

Appendix A:

Important and Commemorative days

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/important-commemorative-days.html>

[Ontario's celebrations and commemorations | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)

Date	Name
January	Tamil Heritage Month
January 4	National Ribbon Skirt Day
January 17	Raoul Wallenberg Day
January 21	Lincoln Alexander Day
January 24	World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
February	Black History Month
February 15	National Flag of Canada Day
(Third Monday in February)	Family Day (Ontario)
February 21*	International Mother Language Day
March	Irish Heritage Month
March*	Hellenic Heritage Month
March*	Persian Heritage Month
March	Bangladeshi Heritage Month
March 8	International Women's Day
March 14	Commonwealth Day
March 15*	International Day to Combat Islamophobia
March 17	Irish Heritage Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility
March 31*	National Indigenous Languages Day
April	Sikh Heritage Month
April	Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month
April 9	Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
Second Wednesday of April	International Day of Pink
May	Asian Heritage Month
May	Dutch Heritage Month
May	South Asian Heritage Month
May*	Armenian Heritage Month
May	Jewish Heritage Month
May*	Polish Heritage Month
May 5	Dutch Heritage Day
May 5	South Asian Arrival Day
April/May (determined by the Jewish lunar calendar)	Yomha-Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 12–18*	Tamil Genocide Education Week
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
May 18	Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day
May 21	Ontario Flag Day
June	National Indigenous History Month
June	Italian Heritage Month
June	Filipino Heritage Month
June*	Portuguese Heritage Month
June	Launch of Pride Season
June 1*	Ontario Day

June 10	Portugal Day
June 19	United Empire Loyalists' Day
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
June 24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day
June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
June 25-July 1*	Somali Heritage Week
July	Egyptian Heritage Month
July*	Tibetan Heritage Month
July 1	Canada Day
July 10	Nikola Tesla Day
July 28	Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval
August 1	Emancipation Day
August 15	National Acadian Day
Third Week of August	Public Service Pride Week
Second Week of September	Mennonite Heritage Week
September 7	Ukrainian Heritage Day
September 11*	Provincial Day of Service
September 25	Franco-Ontario Day
September 28*	British Home Child Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Fourth Week of September*	Gender Equality Week
October*	Hungarian Heritage Month
October*	Korean Heritage Month
October	German Heritage Month
October	Canadian Islamic History Month
October	Islamic Heritage Month
October	Women's History Month
October 1	National Seniors Day
October 11	International Day of the Girl
October 18	Persons Day
November	Hindu Heritage Month
November*	Lebanese Heritage Month
November	Albanian Heritage Month
November 5-11	Veterans' Week
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 20	National Child Day
November 20	Trans Day of Remembrance
November 20-26	Canada History Week
Fourth Sunday of November	Holodomor Memorial Day
November 25-December 10	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
November 30	Scottish Heritage Day
December	Christian Heritage Month
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
December 10	Human Rights Day
December 11	Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster

Major Holy Days

Based on Brampton's top 5 religions

In 2021, the most reported religion among the population was [Christianity](#) (35.7%), with [Catholicism](#) (17.3%) making up the largest denomination. This was followed by [Sikhism](#) (25.1%), [Hinduism](#) (18.1%), [Islam](#) (9.1%), and [Buddhism](#) (1.1%). 10.3% of the population did not identify with a particular religion.

The 2025 listings of Major Holy Days will also include days of commemoration reflecting indigenous spirituality.

[Profile table, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population - Brampton, City \(CY\) \[Census subdivision\], Ontario \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#)

Date	Name	Religion
January		
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day	Christianity
January 6, 2025	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Sikhism
January 6, 2025	Epiphany	Christianity
January 7, 2025	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox
January 13, 2025	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu (Punjabi)
January 14, 2025	Maghi	Sikhism
January 14, 2025	Orthodox New Years	Orthodox
January 14, 2025	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
January 14, 2025	Thai Pongal	Tamil
January 27, 2025	Isra'a and Mi'raj	Islam
January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake)	Buddhism
February		
February 2, 2025	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
February 12, 2025	Latern Festival	Buddhism
February 12, 2025	Magha Puja (Sangha Day)	Buddhism
February 13, 2025	Nisfu Sha'ban	Islam
February 15, 2025	Parinirvana Day	Buddhism
February 26, 2025	Mahashivaratri	Hinduism
February 28- March 30/31, 2025	Ramadan	Islam
March		
March 3, 2025	Clean Monday	Orthodox
March 3-April 19, 2025	Great Lent	Orthodox Christianity
March 4, 2025	Shrove Tuesday	Christianity
March 5, 2024	Ash Wednesday	Christianity
March 5- April 17, 2025	Lent	Christianity
March 14, 2025	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
March 14, 2025	Holi	Hinduism/ Sikhism
March 14, 2025	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism
March 20, 2025	Spring Equinox	Indigenous Spirituality
March 20, 2025	Nowruz	Iranian/Persian Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
March 27, 2025	Lailat al-Qadr	Islam
March 29/30, 2025	Eid Al-Fitr	Islam

