

## Pelham Switches Off for Earth Hour 2017

On Saturday, March 25, 2017, the Town of Pelham will join millions of people around the world for [Earth Hour 2017](#). From 8:30-9:30 p.m., all non-essential lighting and electrical equipment that do not compromise public safety or interfere with essential services will be turned off at:

- Fire Stations #1, #2 & #3
- Pelham Arena, Old Pelham Town Hall, Parks
- Tice Road and Park Lane Operations Centres
- Libraries
- Town Hall
- Downtown Arches

“We want to show our commitment to environmentally-friendly initiatives and shine a light on the need for climate action,” said Mayor Dave Augustyn. “I encourage residents and businesses to switch off their lights and power down all appliances and electronics in support of Earth Hour.”

### Celebrate Earth Hour by Planning a Safe Event!

Safety is paramount when planning an Earth Hour event. To prevent property loss and fire-related injuries, Pelham Fire Services strongly recommends that you use flashlights, battery-operated lanterns or flameless candles for light, instead of candles.

If candles must be used, special care should be taken to prevent a fire:

- Use sturdy candleholders that won't tip or burn. Those with glass shades or chimneys are best.
- Keep lit candles a safe distance away from anything that can burn.
- Keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Always stay in the room where candles are being used. Blow all candles out before leaving a room.
- Keep candles out of all bedrooms.

Now that you'll be safe, here are some Earth Hour celebration ideas!

- Have a picnic indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Gather some friends and snacks (ahead of time) and enjoy the special time together.
- Host a neighbourhood gathering.
- Exercise. Being physically active is a great and healthy way to pass the time.
- Sit outside in a comfy chair with a warm blanket and enjoy the stars and outdoors.
- Enjoy a family walk through the neighbourhood.
- Host a board game evening.
- Turn your thermostat down 2 degrees.
- Unplug any appliances that can be unplugged for an hour.

Please join the Town of Pelham this Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. and “switch off”. Then commit to going [beyond the hour](#) and save energy all year round.

### What is Earth Hour?

Earth Hour is a global lights-out initiative created by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Individuals, businesses, governments and communities are invited to turn off their lights for one hour on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. to show their support for environmentally sustainable action.

The event began in Sydney in 2007, when 2 million people switched off their lights. In recent years, millions of people in more than 150 countries and over 7000 cities and towns switched off their lights for an hour.

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