

Media Advisory

Know Where to Go – Public Washroom Facilities and Hours

Owen Sound, Ontario
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The City of Owen Sound recognizes the need to have ready access to clean, safe public washrooms as a vital part of personal and public health and as fundamental to human dignity, especially for people who are restroom challenged. This includes access to a public washroom at any time of the day or night.

The City is reminding people that public washrooms are available in the Owen Sound River District, as well as at many other parks and facilities across the city, for visitors and residents to access as they enjoy all the city has to offer.

Most washroom facilities do have a time-of-day availability which is noted below. However, in response to a growing need for a washroom with 24-hour access in a safe and supervised location within the River District, the washroom at the Owen Sound Police Services building on 2nd Avenue West is now available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This is in addition to other seasonal portable washrooms that provide 24-hour availability.

The City also reminds you that clean washrooms are essential to public health, so please remember to be tidy and courteous when using shared public facilities.

Locations:

24-hour Availability

- **Inner Harbour Portables**
1 on East Harbour, North of Health Unit
Hours: Available 24/7 from June to September.

- **Owen Sound Police Services**
922 2nd Avenue West
Hours: Available 24/7 with secure buzzer entry.
- **Mill Dam Portable**
75 6th Street West
Hours: Available 24/7 from June to September.

Time-of-Day Availability

- **City Hall**
808 2nd Avenue East
Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library**
824 1st Avenue West
Hours: Mondays from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Tom Thomson Art Gallery**
840 1st Avenue West
Hours: Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Bayshore Community Centre**
1900 3rd Avenue East
Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre/YMCA Shared Corridor**
700 10th Street East
Hours: Monday to Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Owen Sound Farmers' Market**
88 8th St East
Hours: Saturday mornings during the Farmers' Market. Washrooms are also available during events such as Music at the Market and Movies at the Market.

- **Owen Sound Visitor's Centre**
1155 1st Avenue West
Hours: Daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Harrison Park**
75 2nd Avenue East
Hours: Daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Kelso Beach at Nawash Park**
2nd Avenue West
Hours: Daily from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- **Greenwood Cemetery**
190 1st Street South West
Hours: Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **East Boat Launch**
South Bayshore Parking Lot
Hours: Daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **West Boat Launch**
1451 1st Ave West
Hours: Daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Transit Terminal**
1020 3rd Ave East
Hours: Monday to Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services, at 519-376-4440 ext. 1238 or email to kallan@owensound.ca

Quick Facts:

- One of [Council's Strategic Priorities](#) is Safe City, with a focus on achieving a positive state of well-being among people within social and physical environments.
- Having safe and clean public washrooms supports a healthy community, encourages good handwashing practices, and allows visitors to spend more time enjoying public spaces.