March 30, 2025	Ugadi / Yugadi	Hinduism
April		
April 5, 2025	Shri Ram Navami	Hinduism
April 12-19, 2025	Pesach (Passover)	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
April 13, 2025	Palm Sunday	Christianity
April 13-21, 2025	Holy Week	Orthodox Christianity
April 13, 2025	Theravada (New Year)	Buddhism
April 14, 2025	Khalsa Sajna Diwas/Vaisakhi	Sikhism
April 17, 2025	Holy Thursday	Christianity
April 18, 2025	Good Friday	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 20, 2025	Easter	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
May		
May 5, 2025	Birthday of Buddha	Buddhism
May 12, 2025	Wesak/Buddha Day	Buddhism
May 29, 2025	Feast of Ascension	Christianity
May 30, 2025	Matrydom of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikhism
June		
June 6, 2025	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
June 8, 2025	Pentecost	Christianity
June 20, 2025	Summer Solstice	Indigenous Spirituality
June 23, 2025	Pentecost	Orthodox Christianity
June 27th/28 th , 2025	Islamic New Year (Muharram) – Muslim New year	Islam
July		
July 4-6, 2025	Jalsa Salana	Islam
July 5, 2025	Ashura	Islam
July 10, 2025	Guru Purnima	Hinduism
August		
August 8, 2025	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
August 15, 2025	Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
August 26, 2025	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
September		
September 4/5, 2025	Milad-un-Nabi	Islam
September 6, 2025	Ananta Chaturdashi	Hinduism
September 22-October 1, 2025	Navratri	Hinduism
September 22, 2025	Fall Equinox	Indigenous Spirituality
September 30, 2025	Durga Ashtami/Durga Puja	Hinduism
October		
October 2, 2025	Yom Kippur	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
October 2, 2025	Dussehra	Hinduism

October 9, 2025	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
October 20, 2025	Diwali	Hinduism
October 20, 2025	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
October 23, 2025	Conferment of the title of Guru on the Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
November		
November 1, 2025	All Saints' Day	Christianity
November 2, 2025	All Souls Day	Christianity
November 5, 2025	Guru Nanak Gurpurab (Birth of Guru Nanak)	Sikhism
November 24, 2025	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur	Sikhism
November 30-December 24, 2025	Advent	Christianity
December		
December 8, 2025	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
December 8, 2025	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christianity
December 14-22, 2025	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
December 21, 2025	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Spirituality
December 25, 2025	Christmas Day	Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2026	Kwanzaa	(Pan-Africanism) Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list

City Recognized Awareness Days

Date	Name	Department/Division Lead
January 25	Bell Let's Talk Day	Human Resources
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia	Equity Office
February	Black History Month	Equity Office/Protocol
February*	Responsible Pet Owners Month	Animal Services
February 22	Pink Shirt Anti Bullying Day	Equity Office
March 1-5	Black Mental Health Week	Equity Office
March 8	International Women's Day	Equity Office
March 18	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Equity Office
March 21*	World Poetry Day	Cultural Services
March 22	World Water Day	Environment and Development
March 23, 8:30pm-9:30pm	Earth Hour	Energy Management and Environment and Development Engineering
March 27	World Theatre Day	Cultural Services
April*	National Poetry Month	Cultural Services
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	Accessibility
2 nd full week of April (Apr 13 - 19, 2025) *	Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week	Animal Services
April 15	World Art Day	Cultural Services
April 27- May 4	National Volunteer Week	Recreation
April 22	Earth Day	Environment and Development Engineering, Parks Maintenance and Forestry
April 28*	National Day of Mourning	Human Resources and Strategic Communications
April 30	Journey to Freedom Day	Council Resolution
May	Brampton Awards Season	Events and Protocol
May 1	First Responders Day	Fire and Emergency Services
May 1-7	National Youth Week	Recreation
May 1 – 7	North American Occupational Health and Safety Week	Human Resources
May 1-7	Mental Health Week	Human Resources
First Tuesday in May*	Occupational Safety and Health Day	Health/Safety & Wellness
May 4*	International Firefighters Day	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
May 5	Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People	Equity Office

May 4-10 (first full week in May)	Emergency Preparedness Week	Emergency Management- Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
May 6*	Occupational Safety and Health Day	Human Resources
May 12-16*	Business Continuity & Resilience Awareness Week	Emergency Management- Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
May 14	Day of Action (Litter reduction and the environment)	Parks Maintenance & Forestry and Environmental & Development Engineering
May 17	The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	Equity Office
May 19-23 (short week of May)	National Public Works Week	Public Works and Engineering
Starts last Sunday of May*	National AccessAbility Week	Recreation
May (last week of May)	National Tourism Week	Tourism
June	Indigenous History Month	Equity Office
June	Pride Month	Events and Protocol
June	Parks and Recreation Month	Recreation
June	Seniors Month	Recreation
June 17 – 23	International Pollinator Week	Parks Maintenance & Forestry and Environmental & Development Engineering
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Equity Office
June 21*	World Music Day	Cultural Services
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Equity Office
July	Somali Heritage Month	Council Resolution
Third Week of July	National Drowning Prevention Week	Recreation
July 30*	Bill Davis Day	Council
August 1-5	Emancipation Day	Events/Equity Office
September	Latino Heritage Month	Council Resolution
September 1	Tree Month	Parks Maintenance & Forestry
September 6	Jaswant Singh Khaira Day	Council Resolution
September 18	National Tree Day	Parks Maintenance & Forestry
September 25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Events and Protocol
September 28*	Test Your Smoke Alarm Day	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Equity Office/Events and Protocol
October	Healthy Workplace Month	Human Resources
October 1	Treaty Day	Equity Office
October 1-7	Mental Illness Awareness Week	Human Resources
October 4	National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirit+	Equity Office
October 8-14	Fire Prevention Week	Fire and Emergency Services

