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ALBERTA DECLARES PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

In response to the threat of multiple wildfires burning throughout the province, Alberta has declared a provincial state of emergency to ensure the safety, health and welfare of Albertans.

Emergency responders are working around the clock to keep people safe and reduce the threat to

homes and infrastructure.

Under the Emergency Management Act, declaring a state of emergency is a legal mechanism that provides the provincial

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PARKLAND RCMP RESPOND **TO FATAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

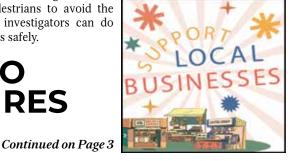
On May 6, 2023, at approximately 3:20 a.m., Parkland RCMP were dispatched to assist Spruce Grove Fire Services with a structure fire on Heatherglen Drive in Spruce Grove. The structure was a duplex.

Upon arrival, two residences were engulfed by flames. Once the flames were extinguished, it was determined that there was a deceased person inside one of the residences. No other injuries have been reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The scene is being held until the Fire Investigator completes their work.

RCMP are asking motorists and pedestrians to avoid the area so investigators can do their jobs safely.

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AHS RESPONDS TO **PROVINCIAL WILDFIRES**

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS), with the help of our EMS teams, have evacuated several healthcare sites in response to evacuation orders issued due to the current wildfire risk. The health and safety of patients and staff remains AHS' top pri-





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government with a higher level of intergovernmental coordination, around the clock monitoring of the situation, access to emergency discretionary funds, the ability to mobilize additional supports and continue working with municipalities, organizations and businesses to support evacuated residents.

The Emergency Management Cabinet Committee continues to meet regularly to respond to the current wildfire situation across the province. Cabinet continues to have decision-making abilities, and will make decisions as needed to deal with this emergency situation.

The ministries involved in the Emergency Manage-

ment Cabinet Committee include Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services, Alberta Skilled Trades and Professions. Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Health, Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism, Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Alberta Energy.

Department officials will continue providing daily technical briefings to the media and the public as this situation continues to evolve. A daily situation report will also be issued via news release.

The most up-to-date evac-

uation information is available at alberta.ca/emergency, Alberta Emergency Alert or by downloading the Alberta Emergency Alert mobile app, which immediately pushes all alerts out to subscribers. Albertans seeking information or supports can call 310-4455.

Anyone who has been evacuated due to wildfires is asked to register at local reception centres or at emergencyregistration.alberta.ca.



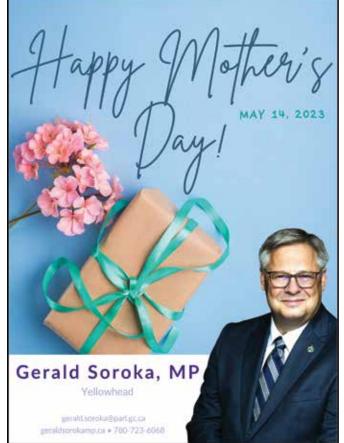


Man overboard

A gawky lad from New England came to New York with his girl, and took her to nearby Playland Amusement Park. They had heard a lot about the Tunnel of Love and were especially anxious to try it out. But when they got home, the kids expressed disappointment.

"Shucks," the boy said, "it was dark and damp and uncomfortable. Besides, we got soaking wet." "How come?" asked a friend. "Did the boat leak?"

The kid looked amazed. "There's a boat?"



AHS Responds To Provincial Wildfires

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We are continuously monitoring the wildfire situation and continue to work closely with our community partners.

Evacuated acute care patients, long-term care and continuing care residents continue to be moved to other facilities across the province. While this has been an extremely challenging situation, the evacuations have gone well thanks to the cooperation of those having to move and the hard work of our staff, physicians, and supporting agencies. All zones are actively working around the clock to ensure patients and residents are safely cared for in temporary locations.

Evacuated patients and continuing care residents are being relocated in safe and appropriate settings. All zones are opening care spaces to accommodate those in need. These relocations are happening through EMS, chartered buses and flights as required. Patients and residents are being accompanied and supported by staff.

AHS is contacting families of loved ones to share patient/resident location information.

AHS has been working to identify additional staffing supports across all zones to ensure patients, residents and our care teams continue to be appropriately supported.

AHS sites safely evacuated and closed to date are:

 Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre
 Edson Healthcare Centre

• Fox Creek Healthcare Centre

• High Prairie Health Complex If you have an emergency, please call 911. EMS resources remain in evacuated areas to provide support to those who need.

All appointments with laboratory services, mental health and public health in evacuated communities are postponed at this time. Clients will be contacted directly by AHS to be rescheduled as soon as possible. Home care clients impacted by evacuations are being contacted to arrange for alternative home visits and support from nursing teams.

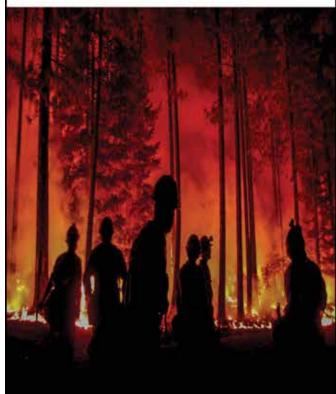
Our teams are working with municipal leaders in these communities to establish plans for re-entry when it is deemed safe to do so.

