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August 20, 2025

DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP CONDUCTS ARREST AFTER RECEIVING ERRATIC DRIVING COMPLAINT

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On Aug. 1, 2025, the Drayton Valley RCMP received a complaint about an erratic driver on Highway 22. Drayton Valley RCMP members made patrols in the area and were able to locate the suspect vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted to determine the sobriety of the driver, resulting in members observing illegal goods inside the vehicle. A subsequent

search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of over 200g of Fentanyl, bear spray, a knife and drug paraphernalia. RCMP members also located several items of Lululemon clothing with security tags still on them, which were later discovered stolen from a Calgary Lululemon on July 31, 2025.

As a result of the investigation, 48-year-old Clairmont, Alta., resident Brent Darling was charged with:

- Possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking;

stance for the purpose of trafficking;

- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose (x2);
- Operation of motor vehicle while impaired; and
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000.

Darling was brought before a justice of the peace and released on conditions. He is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Drayton Valley on Aug. 19, 2025.

SCOUTING CANOLA FIELDS IN YELLOWHEAD COUNTY FOR CLUBROOT

Submitted by Yellowhead County

2025 Clubroot Scouting will occur in Yellowhead County from approximately August 25th to September 26th.

Yellowhead County, AB (August 13, 2025) - As fall approaches, it's a good time to remember that clubroot has been detected in Yellowhead County. Clubroot is a soil-borne disease that significantly reduces yields

in cruciferous crops like canola, mustards, and certain vegetables.

Clubroot causes galls or "clubs" to form on the roots of infected plants, which hinders their ability to absorb water and nutrients, ultimately lowering crop yields. Areas with higher infection rates often experience more severe losses. In 2015, new clubroot pathotypes were identified in the Edmonton region that can overcome even clubroot-resistant seed varieties.

Yellowhead County Pest

Inspectors will be scouting for clubroot in canola and other Brassicaceae crops throughout the County from approximately August 25th - September 26th. Scouts will follow strict prevention measures to reduce the risk of spreading the disease.

Clubroot spreads primarily through the soil movement from infected to non-infected fields. Soil can

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Scouting Canola Fields In Yellowhead County For Clubroot

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be carried by farm equipment, vehicles, and even wind or water erosion. Proper sanitation of machinery and equipment is crucial to stop the spread of clubroot.

Crop rotation is strongly recommended to reduce the se-

verity of clubroot infections. Growing canola continuously on the same land increases the risk and severity of outbreaks. Although there is no cure for infected plants, there are steps you can take to prevent clubroot from becoming established:

- Check fields regularly for signs of clubroot such as galls or clubs on roots, premature ripening, and wilting plants
- Before moving to a new field, remove all dirt from wheels and sanitize all equipment and vehicles using a 1% bleach solution (99% water)

- Use clubroot-resistant seed varieties when planting For more information, visit www.clubroot.ca or contact the Yellowhead County Agricultural Department at the Wildwood County Office at 780-325-3782 or toll-free at 1-800-814-3935.



JOKE of the week

Our first day at a resort my wife
and I decided to hit the beach.

When I went back to our room to get something to
drink, one of the hotel

maids was making our bed. I grabbed
my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and
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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: MINISTER TURTON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton issued the following statement on the annual launch of a scholarship to help young adults formerly in care:

"To commemorate the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's royal visit to Alberta in July 2011, Alberta's government established the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes the exceptional educational achievements of Advancing Futures students who have been in government care.

"We are investing in advancing the futures of young adults transitioning out of care by opening applications for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Scholarship until Aug. 31.

"It recognizes Advancing Futures students who have achieved exceptional grades while dealing with challenging circumstances. We will award \$2,000 scholarships to sup-

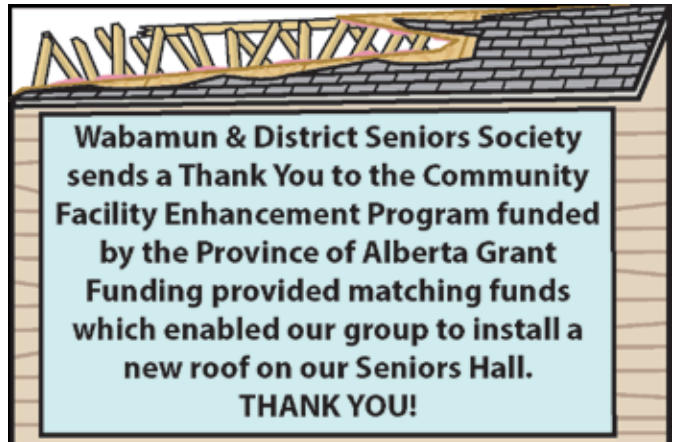
port the studies of 25 students in programs like arts, business, science and social work as well as diplomas in correctional services, esthetics, hospitality and paramedics.

