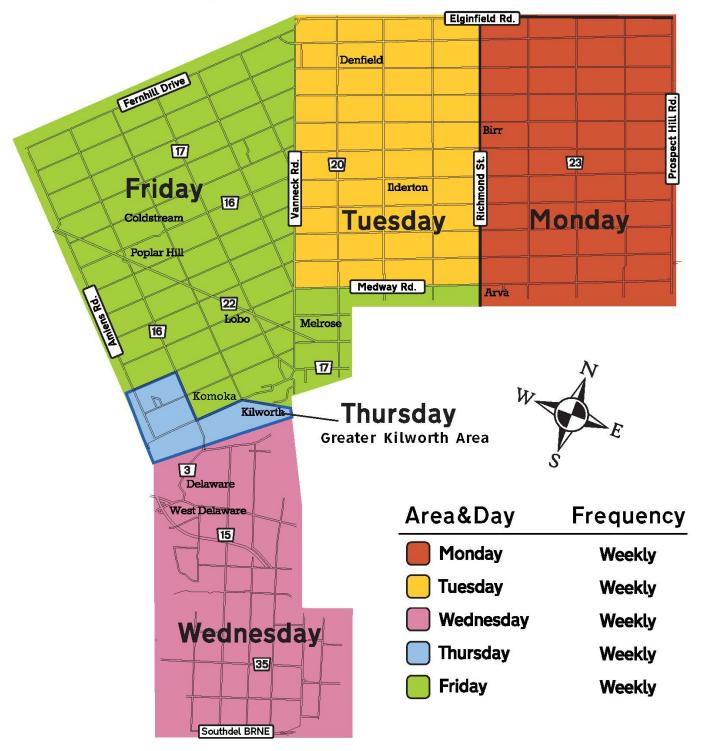
>> middlesexcentre.ca/feedback

# **Other Questions?**

Please reach out to the office at 519-666-0190 or visit our website at middlesexcentre.ca.

# Middlesex Centre

Waste and Recycling Collection Map



# Acceptable Recyclables



Printed Paper	DAILY NEWS The second				The Night Rainbow Challed Albert	
	Newspaper&insert	Magazines	Office Paper	Envelopes	Soft Cover Books	
Printed Paper	Comments Franklin					
	Phone Books	Junk Mail	Catalogues	Brochures	Calendars	
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	Cardboard	Boxboard	Kraft Paper	Paper Cores	Moulded Pulp	
Plastic						
	PET Bottles&Jars	PET Thermoforms	PET Clamshells	PET Jars	PP Bottles	
Plastic				-		
	HDPE Bottles	HDPE Jars	HDPE Tubs and Lids	HDPE Pails	PE Bags	
Metal			<b>Recycling World has Changed</b> The items on this page are the only items we wish to see in your recycling bin. We can collect, process, and sell these materials day in and day out and you can feel good			
	Aluminum Beverage Can	Steel food and beverage cans	<b>about it.</b> Placing the wrong items in the recycling bins increases the cost of the program, lowers the value of the remaining recyclables, and affects the safety of our employees. Just because something is made of paper, metal, plastic, or glass, does not mean it is recyclable. Make sure you see it listed in the latest acceptable list posted on our web site, or your calendar. If you are unsure, please ask us at info@bra.org or 1-800-265-9799, or visit www.bra.org			
Glass		<u>BRA</u>				
	Clear and Coloured Bottles and Jars	DOA ATZA				