October 10	World Mental Health Day	Community Safety & Well-Being Office/Human Resources
October 11	National Coming Out Day	Equity Office
October 14-18 (pending final date)	Waste Reduction Week	Environment and Development Engineering
October 31	World Cities Day	Tourism
November 1-7	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week	Council
November 1-7*	Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
1 st full week of November (Nov 2 - 8, 2025)*	National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week	Animal Services
November 5-11	Crime Prevention Week	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
November 6*	Take Our Kids to Work Day	Human Resources
November 8*	World Town Planning Day	Planning, Building, and Growth Management
November 13	World Kindness Day	Equity Office
November 14	World Diabetes Day	Human Resources
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Equity Office/Accessibility Office
December 10	Human Rights Day	Equity Office
December 21	Winter Solstice	Equity Office

*new addition for 2025

Cultural Expressions for Bus Destination Signage

Date	Observance	Category
January 1, 2025	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2025	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 2025	Black History Month	Federal Observance
February 17, 2025	Family Day	Provincial Observance
February 28- March 30/31, 2025	Ramadan	Islam
March 18, 2025	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 29/30, 2025	Eid Al-Fitr	Islam
April 20, 2025	Easter	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 14, 2025	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
June 2025	Indigenous History Month	Federal Observance
June 2025	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 6, 2025	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
June 21, 2025	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2025	Canada Day	Federal Observance
September 30, 2025	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Federal Observance
October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Day	Federal Observance
October 20, 2025	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
December 14-22, 2025	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Holy Day - Judaism
December 21, 2025	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Observance
December 25, 2024	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2026	Kwanzaa	Holy Day-(Pan-Africanism)

Cultural Expressions for Recreation Signage

Date	Observance	Category
January 1, 2025	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2025	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 2025	Black History Month	Federal Observance
February 17, 2025	Family Day	Provincial Observance
February 28- March 30/31, 2025	Ramadan	Islam
March 29/30, 2025	Eid Al-Fitr	Islam
April 20, 2025	Easter	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 14, 2025	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
June 2025	Indigenous History Month	Federal Observance
June 2025	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 6, 2025	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
June 21, 2025	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2025	Canada Day	Federal Observance
September 30, 2025	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Federal Observance
October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Day	Federal Observance
October 20, 2025	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
December 14-22, 2025	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Holy Day - Judaism
December 21, 2025	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Observance
December 25, 2024	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2026	Kwanzaa	Holy Day-(Pan-Africanism)

Listing of Mandatory City-Wide Half Mastings

Date	Name
January 8	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia
March 11	National Day of Observance for COVID-19
April 9	National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
April 28	National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace (Workers' Mourning Day)
June 6	D-Day
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
Second Sunday in September	Firefighters' National Memorial Day
September 11*	Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks
Last Sunday in September	Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
November (first seven days)	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week
November 8	National Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

*Clock Tower will be dimmed for the above dates unless otherwise directed by the community

Clock Tower Lightings

The City of Brampton Clock Tower will conduct lightings for the listing below, this list reflects days of cultural and religious significance recognized by City of Brampton's recreation signage, transit buses, and precedents developed by repeat Council requests.

As the Clock Tower remains one of the most popular community recognition programs, the intent remains to encourage community organizations to use the Clock Tower to highlight eligible causes or events, within the City of Brampton. The lighting recommendations were developed with feedback from the Equity Office.

Date	Observance	Category	Colour
January 1, 2025	New Year	Holiday	Gold and Silver
January 7, 2025	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day	White
January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake)	Holy Day - Buddhism	Red
February 2025	Black History Month	Federal Observance	Red, Yellow, and Green
February 28- March 30/31, 2025	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam	Green
March 29/30, 2025	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam	Green
April 20, 2025	Easter	Holy Day – Christianity/Orthodox	Pastel colours, yellow, pink, blue
April 14, 2025	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism	Orange
June 2025	Pride Month	Federal Observance	Rainbow
June 6, 2025	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam	Green
June 21, 2025	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance	Orange
July 1, 2025	Canada Day	Federal Observance	Red and White
September 6, 2025	Jaswant Singh Khalra Day	Council	Orange
September 30, 2025	National Truth and Reconciliation Day	Federal Observance	Orange
October 20, 2025	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism	Yellow
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance	Red
December 14-22, 2025	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Holy Day - Judaism	Blue and white
December 25, 2025	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity	Red and Green
December 26 - January 1, 2026	Kwanzaa	Other	Red, Black and Green