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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 the 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 request a repair or replacement bin.
- 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 (rims removed), 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 (no rims), 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



#### Middlesex Centre Budget 2025

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 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 2025 Middlesex Centre budget?

Let us know by completing the annual budget survey or by sending us your comments and questions.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/budget2025 or customerservice@middlesexcentre.ca





### with Middlesex Centre

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- Look for our page in The Middlesex Banner and the Ilderton & Komoka-Kilworth-Delaware Villagers



# Legislative Services: Marriage Licences & More

Thinking about getting married?
Middlesex Centre is pleased to offer marriage licences and civil wedding ceremonies

These are just two of the services offered by the Office of the Clerk. Contact us if you:

- need a document signed by a Commissioner of Oaths
- · wish to apply for a lottery licence
- would like to request a congratulatory certificate for a significant event

>> middlesexcentre.ca/clerks



# **Volunteers Needed for Water Testing Program**

We're looking for volunteers to help with routine safety testing of the municipality's drinking water.

One of our licensed operators will come to your home between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and take a small sample from your kitchen tap. The test takes about 5 minutes plus some prep time. You will get a copy of the test results for your home.

If you can help, please contact the municipal office to arrange an appointment (include your address in your message).

>> 519-666-0190 ext. 5263 or <a href="mailto:publicworks@middlesexcentre.ca">publicworks@middlesexcentre.ca</a>



## Planning & Building Permits

If you are thinking about building a shed or detached garage, deck or pool, or renovating your property, check the website or contact the office to see if you need a permit.

Middlesex Centre's Cloudpermit system allows you to apply for and track your planning and building permits online. You can request building inspections and get real-time updates on your application from your home or office.

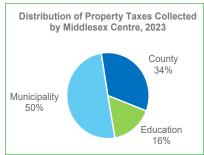
On the website, you can also find helpful guides for building decks, sheds and second units to your home.

>> middlesexcentre.ca/building

#### **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 that we collect on behalf of the County of Middlesex and the local school boards.



#### 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).

Property assessments for the 2024 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 2023 tax year, unless you have made changes to your property such as a renovation, or if your home is being assessed for the first time.

#### >> middlesexcentre.ca/taxes

#### **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

#### **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.

#### 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

#### Reminder – We've Moved!

With the municipal office in Coldstream closed for renovation, front-desk services such as bill payments and general inquiries are currently offered at the Komoka Wellness Centre from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

To speak in-person with a specific department or staff member, please call or email to arrange an appointment.



#### **Municipality of Middlesex Centre**

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