We are extremely grateful for our frontline staff, leaders and physicians who have come together to support the response across AHS, and especially to those who have been evacuated along with their families. We are also grateful for our partner organizations, including several continuing care organizations that continue to support these efforts.

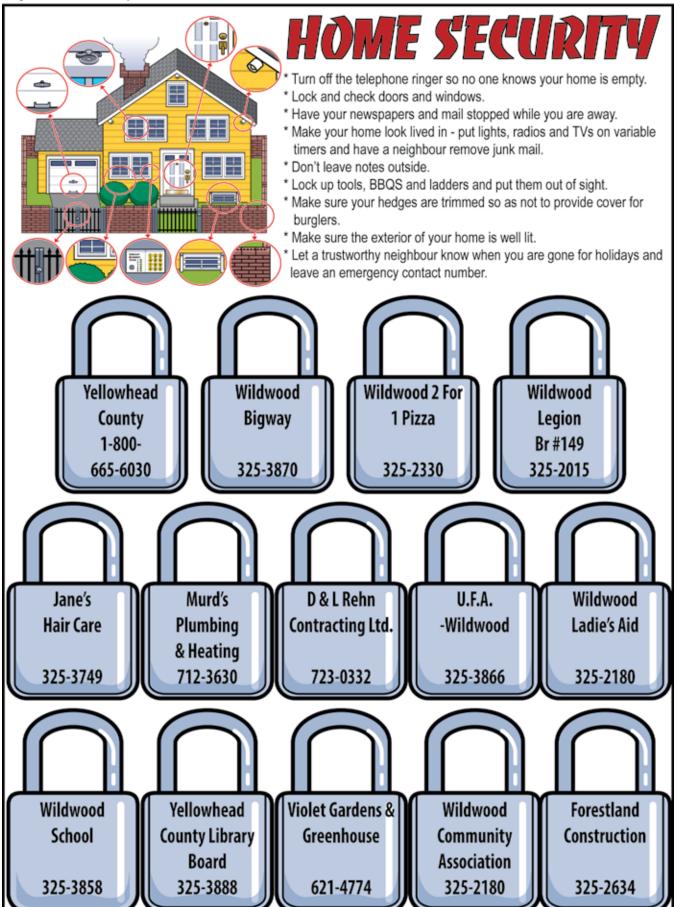
We are also appreciative of our community partners and volunteers who continue to answer when called upon for their support.



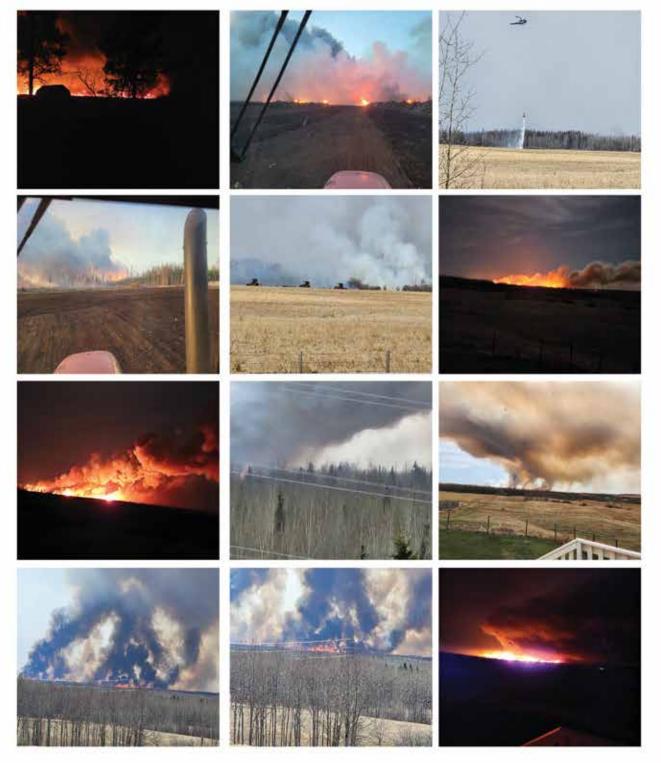
THANK YOU TO ALL Firefighters Emergency Responders RCMP Friends & Neighbours Helping Each Other It takes a Community! STAY SAFE EVERYONE!



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Near Entwistle / Evansburg / Wildwood Photo's Courtesy of Wayne Ould



STAY SAFE EVERYONE!

GET THE FACTS ON CHARTER AND PRIVATE SCHOOL FUNDING

An Opinion Piece from the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

Ensuring a strong public school system should unite Albertans, not divide us.

Current conversations around 'choice' often lead to Charter Schools being identified as the answer. But why?

Alberta's public education system has been internationally ranked as a leader in curriculum, inclusion, instruction, and system leadership.

Alberta is the only province in Canada that has Charter Schools. One must wonder why. When Canada ranks highly in the *Programme for International Student Assessment* (PISA) performance results, *why would we want to emulate the US approach, where they track to the much lower PISA ranking and where the public education system is broken*?

