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Garbage and Recycling in Middlesex Centre

Middlesex Centre has a user pay program for waste and recycling. This means residents pay for size of waste bin their household requires. You'll see the fee listed on your tax bill under "Special Charges / Credits."



Waste wheelie bins come in three sizes.

- **Small Bin: \$126**
35 gallon or 120 litre capacity (about 1.5 garbage bags)
- **Medium Bin: \$234**
65 gallon or 240 litre capacity (about 3 garbage bags)
- **Large Bin: \$341**
95 gallon or 360 litre capacity (about 4.5 garbage bags)

Recycling wheelie bins come in medium or large sizes. There is no charge for these bins.

Waste and recycling services are provided by the Bluewater Recycling Association. Contact them to:

- Request a change to the size of your bin or a new bin if yours is in need of repair.
- Get information about your collection day and what recyclables are accepted.
- Report a missed waste or recycling collection.

>> bra.org or (519) 228-6678

EnviroDepots

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

EnviroDepots are open from the spring to the fall each year. Fees apply to dispose of some items. Yard waste, electronic waste and tires are accepted free-of-charge.

Denfield Rd. EnviroDepot

23053 Denfield Rd

Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Longwoods Rd. EnviroDepot

10191 Longwoods Rd

Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Accepts: yard waste, e-waste, tires, recycling

Other Depots

Residents can also use the Try Recycling Depot on Clark Road and the City of London's Household Special (Hazardous) Waste Depot.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/waste

New Bus Route offers service in Arva and Ilderton

Middlesex County Connect now offers bus service in Arva and Ilderton.



The new route provides a peak-hour weekday transit connection between Lucan and London, with stops at the Ilderton Library and the corner of Medway Rd. and Arva St. in Arva. Operating Monday to Friday, the route travels to Masonville Mall and Fanshawe College in both the morning and the afternoon.

All trips are \$5 one-way. Children 5 and under, veterans, and support persons are free. There is also an opportunity to bring your bike along.

This adds to the transit options in Middlesex Centre. The Inter-Community Transit Service provides service between Sarnia and London, with a stop at the Komoka Wellness Centre.

If you have questions about routes, schedules or fares:

>> for the Ilderton/Arva bus, call 1-888-465-0783

>> for the Komoka bus, call 519-787-1055

>> or visit middlesexcentre.ca/transit

Recreation Programs at Middlesex Centre

Exciting new recreation programs are coming this fall! From indoor soccer to yoga to pickleball, we have programs for all ages at locations across Middlesex Centre.



Check-out the programs being offered and register from the comfort of your home using our online registration system. Staff are available if you have any questions.

Other recreational activities in Middlesex Centre include:

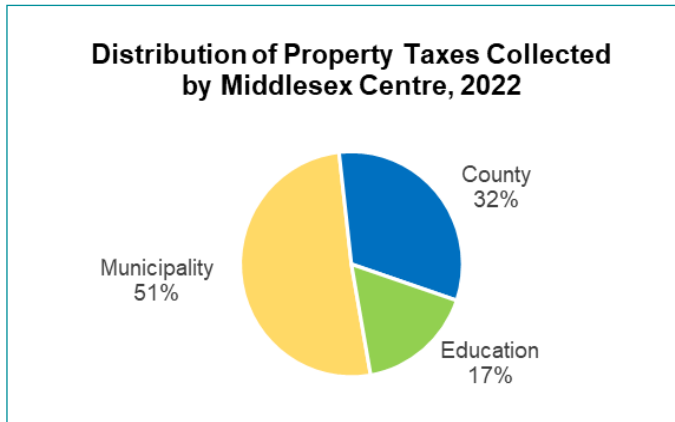
- **Recreational skating and shinny** – Available year-round. You can find the latest schedule on the website.
- The **Community Walking Track** at the Komoka Wellness Centre – Open to non-YMCA members free-of-charge Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the YMCA at **519-601-7033** to book your spot.
- The **Ilderton Youth Centre** offers drop-in and specialized programs led by BGC London. Visit bgclondon.ca/rural to learn more.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs or call the Komoka Wellness Centre at 519-601-8022

About your Property Taxes

Every time your street is plowed, you see a fire station responding to an emergency, or you visit a park or arena, you are witnessing your municipal tax dollars at work.

Middlesex Centre collects taxes for these local services. About half of your tax bill goes to services at Middlesex Centre. The rest of your bill is taxes and fees that we collect on behalf of the County of Middlesex and the local school boards.



In 2023, Middlesex Centre's tax rate increased 2.50%, the County of Middlesex's tax rate increased 8.41%, and there was no increase to the education tax rate. This amounts to an overall residential tax rate increase of 4.17%.

How is my property tax calculated?

Property tax is calculated annually based on your property's assessed value, the type of property you own (property class), and the council-approved property tax rate. The assessed value of your property is determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), an independent body formed by the provincial government and funded by municipalities.

Property assessments for the 2023 tax year continue to be based on January 1, 2016 current values. This means your property assessment remains the same as it was for the 2022 tax year, unless you have made changes to your property such as renovation, or if your home is being assessed for the first time.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/taxes

Property Tax Billing

When are property tax bills issued?

The municipality issues two property tax bills per year that are broken into four tax instalments.

In February you would have received your first tax bill, which contains your February and May instalments. This was an interim bill based on 50% of your previous year's taxes. The enclosed bill is your final tax bill, and contains your August and November instalments.

Please keep your property tax bill for your records. There is a \$15 fee to issue a replacement bill.

Go Paperless – Online Billing

Switch to e-billing to get PDF copies of your property tax bills conveniently delivered to your email inbox. You can sign-up for e-billing on the municipal website.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/billing and look under "Property Tax—Receiving your Bill"

Middlesex Centre Budget 2024

The budget is a key policy and planning document that outlines our municipality's priorities for services, programs and infrastructure.

Setting the budget is a balancing act between often competing priorities – providing the high level of services that residents deserve and expect, versus what we can afford.

We are starting to create next year's municipal budget, and want to hear from you!

What do you see as priorities for the 2024 Middlesex Centre budget? Let us know by completing the annual budget survey or by sending us your comments and questions.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/budget2024 or customerservice@middlesexcentre.ca

Your Property's Assessment

Interested in learning how your specific property was assessed? Visit aboutmyproperty.ca to view your property and see how it compares to neighbours around you. To access this feature, you must register and provide the "Access Key" number located on your MPAC assessment notice.

Changing your School Support

In addition to their responsibilities for assessing property values, MPAC is responsible for maintaining information on the school support associated with your property.

As a property owner, you are required to support a school system even if you do not have children or your children are not currently attending school.

You can find which school system you are supporting on your Property Assessment Notice or by visiting aboutmyproperty.ca.

To change your school support designation, visit the MPAC website and select "Making Changes and Updates."

>> mpac.ca or 1-866-296-6722

How can I pay my tax bill?

Middlesex Centre offers a number of options for paying your tax bill, including pre-authorized payment plans, online banking, mail, and visiting the municipal office. Please see the back of your tax bill for details.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/billing and look under "Property Tax—Paying your Bill"



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