



# Welcome to Township of Essa

*Where Town and Country Meet*

# Land Acknowledgement

The Township of Essa acknowledges that we are situated on land within the area of Treaty 18, also known as the Lake Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty, signed on October 17, 1818, between the Government of Upper Canada and the Anishinaabe Indigenous peoples. The Anishinaabe include the Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi Nations collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Metis and Inuit People.

## About Essa Township

The Township includes Angus, Baxter, and Thornton, along with smaller hamlets such as Colwell, Egbert, Ivy, and Utopia. With convenient access to major transportation routes and nearby urban centres, Essa offers residents the balance of small-town living and modern amenities. We're proud to call Essa home - and we're glad you're here.

Our community features:

- Parks and recreation facilities
- Growing residential neighbourhoods
- Local businesses and services
- Active community events & programs



This guide is a tool to help you find the information you need as a new resident of Essa. Look for the QR codes that can take you to detailed webpages on our website.



# Water and Sewer Bills

The Township's Water and Sewer systems are operated under contract with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).

Visit: [www.essatownship.on.ca/](http://www.essatownship.on.ca/) to learn how to:

- View current water and sewer rates
- Review billing schedules
- Make online payments
- Register for eBilling

Scan to Check the  
Current Water Bill  
Due Dates



# Property Taxes

If you own property in the Township of Essa, you are required to pay annual property taxes.

Visit: [www.essatownship.on.ca/](http://www.essatownship.on.ca/) to learn how to:

- Pay your property taxes
- Register for eBilling
- Request a tax certificate
- Update your mailing address
- Access Virtual City Hall services

Scan to Check the  
Current Property  
Tax Installment  
Dates



# Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

To make payments easier, residents may enroll in the pre-authorized payment plan to set up automatic withdrawals for tax and water accounts.

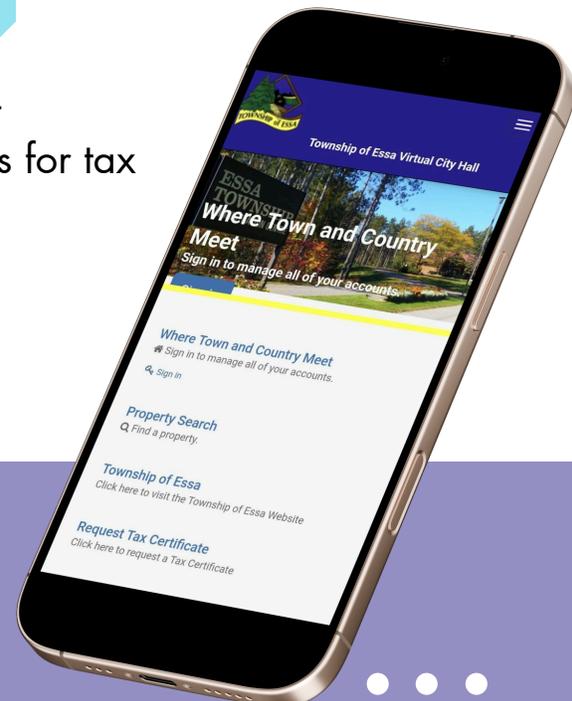
Scan for  
Property Tax  
Account



Scan for  
Water  
Account



View your property tax and water accounts anytime through Virtual City Hall. To get started, visit: <https://vch.essatownship.on.ca/vch/>



# County of Simcoe - Garbage and Recycling

Residential recycling collection in the Township of Essa is managed by the County of Simcoe, collected by Emterra Environmental Inc. For missed pickups or recycling-related questions, please contact Emterra Environmental Inc. They are responsible for all recycling collection services.