Consider this, in Alberta, Charter Schools receive 100% of the per student funding split and Private schools receive 70% in the same way as Public, Separate and Francophone schools do. Yet they only account for 1.4% and 5.11% of Alberta students respectively. Neither are freely equitable, nor do they accept or accommodate the needs of all students seeking access – that falls only to the public school system.

Diverting funds from the public system to support 'choice' weakens the public system.

At a time when Alberta public schools are losing EAs, teachers, librarians, and school counselors, is it fiscally responsible to funnel more provincial dollars into exclusive options outside of the public system?

As leaders in Public School Education and stakeholders in Alberta's K-12 education ecosystem, we believe that a strong public school system is fundamental to creating a strong society and a strong economy. Our students should not be sacrificed or disadvantaged for the benefit of a select few.

All Alberta students deserve the benefits derived from key learnings of Charter Schools.

Most people don't know that Alberta Charter Schools were initially established as a short term (five year) program to gather information on learning styles and teaching methodology. The information gathered at Alberta Charter Schools was supposed to be consolidated and flow back into Public Education. *Where is the value for Albertans?*

Public School Boards are ultimately accountable to the citizens of Alberta as Trustees are publicly elected. The same cannot be said for Charter and Private Schools. While they receive public funds for every student, they are not accountable to those providing the funds – the taxpayer. In fact, Charter and Private Schools are not required to have a democratically elected board.

Ask your 2023 provincial election candidate:

Should your party form government, will you limit the public funds that are diverted to support private and charter schools, and turn your focus back to funding a strong, inclusive, and world-renowned public education system in Alberta?

This opinion piece is part of the Board's advocacy for public education plan and illustrates their commitment to community engagement. The Board thanks the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta for resources to communicate the need for increased awareness of public education issues.



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Vellowhead County

TAX PAYMENT NOTICE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS

New Title Holders:

If you have recently purchased property in Yellowhead County, Land Titles is four to five months behind in processing. Combined Assessment and Tax notices will be mailed in May so if you haven't received a tax notice by June 1, 2023, please contact the Yellowhead County Edson office. July 1st, 2023 penalty date still applies on any outstanding balances.

Municipal Address Changes:

Do you live in Niton Junction and have a TOE 150 postal code? Your address is no longer valid due to recent Canada Post changes. Call Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 to update your mailing address.

School Support Notice:

Alberta Education has expanded the Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division boundary under Ministerial Order 015/2021. If you are the owner of a property within the new boundaries and would like to direct your taxes to the separate school division, please contact the Yellowhead County Tax department at 780-723-4800. You can find the Ministerial Order through the following link: https://kingsprinter.alberta.ca/Documents/MinOrders/2021/Education/2021_015_ Education.pdf

> For more information, please call 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800 or email info@vhcounty.ca



Tips to Protect your Real Estate Investment Dollars * Consult public real estate websites to review property listings in the community where the property is located. Compare features, size & locations to establish if the asking price seems reasonable.

* Get independent representation for your purchase. If the seller objects, consider it a red flag.

* Check to make sure your representative is a licensed real estate agent. Contact your local Real Estate Board or the Real Estate Council of Alberta. Using a licensed real estate agent does not cost anything from a purchaser's standpoint. Usually all commissions are paid by the seller. *Beware of a real estate agent or mortgage broker who has a financial interest in the transaction.

* Ask your independent representative to provide you with a comparative market analysis of the property.

* Ask for a copy of the land title or go to a Registry office and ask them to do a historical title search.

* Insist on a home inspection to guard against buying a home that has been cosmetically renovated.

* When you make a deposit, ensure your money is protected by being held "in trust".



Red Flags to Watch for Mortgage Fraud

* Someone offers you a fee to use your name and credit information to obtain a mortgage

*You are encouraged to include false information to a loan application

* You are asked to leave signature lines or other important areas on a loan application blank

* The loan amount on the mortgage is significantly higher than the value of the property

* The mortgage has been refinanced several times and each instance, the amount of the mortgage has increased

* The seller or investment advisor discourages you from seeing or inspecting the property you are offering to purchase





COMPOSITE DECKING CAN BE A SMART CHOICE

Decks add character and functionality to a home, increasing outdoor entertaining space and oftentimes improving the resale value of a home. Homeowners have various options when choosing decking materials, but one such option, composite decking, is growing in popularity.

Decks used to primarily be made from pressure-treated lumber. While lumber remains a popular material, more and more homeowners are opting for composite decking products. As anyone who has pressure-washed, stained and sealed wood decks can attest, such spaces require lots of upkeep to look new year after year. Composite decks require much less maintenance, making them highly attractive to homeowners who would rather spend time using their decks instead of maintaining them.

Composite decking is any type of decking material that is formulated from different recycled materials. The majority of these materials include hard plastic and wood shavings of pulp. Unlike wood, which can fade, crack and rot, composite decking, which has been available for roughly a decade, does not degrade quickly and requires very little upkeep.

Available in a variety of wood colors to match outdoor decor, composite decks also can feature artificial wood grains to make them look similar to wood planks. Although composite decks are not completely impervious to the elements, with some occasional washing to impede mold growth and new technology that has improved stain-resistance, many of the pitfalls of other materials can be avoided with composite decks.

