

# TARBUTT TIMES

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## TRAILER PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN TARBUTT



Tarbutt Council wishes to remind all property owners that Trailer Permits are required each year for trailers or recreational vehicles on all properties for summer or occasional use. Applications can be found on the website at [www.tarbutt.ca](http://www.tarbutt.ca) or by calling 705-782-6776.

## PUBLIC NOTICE:

### THE DESBARATS TO ECHO BAY PLANNING BOARD FEE INCREASE

The Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board advises that the cost of a consent application will be increased to \$1200 effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The Planning Board passed Resolution 32-2023 raising the fee from \$800 to \$1200 beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to ensure that costs of administering consent are covered by the application fee. If you wish to obtain additional information, please contact the Secretary Treasurer at [admin@tarbutt.ca](mailto:admin@tarbutt.ca) or 705 782 6776.

## VISITING DOGS

Visiting Dogs must be under control of a person over 18 at all times and must not be allowed to run at large.

### DOG TAGS

Please be a responsible dog owner by purchasing your annual dog tag. Proof of vaccination is required.



### Dogs Lost or Found Call the Animal Control

#### Officer:

**705-971-6135**

#### Annual Dog Tag Fees:

Microchipped & Spayed/Neutered - \$3  
 Neutered/Spayed - \$5  
 Not Neutered/Spayed - \$25  
 Kennel License - \$30  
 Replacement License - \$5

Please use the Landfill Sticker provided by your Township when entering the site. These stickers indicate that you have landfill privileges. If you have not received a sticker, please call your local township office.

We all know about Murphy's Law: Anything that can go wrong will go wrong. But have you heard of Cole's Law? It's thinly sliced cabbage.

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**February 28**  
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**August 31**  
**October 31**



## Community Members Wanted – Tarbutt Cemetery Board

The Township of Tarbutt is seeking interested members to join the Tarbutt Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board provides information and assistance to staff and members of the public in accordance with the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*, for the Port Findlay Cemetery on Hardwood Drive, as well as the pioneer cemetery known as the Stickney Cemetery on Barr Road.

There are no residency requirements to be a Board Member, simply an interest in ensuring the continued care, maintenance and operation of the Port Findlay Cemetery, and to ensure that the history and dignity of the Stickney Cemetery is maintained. The term of office for the Board coincides with the term of Council, ending December 2026.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Clerk by telephone, or by submitting an expression of interest to [clerk@tarbutt.ca](mailto:clerk@tarbutt.ca).

## Parking Restrictions

PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON PINE ISLAND ROAD OR AT THE PORT FINDLAY DOCK.

The Tarbutt Volunteer Fire Department and all emergency services use the Pine Island Road turnaround and the Port Findlay dock area to fill fire trucks. These areas **shall be clear of vehicles at all times**. In the event of an emergency, all roads must be free of obstructions.

**A Civil Marriage  
Officiant is now  
available through The  
Township of Tarbutt.  
For more information,  
[clerk@tarbutt.ca](mailto:clerk@tarbutt.ca)**



## REMINDER: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT OPEN FOR SEASON

The Household Hazardous Waste Depot located at  
402 Fifth Line East, Sault Ste. Marie is **OPEN**

From **APRIL 18** until **OCTOBER 21, 2023**.

Open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:30am – 4:30pm.  
Household Hazardous Waste – General Inquiries 705-759-1567

Please **secure your load** before taking it to the landfill. Unsecured loads cause garbage, litter and waste to blow and land on the road and on private property, creating hazards and trash for others.

## Know the Risk

During an emergency:



1. Make sure you are safe before assisting others.
2. Follow your emergency plan.
3. Get your emergency kit.
4. Monitor radio, television and online for information from authorities. Follow their instructions.
5. Stay put until it is safe or you are ordered to evacuate.
6. Limit phone calls to urgent messages only. Keep the lines free for emergency responders.

## Make a Plan



Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in an emergency – and it only takes 20 minutes. Make the plan part of your emergency kit.

Visit [GetPrepared.ca](http://GetPrepared.ca) to complete an emergency plan online. Then, fill in key information in this booklet for quick access.

## Get a Kit

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is.

### Emergency Kit List



- Water – at least 2 litres per person per day
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods
- Manual can opener
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
- Crank or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Extra keys (vehicle and home)
- Cash in smaller bills, and change for payphones
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- Special items such as prescription medication, infant formula, and equipment for people with disabilities

## HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES AT HOME

Food is a basic human need, and without pollinators, humans would go hungry! **Birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, and small animals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food.** If you are considering using an herbicide or pesticide to control pests or weeds on your residential property, consider this:

- more than 200 pesticides are banned from use in Canada due to human health and environmental risk.
- pesticide exposure is proven to result in declines in honeybee and other vital pollinator populations around the world, as well as loss of habitat, loss of food sources, disease, viruses and pests.
- several bird species and insects nest and rely on long grass, flowering weeds and shrubs which grow along the roadside. By cutting or spraying these areas, many species important to our ecosystem are injured or destroyed.
- Health Canada proposes to phase out most neonicotinoids as they are measured at levels harmful to aquatic invertebrates, which provide food for fish, birds and other animals. Herbicide used on residential properties near the water poses a substantial risk to aquatic life, and may affect drinking water drawn from the lake.
- Given their inherent toxicity, all pesticides have the potential to harm plants, fish, insects and birds. These food sources will also affect predators such as marine mammals, eagles, hawks, wolves and foxes.
- Pesticide and Herbicide containers should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste site, and never taken to the landfill. NEVER pour unused or old product down a drain.
- Certain pesticides and herbicides are banned for cosmetic purposes at home because they may pose an unnecessary risk to human health, particularly children's health. **Please consider a less toxic alternative to pesticide at home.**

Less costly pesticide and herbicide solutions can be made from items you already have at home. For more information, google: **natural alternatives to pesticide.**

## Pickleball at the WI Park - Richards Landing

### Scheduled Play

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, Sunday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Open play on all courts after 12 noon

**Schedule Time to Play Using** - [playtimescheduler.com](http://playtimescheduler.com) (location type in "North Shore")

Watch for Richards Landing Pickleball on "St. Joseph Island Community" page on Facebook

# HOME IGNITION ZONE

**EXTENDED ZONE**  
10m to 30m

**INTERMEDIATE ZONE**  
1.5m to 10m

**IMMEDIATE ZONE**  
0m to 1.5m



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**THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY'S RISK TO WILDFIRE**  
Check out the *FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

## **IMMEDIATE ZONE** 0m to 1.5m

The Immediate Zone is a non-combustible area that starts at the house and extends to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks. Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- ☛ Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home.
- ☛ Clear vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil and cover with non-combustible materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- ☛ Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

## **INTERMEDIATE ZONE** 1.5m to 10m

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't transmit fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- ☛ Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-combustible landscaping materials.
- ☛ Avoid incorporating any woody debris, including mulch.
- ☛ Keep combustible items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- ☛ Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other combustible structures into the Extended Zone. If that is not possible, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember-resistant structures.
- ☛ Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds.

## **EXTENDED ZONE** 10m to 30m

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your property extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

- ☛ Selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns.
- ☛ Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.
- ☛ Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels.
- ☛ Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30m. Work with your neighbours in overlapping zones and seek guidance of a forest professional if affected by other conditions, like steep slopes.

Get started on your FireSmart journey!

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