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Check us out at our new website.

https://mckenzietownecommunityassociation.ca.

Send us an email at

feeback@mckenzietownecommunityassociation.ca.

McKenzie Towne Community Association meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. Check out the website for location at www.mckenzietownecommunityassociation.ca.

Facebook: @MckenzieTowneCA

Please Note: We are the MTCA, not the MTC. The McKenzie Towne Council (MTC) is the board that is in control of our annual Home Owner Association (HOA) fees and they are in charge of maintaining the environment and physical amenities in McKenzie Towne.



### **McKenzie Towne Community Association is Looking for Board Members**

The McKenzie Towne Community Association (MTCA) is a volunteer-based organization that exists in your community - we are your neighbours, we bring together residents, and we act as a voice for our community.

MTCA is a voice for the community on important City of Calgary decisions that impact our community, such as planning and development issues. We have a liaison with all levels of government, local schools, McKenzie Towne Council, and our local policing community resource officer.

We are not the Homeowners Association, otherwise known as the McKenzie Towne Council (MTC), who oversee the community amenities and collect an annual fee.

We are planning a Winterfest Event in December; if you are interested in becoming a member of the Board or planning committee, let us know by emailing feedback@mckenzietownecommunityassication.ca.

Communities are stronger when we all participate!



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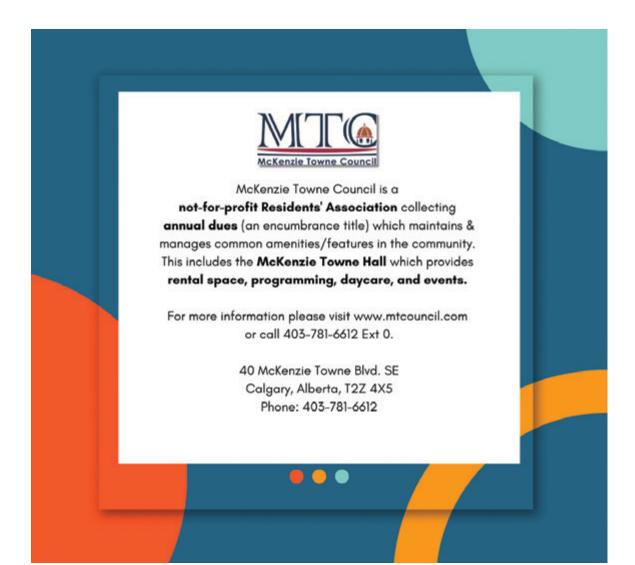


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### **TAKE ON WELLNESS**

### Fall Candle Care: How to Prevent Tunneling

by Evermore Handmade, Local Candle Business

Fall is a popular time for candlelight and cozy nights in, which means dusting off your candle collection. You might notice that some have developed a deep "tunnel" around the wick, making it difficult to light. Tunneling also shortens the life of your candle as only the wax in the centre of the candle will burn down.

Here are a few easy ways to prevent or fix tunneling so you can enjoy your favourite candles this season:

#### Prevention

When you light a candle for the first time, allow it to burn long enough to melt all the way to the edges of the candle jar. This ensures an even burn for the duration of your candle's life as wax has a "memory" so to speak. The first burn sets the tone for subsequent burns and will help you get the most burn-time out of your new candle.

If you find that your candles are constantly tunneling, despite letting the wax melt to the edges of the jar, consider buying higher quality candles. Most candles on the market are made of paraffin wax (a toxic byproduct of petroleum) and are more predisposed to tunneling. Higher grade waxes like coconut, soy, or beeswax burn cleaner, longer, and more evenly.

#### The Fix

If you have an old candle that's already tunneling, here are two easy ways to fix it:

- Set your oven to 80°C (176°F) then remove anything flammable from your candle, such as labels or string. Once the oven is hot, place your candle on a baking tray for five minutes. This should heat the entire surface of the wax, making it smooth. With oven mitts, remove the candle and let it cool before lighting it.
- Wrap aluminum foil around the top of your candle and angle it inwards like a dome. Ensure that the flame is far enough away from the foil and that there is still a hole to vent air. The foil will help the wax to heat up evenly. Keep a careful eye on your candle until the top layer of wax has melted, leaving a smooth surface, then remove the foil.

With these easy steps, you can enjoy your candles this season without any tunneling. If this article helped you, be sure to share it with a friend or loved one!

### YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

### What Can't Go in Your Green Cart?

from the City of Calgary

No plastic plates or cutlery. No compostable plastic takeout containers (including cups, plates, or bowls). Even if these items are marked as "compostable," they are not accepted in Calgary's green cart program.

Please note that compostable bags are okay to use to line your kitchen pail. If using a bag to line your kitchen pail, only use certified compostable bags.

### Why Can't Compostable Plastic Products Go in the **Green Cart?**

We tested a variety of compostable coffee pods, compostable containers, and compostable cutlery. These items did not break down at the composting facility, leaving behind compostable plastic pieces. This contamination increases costs and impacts the quality of the finished compost.

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MTC is a part of the Grand South Christmas Market this year! Shop from local crafters, small businesses, and food vendors

### November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 10:00am to 3:00pm

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### GRAND SOUTH CHRISTMAS MARKET

November 18, 2023 10:00AM to 3:00PM



# Santa Claus is coming to Towne

December 2, 2023 10:00AM to 2:00PM

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### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

### **Halloween Edition**

- 1. In the 1800s, these immigrants brought the tradition of Halloween to the US.
- 2. Based on Stephen King's novel, this 2017 film is the highest grossing horror movie of all time.
- 3. The two Ms in M&M's candy-coated chocolates stand for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. In the Halloween film series, a mask of this Star Trek character was spraypainted and worn by serial killer Michael Myers.
- 5. Jack-o'-lanterns were originally carved out of
- 6. Stephen Clarke holds the Guiness World Record for fastest carved pumpkin, completing it in seconds.



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