Composite decking fits in with eco-friendly lifestyles. The planks are made from recycled materials that would normally end up in landfills. Products from Trex, a popular composite decking manufacturer, are made from 1.5 million shopping bags and wood mill waste. As composite decks do not rot away and are long-lasting, they will not need to be replaced frequently, which is another eco-friendly benefit.

When comparing composite decking brands, look mainly at the colors, materials used in the composition and the fastening systems. Many are fastened with regular deck screws, offers This Old House. The newer systems have channels for hidden fastening, and the composite deck tiles snap into place.

Composite decks do have a few drawbacks. They can be expensive; nearly double the initial cost of wood decks. And although they don't rot, composite planks can scratch. Without refinishing, damaged boards will need to be replaced. Harsh chemicals may fade color and damage the composite materials, so caution is needed.

Composite decking remains an in-demand choice for outdoor spaces. Low-maintenance and long-lasting, these decks have quickly become favorites among homeowners



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Community**VOICE** ALBERTA WILDFIRE SITUATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As of this afternoon, more than 24,000 individuals have been evacuated from communities throughout north and central Alberta.

Those evacuated due to wildfires are asked to register at local reception centres or at emergencyregistration.alberta.ca.

Current situation

•Alberta has declared a provincial state of emergency. Visit Alberta.ca/emergency for information or call 310-4455.

•Mandatory evacuation orders are in effect for the following areas. Please check alberta.ca/emergency or download the Alberta Emergency Alert mobile app for complete information:

oParts of Brazeau County. Evacuees should register in Edmonton at the Expo Centre, Hall C, at 7515 118 Avenue.

oParts of Northern Sunrise County.

oParts of Mackenzie County. Evacuees should register at the High Level Rural Hall.

oThe entire Town of Rainbow Lake. Evacuees should register in High Level at the High Level Arena, at 10101 105 Avenue.

oFox Creek, Little Smoky and surrounding areas. Evacuees should register at the Allan and Jean Millar Centre, at 58 Sunset Boulevard in Whitecourt.

oParts of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and the Municipal District of Greenview. Evacuees should register at Memorial Hall, 4808 50 Street in Valleyview.

oParts of the County of Grande Prairie. Evacuees should register at the Bonnets Energy Centre, 10017 99 Avenue, Grande Prairie.

oParts of Big Lakes County. Evacuees should register at Elks Rodeo Hall on Highway



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oParts of Lac Ste Anne County. Evacuees should register at the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre, at 4184 54 Street.

oParts of Yellowhead County, including the Town of Edson.

oThe communities of Whitefish River and Aitkameg. Evacuees should register at the Town of Slave Lake office, at 10 Main Street, Slave Lake.

oThe Hamlet of Entwistle. Evacuees should register at Wabamun Jubilee Hall, at 5132 53 Avenue in Wabamun.

oParkland County and the Hamlet of Entwistle. Evacuees should register at Wabamun Jubilee Hall at 5132 53 Avenue in Wabamun.

•Residents of the following areas should be prepared to evacuate on short notice:

oThe Grovesdale area of the Municipal District of Greenview

oThe area west of Beaverdam Provincial Recreation Area and east of the Bighorn Dam, including the hamlet of Nordegg.

oParts of the County of Grande Prairie, including Pipestone Creek area.

oThe town of High Prairie.

oParts of Wetaskiwin County. •Sixteen declared states of local emergency and two band council resolution include:

oBig Lakes County oBrazeau County oCounty of Grande Prairie oClear Hills County

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oRainbow Lake

oYellowhead County

oThe Little Red River Cree Nation (Fox Lake) has declared a band council resolution

oWhitefish Lake First Nation has declared a band council resolution

Information for evacuees

 Evacuees should register at the reception centre identified for their community so staff can quickly assist them and connect them with the resources they need.

•Evacuees with special needs who are unable to stay in an evacuation centre can request emergency financial assistance to cover hotel accommodations.

oSpecial needs could include having a disability, a medical condition or other family needs.

oApply for emergency financial assistance by visiting an Alberta Supports Centre or calling the Income Support Contact Centre at 1-866-644-5135. Information is also available through the Alberta Supports Contact Centre

