Canada has more tornadoes than any other country except for the United States. Tornadoes can happen any time of year, but are most likely to occur from April to September with peak months in June and July. Warning signs include:

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There are also steps residents can take to protect themselves and minimize damage to their homes in the case of a tornado. visit “Tornadoes” via barrie.ca/EmergencyManagement for more information on how to be prepared and ways to help protect your home.

Support local while enjoying public art in the downtown! Nine restaurant patios in Barrie’s downtown now have temporary art installations displayed on their patio fencing as part of the Brightening Barriers public art project, which pairs local and regional artists with business owners. The exhibition is on display until September 30, 2022.

Guided walking tours of the exhibits will be offered Saturday, July 9 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Learn more at “Brightening Barriers” via barrie.ca/PublicArt.

Safety reminders when visiting Barrie’s beaches:

- When lifeguards are on duty, signs are posted; buoy lines mark the designated swimming areas supervised.
- Children require direct supervision at the beach.
- Check the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit beach water testing results before heading to the beach.

Not sure how to dispose of an item in Barrie? Visit barrie.ca/WhereDoesItGo

E-billing is available for water and wastewater bills! Get notified by e-mail when your bill is due. Sign up for e-billing by logging in or creating an online water and wastewater billing account.

Where does it go?

• Garbage
• Yard Waste

More information at barrie.ca/PublicArt

For more info including alternative locations accepting items, please visit barrie.ca/HHW

Visit Barrie parks for summer fun! Starting in July, the City’s Nature Play Trailer will be at various park locations across Barrie, offering free programming opportunities, with nature-based activities for kids and youth. For more details, dates and locations, visit barrie.ca/BayCity.

Catch the Barrie Farmers’ Market from 1 to 5 p.m. at mobile locations on select days throughout the summer! More information at BarrieFarmersMarket.ca

Summer hours for the City’s three largest recreation/community centres (East Bayfield, Peggy Hill Team, Allandale) are:

- Monday to Friday: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Closed Saturdays/Sundays

Summer hours are in effect from July 2 until September 2, 2022. Barrie.ca/RecUpdates