Emterra Contact Information:

☎ 1-888-597-1541

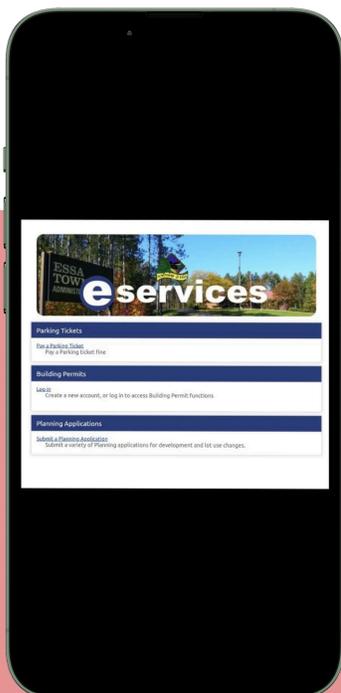
✉ [customercareont@emterra.ca](mailto:customercareont@emterra.ca)

**New Residents:** To arrange cart delivery, please contact Service Simcoe Contact Centre at 1-800-263-3199 or email [service@simcoe.ca](mailto:service@simcoe.ca)

## County of Simcoe App

Residents can access their personalized collection schedule unique to their address. You won't need to remember your zone.

Residents will receive weekly collection reminders, service alerts, waste drop-off information & more!



The Township of Essa's eServices portal allows you to conveniently access select municipal services online. Through eServices, you can pay parking tickets, submit building permit applications, and apply for planning-related services.

Visit: <https://eservices.essatownship.on.ca/>

# By-Laws

The Township of Essa enforces by-laws that promote health and safety, respect, and community well-being.

Common by-laws include:

- Noise
- Parking
- Open-Air Burning
- Canine Control
- Property Standards

For more information or By-law related questions Visit: [www.essatownship.on.ca](http://www.essatownship.on.ca) or call (705)-424-9917

# Parking

Parking is regulated under the Township's Parking By-law. Always check posted signs before parking, as restrictions may apply based on time or location.

## Winter Parking Restrictions

From November 1 to May 1, overnight parking is not permitted between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on any street, highway or sidewalks, even if there is no snow. Violators may be ticketed or towed.

# Burn Permits

A valid Burn permit is required if you have a recreational or outdoor fire.

For more information or purchase your permit.



# Report an Issue

Through the Report an Issue portal, you can submit requests for services such as pothole repairs, streetlight or sidewalk issues, signage concerns, and more.



# Dog Tag

Dogs are required to be licensed in the Township of Essa.

Apply for your dog tag by scanning QR Code Below



# Parks and Recreation

The Township of Essa offers:

- Ice rinks and recreational facilities
- Public parks
- Playgrounds
- Sports fields and courts
- Trails and other outdoor amenities



# Facility Rentals

The Township of Essa offers a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces for you to host your next event.

View Current rental opportunities



# Essa Public Library

Enjoy lifelong learning opportunities, technology training, literacy support, family programming, and a great collection to borrow. Membership at the Thornton and Angus branches also gives you access to online research tools, eBooks, and eAudiobooks.

View EPL Website



# Recreation Programs

The Township of Essa provides a wide range of recreation opportunities year-round from camps and registered programs to convenient drop-in activities for all ages and skill levels.



# Planning and Building

Planning and Building Services guide responsible growth and development within the Township.

Before starting any construction project, residents should confirm whether a building permit is required.

Services include:

- Building permits
- Inspections
- Zoning information
- Development applications

## Building permits

A building permit may be required to ensure your project complies with the Ontario Building Code and Essa's Building By-law.

For More  
Information



## Call Before You Dig

Prior to commencing any excavation works, you should always contact Ontario One Call (ON1Call) to have locates done. This will help you identify where underground wires, pipes or cables are located. Not knowing the locations can be costly and dangerous!

Ontario One Call can be contacted by dialing 1-800-400-2255.



Get married in The Township of Essa!  
We issue marriage licences and offer civil ceremony services to help you celebrate your special day.



# Stay Informed

## Township of Essa Website

Stay up to date with the latest news, access Township services, and learn about upcoming projects and initiatives within the Township of Essa.



## News, Notices, and Newsletters

Receive important news, notices, and newsletters from the Township of Essa directly in your email inbox.



## Connect with Council & Departments

Connect with Council and Township of Essa Departments



## Community Calendar

Stay informed about upcoming Council Meetings, events and activities in the Township of Essa with our Community Calendar



## Follow us on social media

Connect with us online. Follow @Township of Essa on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

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