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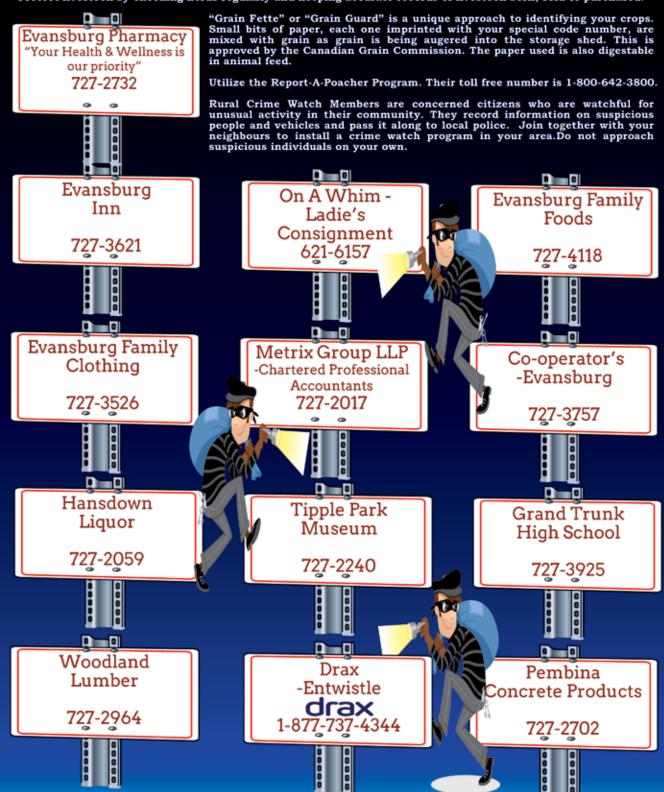
EVANSBURG RECYCLING CENTRE May 27, 2023 from 10:00am - 2:00 pm

Evansburg Recycling Centre (Pembina Arena) 4712 - 52 Avenue, Evansburg, AB QUESTIONS? Call 780-723-1603 For more information on recycling in Alberta Visit www.albertarecycling.ca or phone Toll free 1-888-999-8762

RURAL CRIME AWARENESS

Protect machinery from theft by leaving valuables locked in a shed or storage facility and by marking equipment with your drivers licence and province of issue (an engraver can be borrowed free of charge from most local police detachments).

Protect livestock by checking herds regularly and keeping accurate records of livestock born, sold or purchased.

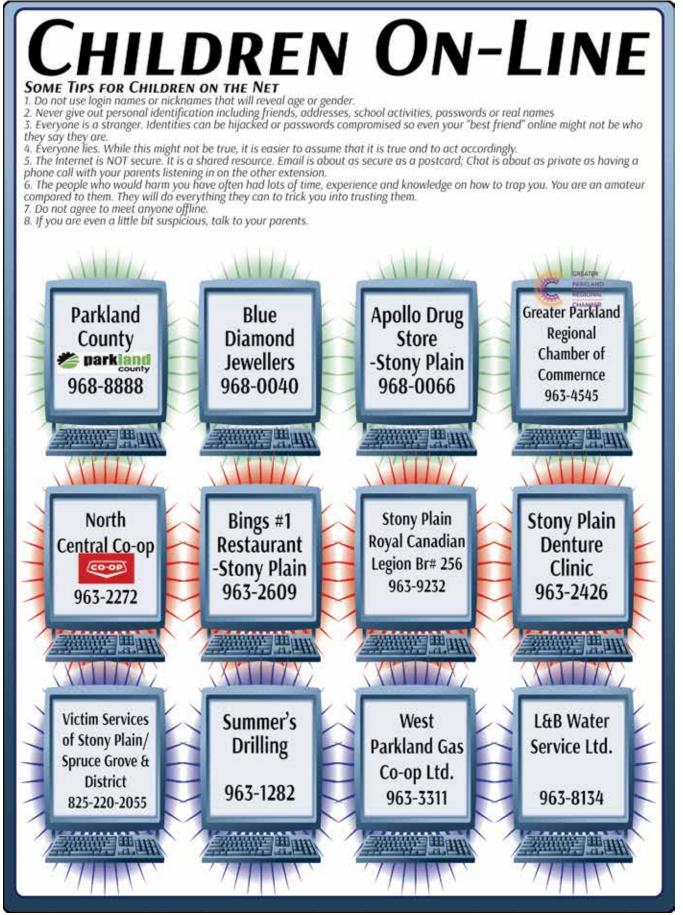


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RENOGUIDE CONSIDER MOISTURE ISSUES WHEN CHOOSING INSULATION

We insulate our homes primarily to keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. As a result. most of us evaluate insulation based on its thermal properties, which is definitely important to consider. However, there is another aspect of wall and ceiling insulation that should be considered before making a final decision, and that's moisture. If you choose the wrong insulation, moisture can seriously damage the long-term performance of the insulation, drastically reducing the benefits it offers to your home.

Although wall and ceiling cavities may be out of sight after a home is built, they are very important spaces in residential construction and remodelina projects. They play a critical role in managing the interior temperature, noise level, air-flow and mold levels. It is important that the insulation in the walls and ceilings works just as well years after installation as it does the day after the project is completed. This means that the insulation needs to stay consistent over time -- any sagging, compressing or rotting will compromise the safety and comfort of your home.

tential problems, look for insulation that does not absorb water, but repels it. Stone wool insulation, like that produced by Roxul, is a good choice. Water-resistance is important year-round, but especially in summer, when humidity levels rise, and in spring and fall, when rain and mois-

ture levels can increase dramatically.

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To combat these po-



Consider Moisture Issues When Choosing Insulation

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It's vital that your insulation won't compress or sag within the wall or ceiling cavity, because when insulation materials compress and sag, they leave gaps, compromising the thermal performance of the wall. Cold, heat and sound can pass through much more easily, creating a living space that's less comfortable and more expensive to heat and cool.