# Recent Program Changes



Cartons		While cartons are a defined commodity by the ISRI Specification circular, they are a laminated product that needs to be kept separate from other commodities otherwise they become a contamination issue. Because of the shape shifting ability (2D vs 3D) this make them hard to separate even with the latest optical technology. Markets are not stable, price is low while handling costs are high. The material yield is approximately 58% as the plastic and aluminum layers are typically not recycled. The end product is downcycled into disposable paper products like paper napkins and toilet paper.
	Recommendation	Buy product packaged in readily recyclable products and/or use refillable containers for lunches to reduce overall waste generated.
Aluminum Foil Products, Food Cans, and Aerosols		Aluminum cans are the most valuable commodity in the blue box program but the associated aluminum products such as foil, pie plates, food cans, and aerosols are not desired in the commodity. Foil disintegrates in the smelter, food cans add impurities, and aerosols cause fires. In the past when aluminum was sorted by hand it may have been feasible to separate. Today, most facilities rely on an eddy current to recover the aluminum and the machine cannot tell the difference between foil and cans.
	Recommendation	Dispose of foil products and aluminum food cans (cat food) in waste bin. Consider other cooking methodologies or alternative packaging.
Aerosol Containers		Some programs have accepted steel aerosol containers despite being classified as hazardous waste under regulation 347. They contribute to hundreds of fires in processing facilities every year, each jeopardizing the safety of the workers and they cause significant risks to the processing facility. Fires are the number one cause of loss of processing capacity in our industry.
	Recommendation	Dispose of these containers with your hazardous waste. Consider manual pumps over the use of propellants.
Paint Cans		Empty paint cans are readily acceptable with the steel cans collected. The problem here is the industry is converting to plastic paint cans with a metal top which are not recyclable. The new containers are not easy for the consumer to tell apart from the old steel container.
	Recommendation	Buy your paint in metal paint cans otherwise return the cans to a hazardous waste depot.
Beverage Cups		Beverage cups have never been part of our program but because the word got out that we were testing them for a while people assumed they were recyclable. Beverage cups are a laminated product much like cartons and they are even more difficult to separate from the rest of the materials and recycle in the end in part because of the ink used on the outside of the cups.
	Recommendation	Use a refillable mug. If you need the convenience, then place your old cup in the waste bin.
Small Items		This is a new problem for us. In the 1990's everything was large and club pack sized. Today, everything is becoming individualized in small sizes of greater variety. The bottom line is we are essentially trying to sort out confettis and it is nearly impossible. Now that quality matters (markets want 99.5% pure material) anything below a certain size has to be screened out to purify the rest of the materials.
	Recommendation	Anything smaller than 3 inches will contaminate our glass or they will be screened out and disposed of instead of being recycled. Use reusable containers instead.

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Printed Paper		-19. A			
	Wrapping Paper	Greeting Cards	Photographs	Hard Cover Books	Disposable Papers
Paper Packaging					
	Cartons	Paper Dinnerware	Gift Bags	Beverage Cups	Soiled Paper
Plastic	-2-				
	Prescription Bottles	Planters and Pots	Disposable Cups	Smoke Detectors	Fuel Cans
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	Lawn Chairs	VHS Tapes	Zip Loc Bags	CDs and DVDs	Pesticide Bottles
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	Aluminum Foil	Aerosol Containers	Peel n Eat Cans	Coat Hangers	Pots and Pans
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	Plumbing Supplies	Piping	Duct Work	Eavesthrough	Utensils
Glass		₩.			
	Lightbulbs	Fluorescent Bulbs	Drinking Glasses	Mirrors	Ceramic Dinnerware

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Hazardous Items	Dundette	A STATE	Ser		
	Batteries	Needles	Ammunition	Fire Extinguishers	Propane Tanks
Leaf and Yard					
	Tree Leaves	Stones and Agregate	Garden Hose	Lumber	Gasoline Can
Plastic			•		
	Shrink Wrap	Expanded Foam	Bubble Wrap	Beverage Cups	Solar Blanket
Tanglers					
	Unbagged Paper	Christmas Lights	Clothing	VHS Tapes	Bale Twine
Small Items			B		
	Confetti	Plastic Lids	Metal Caps	Metal Lids	Small Bottle
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	Engine Parts	Bicycles	Scrap Metal	Bowling Ball	Biomedical Products

We cannot practically list all of the items we receive every day that are not part of the recycling program. The point is that we can only recycle materials that are desirable in the marketplace to invest in them to recycle them again. You can wish that an item is recyclable when it is clearly not at this time, it will still end up in the landfill. You have the power to choose what you buy as a consumer. If you value convenience over the environment, then be prepared to pay the full price to dispose of that convenience also. Choose and consume wisely, and remember that when in doubt, leave it out...of the blue bin.