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## PROVIDING RELIEF FOR FUEL AND UTILITY COSTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans will see lower fuel and utility bills through action to address rising costs.

Alberta's government will stop the collection of the provincial fuel tax to offer Albertans relief from current high fuel prices. Currently, Albertans pay 13 cents per litre in fuel tax.

This change will come into effect April 1.

The federal carbon tax rate on gasoline is set to increase again on April 1, from just under nine cents per litre to just over 11 cents per litre.

Alberta's government will also provide \$150 electricity rebates to help Albertans pay for the high bills they faced this winter. More than one million homes, farms

and businesses are expected to receive a \$50 monthly rebate for three months. These retroactive rebates will help defray the high costs that many families and businesses paid in recent months.

Alberta's government will work with utilities and regulators to determine exact details, including rebate timing.

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## LEDUC WINNER BRINGS HOME \$100,000 WITH CHRISTMAS DAY WIN



Submitted by City of Leduc

Tyland Kesler-Hoffman of Leduc was surprised when he brought home one huge Christmas present this year. He is now \$100,000 richer after his LOTTO 6/49 ticket for the December 25 draw matched one of 11 winning Guaranteed Prize Draw numbers 33308777-03

Hoffman picked up his winning ticket from the Canadian Tire Gas Bar in Leduc Shopping Centre at 6106 40 Street, Leduc. He said he checked his ticket using the WCLC mobile APP twice and then confirmed what he was seeing by taking his ticket into a local store to be validated.

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# Providing Relief For Fuel And Utility Costs

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This includes working to have the rebates applied directly to consumers' bills.

This rebate will combine with the Natural Gas Rebate program announced in Budget 2022 to provide real relief for Albertans.

Collection of the fuel tax will be paused for:

- gasoline – \$0.13 per litre
- diesel – \$0.13 per litre
- marked gasoline and marked diesel – \$0.04

Because the GST also applies to provincial fuel taxes, the 13-cent reduction will also reduce the GST by

0.65 cents per litre, for total tax savings of about 13.6 cents per litre of gasoline and diesel.

The government will review the collection of the fuel tax on a quarterly basis and, if required, consider reinstating collection in stages, based on the average price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) over a number of weeks. The government will not start to reinstate collection before July 1.

Alberta's fuel tax is reported and remitted by refiners and large wholesalers and included in the price Albertans pay at the pump. The government will provide information for stakeholders, including fuel retailers, on the fuel tax pause.

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# FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

MARCH 13-19, 2022

## Farm Safety Tips

When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- Decrease your risk of being crushed by using lockout procedures before beginning any maintenance or repair work. Lockout means to physically neutralize all energies in a piece of equipment. Machines, devices or power transmission lines can be de-energized by applying blocks to all parts under tension or pressure, bleeding the hydraulic pressure from the lines or by releasing pressure from a coil or spring.
- Provide a safe, fenced play area for all children and supervise closely. The working area of the farm is not a playground any more than a construction site or other industrial area would be a play area. Review the safety rules on your farm with your family often. Fence off all manure, retaining ponds and dugouts, and lock buildings containing hazardous goods.

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# MP SOROKA ASKS WHEN WILL ALL FEDERAL MANDATES BE REMOVED

Submitted by Gerald Soroka  
MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of  
Parliament for Yellowhead,

asked the following question  
in the House:

"Mr. Speaker, in my province  
of Alberta, some provincial  
restrictions have been lifted,

other restrictions according  
to our premier will be lifted  
very soon. With hospitaliza-  
tion rates decreasing, many  
constituents in my riding are

asking why the Liberal gov-  
ernment has no plan to re-  
move all federal mandates.

Mr. Speaker, Canadians want  
to get their lives back. When  
will this Liberal government  
listen to science and provin-  
ces to remove all federal man-  
dates?"

Reply:

Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos  
(Minister of Health, Lib.):

"Mr. Speaker, I am very glad  
to hear my colleague speak  
about science. The science  
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- Get a check-up - make sure every worker is checked up on at least every two hours
- Know the code - the Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) has set the industry standard for agriculture
- Train for safety

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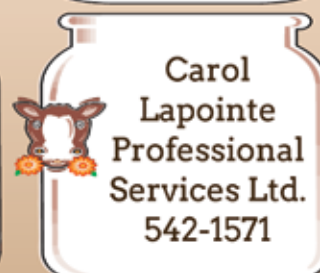


# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Be SAFE – Plan Ahead Assess Risk

Risk concerns the expected value of results of a situation or event. The value of those results may be positive or negative. In the farming industry, the measure of risk can be rated as high, medium or low. Once the risk has been assessed, through your regular safety checks, employers can determine whether to take immediate action of a hazard or identify those that can be monitored and fixed at a later time. Regular assessment can help with budgeting time and resources for immediate or future repairs.