Another important consideration when

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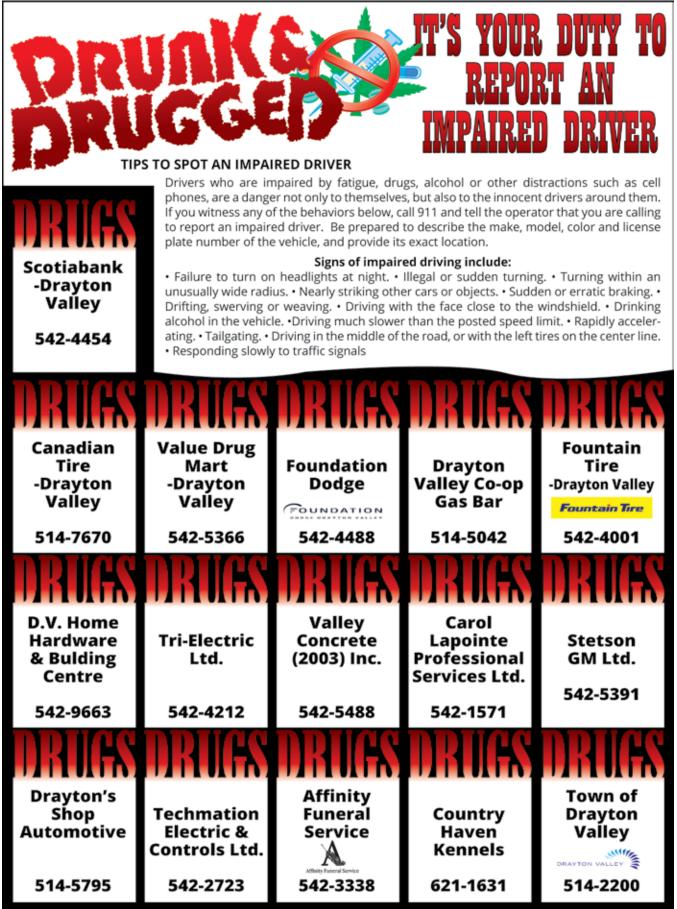
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choosing insulation is mold resistance. Materials that resist mold growth, like stone wool, are essential to the health of your home and family. Because mold feeds on organic matter, selecting an insulation that is composed of nonorganic matter is ideal to prevent rot.

Keeping moisture and mold at bay with a quality insulation will contribute to a safer indoor environment and provide energy savings and comfort benefits that

can last for the lifetime of a home.





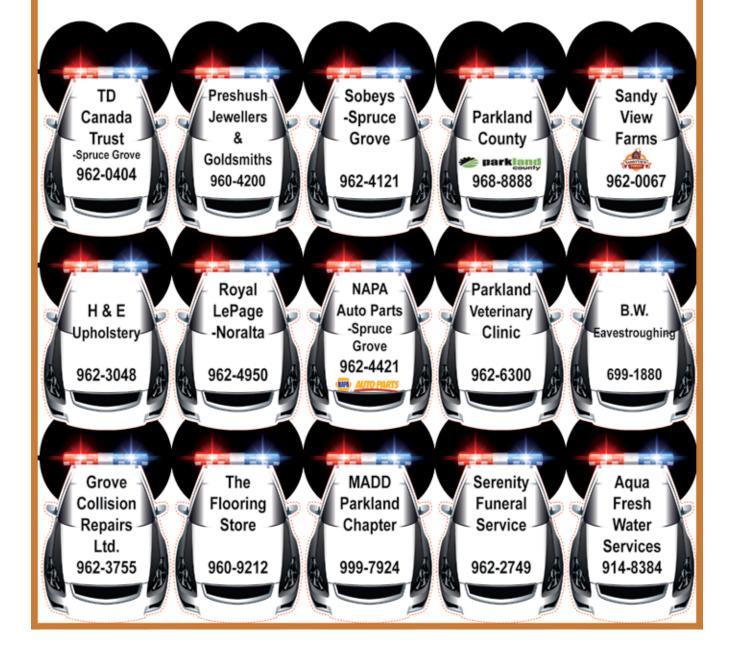
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- Set up buddy systems for teens going out after dark.
 Keep an eye out for strange vehicles parked in your area at odd hours or for long periods of time
 Make sure all young children know how to handle possible confrontations with strangers.

Use these helpful tips to help keep our community a safe, enjoyable place. Look around your home, school or office and see where you can make a difference.

- Start teaching children at an early age how to avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Get children involved in organized after-school programs.
- Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.
 Participate in forums which involve local officials, such as city council meetings.
- Reach out to crime victims, their families or others in the community who need support.
- Get to know your neighbors you may find others with an interest in safety, too.
- Be familiar with members of your local police and fire departments.
- Make sure all street lights in your area are in working order. Alert local officials if they are not.



May 9, 2023 Alberta Wildfire Situation

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at 1-877-644-9992.

•Albertans affected by wildfires, including evacuees, can access supports by calling the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.

oThe centre is open from 8:15 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

•The Income Support Contact Centre is also available 24-7 and provides emergency financial assistance. It can be reached at 1-866-644-5135.

