

## Pelham Switches Off for Earth Hour 2016

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, the Town of Pelham will join millions around the world for [Earth Hour 2016](#). From 8:30-9:30 pm, 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

“Let’s show our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and living green by participating in Earth Hour this year,” said Mayor Dave Augustyn. “I encourage residents and businesses to join the Town of Pelham on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8:30 pm by switching off lights and powering down all appliances and electronics.”

### Earth Hour 2016

In 2015, WWF’s Earth Hour grew to become the world’s largest grassroots movement for the environment. This year, Earth Hour has a global focus on climate change. As global citizens, we are witnessing devastating effects of climate change on our world, and for 8 years Earth Hour has rallied Canadians in a symbolic demonstration for action on climate change. Year after year, Canadians have participated in the event in large numbers by turning off their lights and helping make Earth Hour the biggest grassroots act in history. ***This year, when you turn off your lights, take A Moment of Darkness - a moment of reflection, introspection - a moment to choose a future where climate change is no longer a threat.***

### 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.

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.

For more details and to watch the official Earth Hour 2016 Video, visit [earthhour.org/celebrate-earth-hour](http://earthhour.org/celebrate-earth-hour).

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