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# FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

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## Keep an eye for safety

The type of safety eye protection you should wear depends on the hazards in your workplace. If you are working in an area that has particles, flying objects, or dust, you must at least wear safety glasses with side protection (side shields). If you are working with chemicals, you should wear goggles. If you are working near hazardous radiation (welding, lasers, or fibre optics) you must use special-purpose safety glasses, goggles, face shields, or helmets designed for that task.





# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Preventing Crushes

- From rolling machinery to falling front-end loaders there are countless crush hazards on a farm. While farm operators and workers can't prevent every hazard on a farm, they should prevent every hazard they can by taking simple preventative measures while working.
- Failure to block-up equipment safely can result in a fatal crushing injury. A jack may slip, a hose or overhead support may break, or the equipment may roll. Always take the precaution of placing support blocks under the equipment prior to working with raised machinery for any reason.

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## 3 TIPS TO DRIVE MORE EFFICIENTLY

Unlicensed drivers learning to drive are often taught the benefits of defensive driving. Safety is often the focus of such lessons, but the benefits of driving safely and efficiently extend far beyond safety.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by roughly 15 to 30 percent at highway speeds. In addition, a 2017 study from researchers at the DOE's Oak Ridge National Laboratory found that aggressive driving can contribute to a reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 40 percent in stop-and-go traffic.

Speeding as well as rapid acceleration and braking are hallmarks of aggressive

driving, and each of these habits puts drivers, their passengers and other motorists at risk of accident and injury. By taking these steps to drive more efficiently, drivers can save money and potentially even lives.

1. Avoid rooftop cargo.

Rooftop cargo units can be beneficial for family vacations or other extended getaways. But using rooftop cargo boxes as traveling storage units for items you don't need on a daily basis or simply keeping empty units attached to vehicle roofs compromises fuel efficiency. Rooftop cargo bins increase the aerodynamic drag on vehicles, forcing them to burn more fuel than they would need to

burn while moving without anything attached to the roof. DOE estimates suggest that large, blunt rooftop cargo boxes can reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 25 percent when a vehicle is moving at speeds between 65 and 75 miles per hour.

2. Don't treat your trunk like a closet.

Trunks are not closets, so resist the temptation to use them to store golf clubs and other items that are better stored in a house or garage. Research has indicated that an extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce gas mileage by about 1 percent. Because that figure is based on the percentage of extra weight relative to the

vehicle's weight, drivers of small vehicles may find using their trunks as closets to be especially costly and inefficient.

3. Use cruise control when possible.

Cruise control makes it possible for vehicles to maintain constant speeds. That helps drivers ensure they are always obeying the speed limit, and it keeps cars from the constant acceleration and deceleration that wastes fuel.

Efficient driving is safe, cost-effective and eco-friendly. With some simple strategies, drivers can do their part to protect the planet and make roads safer, all while saving money.

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When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- When moving large machinery, be sure to check the location of power lines. Make arrangements with your service provider to ensure a safe route along a route you will travel between fields with large implements in travel mode.
- When working with livestock always ensure you have an escape route planned and that you are wearing the appropriate gear for the job. For example – wear a helmet and appropriate footwear when riding a horse.

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# Farm Safety & Health Week

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Teach small children the rudiments of safety, such as which areas are off-limits. As they grow older, explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength and experience in mind. The safe way to do things is not always obvious to a child, so always explain and enforce the safety aspects of the job.

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## ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

More than 350,000 Albertans are of Ukrainian descent, including several in the Alberta Legislature. When fighting in Ukraine began, the government wasted no time in acting to support the people of Ukraine, by contributing a total \$10.3 million to support aid in Ukraine. This included \$5 million donated through the Ukrainian World Congress to equip 5,000 members of the Ukrainian Territorial Defence Force with defensive equipment, including flak jackets, helmets, bulletproof vests, first-aid kits, night-vision goggles, communications equipment, and essential fuel.

Ukrainian Albertans have contributed so much to our province's communities, culture, and economy, so I'm glad we could contribute to the effort in Ukraine at a time when support is most needed.

With European countries dependence on Russian oil

and gas the war in Ukraine is proof that the world needs more Canadian oil and that our country must build energy infrastructure and boost oil exports. Alberta is a rights-respecting liberal democracy with the third largest energy reserves in the world. We can be a major force for global stability by displacing conflict oil from Russia and other dictatorships with Alberta oil.

Albertans are some of the most generous people on earth. For all those wishing to donate to the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, please visit the Canada-Ukraine Foundation donation portal at [www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org).

The situation in Ukraine has put a damper on the good economic news in Alberta, but I still want to update you on some exciting announcements that have happened in our province ever since the government tabled a landmark balanced budget.

The pandemic has highlighted a need to expand our

healthcare system and increase capacity. This past week, we announced that Budget 2022 will grow Alberta Health's total operating expense budget by \$600 million this year and by a total of \$1.8 billion by 2024-25. This will ensure we have the capacity we need to protect patient care and prepare for future health care demands.