Fire bans and other restrictions

•Unusually warm, dry weather and strong winds mean it is easier for a wildfire to start and spread.

•As a result of these conditions, the entire province is under a fire ban. No open burning is allowed, including backyard fire pits inside the Forest Protection Area. Alberta Parks and many municipalities and communities have ordered their own bans and restrictions. For more information, visit Albertafirebans.ca.

•A provincial off-highway vehicle restriction is also in

place, which means the recreational use of off-highway vehicles on public land, including on designated OHV trails, is prohibited.

Wildfire activity updates

•There are currently 110 active wildfires in the Forest Protection Area, 37 of which are classified as out of control. oInformation on all wildfires is on the Alberta Wildfire dashboard and the Alberta Wildfire app.

Travel

•There are multiple road closures and advisories for north and central Alberta.

•Visit 511.alberta.ca for upto-date information on road closures and travel advisories. Health

•Alberta Health Services is supporting the evacuation of the Drayton Valley Hospital.

oPatients will be moved to Rocky Mountain House and Edmonton hospitals.

•Edson Healthcare Centre has been fully evacuated with patients/continuing care residents and families being notified of new location of all patients and continuing care residents.

•Evacuation of the Fox Creek

Health Centre is currently underway.

oAHS continues to work in providing care in the community to transport residents to other facilities in Alberta and Edmonton.

•EMS and zones continues to be fully engaged to ensure safe transport and care of all patients/residents. Other zones and provincial programs are assisting with reception centres, and ensuring availability of spaces/equipment as needed.

•Alberta Health Services is deploying mobile air quality monitoring, as multiple communities are reporting high levels of smoke and ash residue.

•Residents affected by the wildfires who have health care-related questions and are looking for up-to-date information about the wildfires or health care resources, should visit the Alberta Health Services Wildfire Resources webpage.

•For non-emergency health advice, including information on their health care options, residents should call Health Link at 811. Justice

•Due to the wildfire evacuation of Evansburg, Evansburg court sittings on Monday, May 8 have been relocated to Stony Plain.

•The Drayton Valley circuit court is within the Town of Drayton Valley's evacuation order. The next sitting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. Agriculture and livestock

•Agricultural societies may have room for livestock evacuated from wildfire areas: Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies.

•Evacuated farmers and ranchers:

ocan contact the wildfire resource line at 310-4455 with agriculture and livestock related questions.

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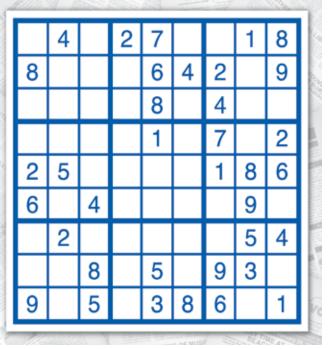
omay need re-entry permits if they want to go back into an evacuated area to check on livestock, and should check with their municipality before entering.



Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Page 20 CommunityVOICE May 9, 2023 INSURANCE EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO HELP ALBERTANS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With more than 100 active wildfires in Alberta, including a number that are currently listed as out of control, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) has deployed its Virtual Community Assistance Mobile Pavilion (V-CAMP) to provide insurance information to affected residents.

IBC is in close contact with provincial government and emergency management officials, as well as with municipal officials in the affected communities. This situation is changing extremely rapidly. Click here for the latest updates from the Government of Alberta.

"Unfortunately, the wildfires across Alberta over the past week have resulted in the loss of multiple properties. Our hearts go out to the individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted and whose property has been damaged," said Rob de Pruis, National Director of Consumer and Industry Relations, IBC. "Special thanks to all the first responders who have been working so diligently to protect lives and property. While recovery efforts continue, rest assured that anyone whose property or vehicle was damaged can contact their insurance representative when they are ready to start the claims process. Those with general insurance questions are encouraged to contact IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC."

Insurers serve as "second responders" in the recovery period after catastrophe strikes. IBC's Virtual CAMP is staffed with trained insurance industry personnel who are on hand at IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC (1-844-227-5422) to help address consumers' general questions about their home, business or vehicle insurance policies. Albertans can also visit IBC's Wildfires webpage to learn more about their insurance coverage and the various stages of the claims process.

When the Smoke Clears ... What's Covered?

• Virtually every home insurance policy covers damage caused by fire, even if the fire began on a neighbouring property, as long as the fire was not started intentionally by the policy holder or a member of their household.

• Damage to vehicles from fire is usually covered if comprehensive or all perils coverage car insurance was purchased. As this coverage is not mandatory, talk to your insurance representative to ensure that you have appropriate insurance coverage.

• In certain circumstances, homeowners who are evacuated or unable to return home as a result of insurable damage are entitled to additional living expenses.

Tips for Starting the Claims Process

• Call your insurance representative. Most insurers have a 24-hour claims service. Be as detailed as possible when providing information.

• List all damaged or destroyed items. If possible, assemble proofs of purchase, photos, receipts and warranties. Take photos of damage incurred and keep damaged items, unless they pose a health hazard.

• Keep all receipts related to cleanup and living expenses if you've been displaced. Ask your insurance representative about what coverage for expenses you may be entitled to and for what period of time.

