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# **CELEBRATE CANADA DAY 2017**

In this momentous year marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation, our Celebrate Canada festivities will be bigger than ever before. These major celebrations will culminate with Canadians at home and abroad celebrating Canada Day!!

# Community Events

Every society begins as a community, so n o celebration of Canada's 150th birthday would be complete without celebrating the rich and diverse tapestry of communities that make Ottawa such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

June 21

# National Aboriginal Day

Learn more about the cultural diversity of the Inuit, Métis and First Nations peoples and the unique accomplishments of Indigenous people by participating in the many activities happening across the country.

#### June 24

# Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day

Celebrate the cultural pride and rich heritage of Canada's Francophone community.

Join the party and discover how lively the Francophone culture is and how it brings peo-

ple together!

#### June 27

# Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Take part in the celebrations for Canadian Multicultural Day and discover the wealth of cultures that bring our country to life.

## July 1

# Canada Day

Gather in your community to celebrate Canada Day and show your pride in being Canadian. A ton of activities are organized across the country. Learn more about what's happening close to you.



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# WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A POWER BLACKOUT

Avoid opening the refrigerator door to keep its contents cold. Food in most freezers should remain frozen for 24 to 48 hours without power. If perishable food thaws in the freezer, it can be used safely as long as it stays cold. It is best to cook it within a day. Don't eat

thawed, warm meat. In the winter, you can store all perishable food outside in protective containers in the snow.



# DOG'S DIRTY DEEDS COULD LAND TENANT IN DEEP DOO-DOO

#### QUESTION

I live in a six-unit apartment building in the east end of Ottawa. It has a good-size lawn at the side of the building, which is used by all the tenants of the building to sit out or for their children to play on. Last fall a tenant with a dog moved in. I suspected that he wasn't cleaning up his dog's droppings. Now that the snow has melted, I see my suspicions were right. I have complained to the superintendent about the new tenant's behaviour. The superintendent informed me that she can't prove who is doing it so there is nothing she can do about it. It is really disgusting. Shouldn't the superintendent do more about this?

#### **ANSWER**

All tenants should be cleaning up after their animals. You can certainly politely ask the new tenants to clean up after their dog. If the new tenant fails to clean up after their dog, the landlord does have an obligation to take action to avoid the interference caused to the other tenants.

Where dog dirt is found around the complex, a landlord would normally remind all tenants with dogs to clean up. If the problem continues, a landlord should investigate by asking tenants of the building.

If an offending tenant will not clean up after their dog, then the landlord can take stronger steps by giving the tenant a notice of termination.

A notice of termination can only be given if what a tenant is doing is a substantial interference of the reasonable enjoyment of other tenants. The fact that you are finding this so unpleasant may be enough for the landlord to be able to give the notice of termination.

For animals there is a special rule that if the landlord can prove that an animal of the breed that a tenant keeps in the unit has caused the problem, then it's up to the tenant to prove that it was some other animal that caused the problem rather than their animal.

If the landlord serves the tenant with a notice of termination, the tenant can save their tenancy by rectifying the problem. That is, if they start consistently picking up their dog's droppings, they will not be evicted. However, if they continue to fail to pick up after their dog, or revert to their current ways within the next six months, the landlord can apply to the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) to evict the tenant. In such a case, the LTB would need to hear evidence from

several tenants who are bothered by the situation, both to identify the offending tenant, and to say how the tenant's failure to act as a responsible pet owner affects the witnesses' enjoyment of the rental complex.

The landlord probably does not want to put the tenant out of their apartment, but this is the way landlords enforce the building rules. Alternatively, the landlord could skip the application to terminate, and apply to the LTB for compensation for damage to the residential complex, such as the cost of cleaning up the messes or repairing the lawn. If that application is made without beginning with a notice of termination, such an order could only be enforced as an order for the payment of money.

Most landlords prefer to seek an eviction order as the means of getting the tenant to stop the problematic behaviour, so that the lawn will remain in good condition, and all the tenants can enjoy the use of it.

SOURCE BY: DICKIE & LYMAN LLP WHO PRACTICE LANDLORD/ TENANT LAW AND OTHER AREAS OF LAW

# **FAN FACTS**

#### DO...

Use you fan in or next to a window, box fans are best.

Use a fan to bring in the cooler air

from outside.

Use your fan by plugging it directly into the wall outlet.

If you need an extension cord, it

should be CSA (Canadian Standards Association) approved.

DON'T... don't use a fan in a (cont'd to page 3)

# **5 CANADA DAY SAFETY TIPS**

Canada Day is Friday, July 1, and across the country there will be celebrations. Safely enjoy your day off by keeping in mind the following tips:

Stay Cool: Canada Day activities may keep you outside for the entire day. As such, it's important to protect yourself from the sun and heat. Be sure to wear sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and light-colored and loose clothing. Also, stay hydrated throughout the day.

**Drive Cautiously:** It is likely that more drivers will be on the road during Canada Day. It is also possible that some of these drivers

may have been drinking throughout the day. Practice defensive driving at all times, and ensure that you remain attentive on the road.