We also announced this week that Budget 2022 contains an increase of more than \$700 million over the next three years to support teachers and to address cost pressures in schools, as well as \$110 million in new funding for the next three years to support the mental health and wellbeing of Alberta students.

We also found out this week that Budget 2022 includes about \$2.5 billion over three years in support of our new childcare agreement with the federal government. I am proud to report that since this agreement was announced, Drayton Valley- Devon fam-

ilies are experiencing lower costs for childcare, which remains on target to average \$10 per day by 2026.

Finally, earlier this week, we announced that Budget 2022 invests almost \$3.7 billion, a 6.3 per cent increase over last year, into continuing care programs and services for seniors and vulnerable Albertans. It also earmarks \$204 million in capital funding over three years to modernize existing continuing care facilities across the province and develop new continuing care spaces for Indigenous Peoples.

With our balance sheet back in the black, the lowest taxes in Canada, and essentially all restrictions now lifted – Alberta is starting to feel like Alberta again. Nowhere is this truer than in Drayton Valley-Devon.

I look forward to providing you with more updates soon.

## MP SOROKA QUESTIONS THE MINISTER ON THE ECONOMY

Submitted by MLA Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following question in the House:

"Mr. Speaker, \$400 billion in newly created cash has driven up consumer prices, and constituents in my riding, especially seniors, cannot af-

ford their basic necessities. In addition to rising consumer prices, electricity and heating bills are increasing due to the carbon tax, which will increase again on April 1.

When will the Liberal government finally quit making false promises and create a real economic plan for all Canadians, especially those who are struggling to meet their

basic needs?"

Reply:

Hon. Chrystia Freeland (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Lib.):

"Mr. Speaker, the Conservative MP began his question talking about government spending, which he seems to deem excessive. I would like to remind him that he, together with every single Conserva-

tive member, actually ran on an election platform proposing higher spending in 2021-22 than the Liberals did. They proposed a \$168-billion deficit. We proposed a \$156-billion deficit. Could the party of flip-flops tell Canadians what they stand for today?"

## MP SOROKA ASKS THE MINISTER TO STOP TAX INCREASES

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following during Question Period:

"Mr. Speaker, my constituent, Darren, sent me the following message on how inflation is affecting his life. He said, 'With payments, registration, repairs and fuel to

drive to work, there isn't much motivation to keep working. Then the government takes two-thirds of my income for income taxes, CPP, EI and the carbon tax. I will have to soon borrow money to be able to stay working.

When will this Liberal government start listening to Canadians and stop these continual tax increases?"

Reply:

Terry Beech (Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Lib.):

"Mr. Speaker, our government has been focused on affordability issues and issues around inflation. Since taking office in fact, it was our government that implemented a thorough poverty strategy that lifted 1.3 million Canadians out of poverty.

We are investing in programs like childcare that is going to lower the cost of childcare in B.C. by 50% by the end of this year. We are investing in the national housing strategy to make sure people can afford a place to live. These are all measures the Conservatives are not supporting, but we are going to get it done."

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**DRAYTON VALLEY:** Evergreen Farmers' Market, Wednesdays at the Mackenzie Center of the Omniplex from 10:30AM-1:30PM. [www.dvevergreenfarmersmarket.ca](http://www.dvevergreenfarmersmarket.ca)

## BINGO

**CALMAR:** Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

## JAMBOREE

**DRAYTON VALLEY:** Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

**Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center:** 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**DEVON:** Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

**EDMONTON:** Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

**LEDUC:** Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

**THORSBY:** meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON** for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church

Basement, \$7 per plate. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

**CALMAR SENIORS BUS:** to West Edmonton Mall - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 1:30PM; Meetings - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

**DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month @ 6PM, June - Sept. @ Chalet Lions Campground. Oct. - May (excl. Dec.) @Pioneers 73 Club (29 St. Lawrence Ave.). Guests \$7, Musicians \$2. More info call 780-987-2093.

**DEVON RECREATION:** Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

**INDOOR PLAYGROUND:** Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Please bring a snack for your child.

**JAM DANCE & CARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

**"KIDS OWN WORSHIP"** an hour after-school, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780) 542-5048

**MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

**MUSIC JAMBOREE:** Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

**MUSICAL PROGRAM:** every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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## MEETINGS

**AHS:** Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

**Drinking a Problem?** There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

**ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

**BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

**BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY** Regular Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

**DEVON TOASTMASTERS,** Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932

**DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

**LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP** Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034

**MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP** meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

**Winfield Legion Branch 236:** Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

## YOUR COMMUNITY

**Dental Health:** Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

**Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA,** 1<sup>st</sup> Pipestone Sparks/Brownies/Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings)

**Meals on Wheels:** Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

**Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic,** every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

**Warburg Well Baby & Immunization Clinic,** by appointment only, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month, Cloverleaf Manor. Thorsby Health Unit 789-4800.



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