About Insurance Bureau of Canada

Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is the national industry association representing Canada's private home, auto and business insurers. Its member companies make up the vast majority of the property and casualty (P&C) insurance market in Canada. For more than 50 years, IBC has worked with governments across the country to help make affordable home, auto and business insurance available for all Canadians. IBC supports the vision of consumers and governments trusting, valuing and supporting the private P&C insurance industry. It champions key issues and helps educate consumers on how best to protect their homes, cars, businesses and properties.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Ensuring that every voter in Alberta has an opportunity to cast their ballot in the 2023 Provincial General Election is a priority for Elections Alberta.

Elections Alberta is closely monitoring the wildfires and evacuations that are occurring to determine how voters can be supported to cast their ballot. At this time, no returning offices or voting places have been impacted and in-person voting will continue to be offered at all locations, where possible.

Starting today, the Chief Electoral Officer has authorized an additional reason to vote by Special Ballot, so that those individuals that have been displaced by an emergency or disaster can take advantage of this voting option.

An information page is now

available on the Elections Alberta website to provide up-to-date information for voters that may be affected by the wildfires at https:// www.elections.ab.ca/current-election-information/ voting-information-for-electors-displaced-by-emergency-or-disaster/.

Elections Alberta will continue to monitor the situation and post information on the website and on social media, should a returning office need to close due to an evacuation order and to provide alternate voting and service options.

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Wabamun Jubilee Hall, 780-727-3947.

Wildwood Community Hall, 325-2180 or 780-325-2270

Wildwood Rec Complex 325-2077 or 514-8944

Wildwood Senior's Hall, 325-3787

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For sale - Lot at Lobstick Resort, Hwy 16 RRG 90 (1/2 hr West off Wabamun) Nicely treed river lot, 55,000 sqft. One river front lot 3/4 acre. Pre-paid power to house. natural gas and phone line on property line, one share in resort which has a fish pond and trails for recreation vehicles. Financing available from \$69,000. For more info call 587-588-7648 (2)

Computers

computer repairs, not over \$50, or donate used tablets, laptops, radios, cell phones, etc. call 780-916-5613 (4) 05-06

Help Wanted

Wildwood RCL Branch 149 is looking for a cook to cater supper's on the 2nd Friday of every month. Please drop Resume off at the Legion Thursday - Saturday from 1:30 - 5:00 pm or email: rclbr149@ gmail.com or Phone: Coleen Young 780-515-1954 Tammy Pelkey 780-325-2411 (4) 5-30

Services

Stump Grinding For Hire -Alberta Beach & surrounding areas. Call 780- 779-3589 (27) 10-17

Employment Opportunities

School Bus Driver needed for Tri-R Buses Ltd., based out of Seba Beach, AB. Applicants with a Class 1 or 2 licence encouraged to apply. However, training can be provided for the right applicant with a valid Class 5 licence. We are looking for a responsible, safety-orientated, independent individual with a clean drivers abstract, as well as a criminal background check and vulnerable sector screening. Benefits of working for our company include buses being kept in a heated shop, cleaning provided, and excellent wages. This parttime permanent position is great for anyone looking to supplement their income and offers weekends, holidays, and summers off. Contact Ralph at 780-913-2205 or at trirbuses@gmail.com. (8) 06-06

Garage Sales

Cancelled

May 13 - Huge garage sale in the wildwood seniors center, 9am - 3pm, Diecast cars & trucks, occupied Japan items, coke collectibles, old tins, and much more. Call 780-621-2548 for info.

Cleaning

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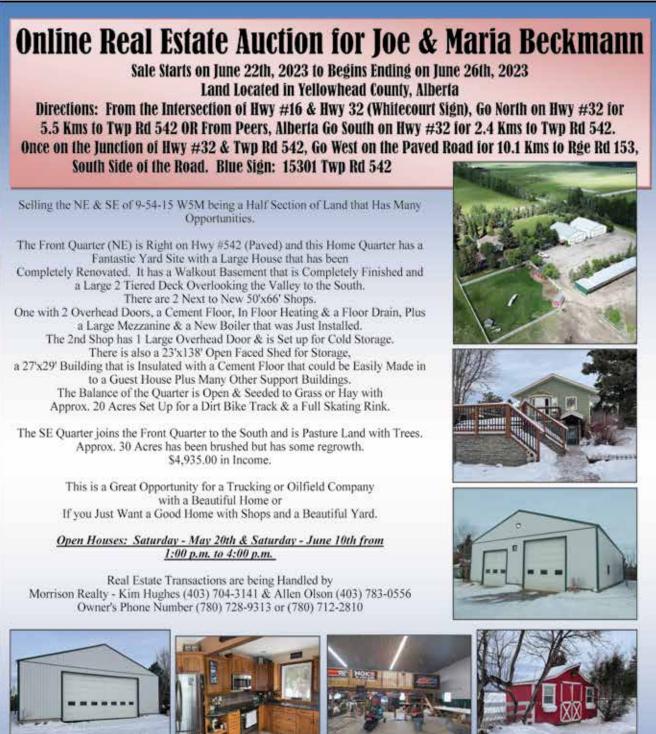
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