Practice Firework Safety: Fireworks are a staple of Canada Day; however, they can be dangerous in certain situations. Only purchase fireworks from reputable sources. In addition, fireworks should only ever be used by people over the age of 18, unless otherwise specified on the packaging.

**Drink Responsibly:** Setting clear limits for yourself in terms of enjoying alcoholic beverages on Canada Day can help you avoid many

health and safety risks. Drink slowly and never have more than two drinks in a three-hour period. It's always wise to alternate alcoholic drinks with a glass of water to avoid dehydration. Above all, plan how you are getting home ahead of time, and avoid drinking and driving at all costs.

Make Sure Children Are Supervised At All Times: During the commotion of Canada Day events, it can be easy to lose track of young children. Keep a close eye on young children and instruct them to stay put and wait for you to find them if you get separated.

# **SAFETY ENLIGHTENMENT**

#### **Protect Yourself**

Use the 30/30 rule: When you see lightning, count until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles of you and is dangerous. Immediately seek shelter indoors or in a hardtop vehicle and remain until you have not heard thunder for 30 minutes.

Don't touch concrete surfaces, including those in a basement of garage. Lightning can travel through the metal wires in concrete walls and flooring.

Stay off corded phones and

plugged in electronics.

Avoid plumbing and water, including bathing or doing laundry.

Never seek shelter under trees, poles or other tall structures as they are more likely to be struck by lightning.

#### **Protect Your Property**

Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and televisions, to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes.

Surge protection can help prevent damage to your electronics. There

are two types of surge protection:

#### **Point-Of-Use Surge Protection:**

Protects only the items that are directly plugged into the device from most electrical surges.

## "Whole Home" Surge Protection:

Located at your main electrical panel or the base of the electrical meter, this device provides protection for your entire electrical system.

However, neither type can safeguard against a direct lightning strike. If you live in an area prone to lightning, consider a **lightning protection** system.

closed room with windows or doors open to the outside.

Don't believe that fans cool air.

They don't. They just move the air around. Fans keep you cool by evaporating your sweat.

Don't use a fan to blow extremely hot air on yourself. This can cause heat exhaustion to happen faster.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## **Spinach Salad Queen Mary**

- 1 lb. fresh spinach
- 2 eggs, hard boiled and chopped 6 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled

#### **Dressing**

- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup salad oil
- 1 tsp. parmesan cheese
- 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp. sugar
- salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

In a bowl, combine the raw egg, parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, mustard, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and sugar; mix well, then whisk in the salad oil.

Wash and dry spinach and remove stems. About 20 minutes before serving, pour dressing over spinach and toss until leaves thoroughly coated. Just before serving, sprinkle chopped egg and crumbled bacon, then toss again.

# SURVIVING SUMMER POWER OUTAGES DURING HEAT WAVES

During heat waves, thunderstorms or a high demand for electricity may result in power outages in your home - affecting your access to air conditioning or electrical fans. Extreme heat is hard on our bodies, which are not acclimatized to hot conditions. Exposure to extreme heat can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke.

## **BEAT THE HEAT THIS SUMMER!**

When both temperature and humidity are high, it is hard for our bodies to cool down. The City of Ottawa has developed a plan to respond to community needs during extreme heat events. Ottawa Public Health will issue heat warnings to raise awareness of health risks and suggest way people can cool off when Environment and Climate Change Canada issue a heat warning. New health-based thresholds have been adopted for 2016. A heat warning will be issued when daytime temperatures are expected to be warmer than 31°C and night time temperatures no cooler than 20°C or a humidex value of 40C are expected for two more days.

# Protect Yourself & Help Others During Hot Weather

) Drink plenty of water.

- } Avoid heavy outdoor activity.
- Wear a hat, light and loose clothing, sunscreen and sunglasses when going outside.
- } Cool off in an air-conditioned room.
- } Talk with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you are taking medications. Some medicines like antidepressants and Parkinson's disease medications make it harder to control body temperature.
- Stay connected with people in your community who have a difficulty time coping with hot weather and those who live alone. Check on them regularly.

For more information call Ottawa Public Health Information at 613-580-6744.

# **REPORT AN OUTAGE**

Power out? To report a power outage and for information on current outages, please call our 24/7 outage line at (613) 738-0188.

Hydro Ottawa relies on customer calls to help pinpoint the cause of an outage and ultimately shorten their response time and the duration of the outage. There are times when we are unaware of outages until helpful customers notify us.

#### **QUICK TIPS**

If your home is without power, check and see if y our neighbours have electricity. If your house is t he only one without power, check your

electrical panel. The breakers should be in the "on" position.

Look outside to see If the electrical equipment to your home is damaged or if the service wire is down. If so, stay away and contact a licensed <a href="ECRA/ESA electrical contractor">ECRA/ESA electrical contractor</a>.

If you spot a downed wire, please stay back at least 10 meters (33 feet) and call 911.

In the near future if your unit has only half power, please call Hydro Ottawa Power Outage Report at (613) 738-0188 instead of calling the Call Centre.