"Since Advancing Futures started in 2004, participants have experienced increased employability, higher earnings and increasing participation in the workforce, helping them transition to adulthood. They have enhanced life skills such as financial literacy and time management while experiencing an overall improvement in their well-being. So far, 1,575 young adults have graduated with a certificate, trade, diploma or degree.

"We remain committed to supporting young adults pursue post-secondary education and developing the employment and life skills they need to build meaningful careers and live independently. Alberta's government is committed to the well-being of children and youth who have been in our care."



The Summer Village of Seba Beach is seeking a full-time Public Works Labourer to join its growing municipality. This role involves maintaining roads, greenspaces, drainage systems, and municipal facilities, as well as snow removal, waste collection, and equipment repair. The ideal candidate will be career-minded, physically fit, and have experience in public works or related fields, along with strong communication and organizational skills. A valid Class 5 driver's license is required, and additional certifications are an asset. Competitive wages, benefits, and an Employee Assistance Program are offered. To apply, submit your resume and cover letter to the Summer Village of Seba Beach, 140-3 Street South, Seba Beach, AB, T0E 2B0, or by email to svseba@telusplanet.net.



TRL Gas CO-OP Ltd. 19th ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Anselmo Hall

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Meeting to follow
Financial Statements
Election of Directors

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All TRL Members are invited
and encouraged to attend.

Back to School

Let's Keep the Kids Safe this School Year with These Easy Tips

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and walk with your child beforehand.
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DESIGN PHASE BEGINS FOR HIGHWAY 621 IMPROVEMENTS

Submitted by Brazeau County

Alberta's government is partnering with Brazeau County to make Highway 621 safer and more efficient for vehicles carrying oversize and overweight loads.

A design consultant will be hired to complete planning, engineering and design work for 30 kilometres of grade widening between Highways 22 and 753. The upgrades will improve safety, support Alberta's heavy load corridors, and strengthen the province's economic competitiveness by making it easier for industry to move goods. Brazeau County will lead the hiring of the consultant and deliver the design work.

Highway upgrades will accommodate a 7.32-metre-wide load (with a permit) passing a 2.6-metre-wide regulated commercial truck. Highway 621 carries approximately 1,300 vehicles per day, with 8.5 per cent truck traffic (about 87 trucks daily).

The design phase is expected to take two to three years, subject to right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations.

Highway 621 is part of Brazeau County's Western Economic Corridor, and is the only route in the region that

accommodates over-dimensional traffic to Whitecourt, Grande Prairie and Peace River. This critical link supports resource industries, agriculture, and emerging sectors like hemp and geothermal, connecting them to markets across Alberta and beyond.

"Upgrading Highway 621 is about more than just paving a road – it's about building a more efficient transportation network that connects Alberta's industries to markets while keeping our economy competitive," says Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors. "This investment will

help ensure that heavy loads and critical goods can move safely and reliably for years to come."

"Highway 621 has been a long-standing concern for residents across the Drayton Valley-Devon region," says Minister of Sport and Tourism Andrew Boitchenko. "As MLA, I heard loud and clear from constituents that safety and infrastructure improvements were urgently needed. Today, I'm proud to stand with the Government of Alberta and Brazeau County to announce that we're getting it done—delivering on our commitment to make this vital corridor

safer, more efficient, and better equipped to support local industries and communities."

"This project has been sought after for quite some time, and we are grateful to Minister Dreeschen and Minister Boitchenko for making this project a go," says Brazeau County Reeve Bart Guyon. "This will make the road safer and more accessible for industry. Brazeau County and Alberta move on wheels, so we are grateful to have this project go ahead. It will be very well-received by our residents, businesses, and industries."

Welcome back students!

Here's to a fresh start, new friendships and a year full of learning and growth!

Hon. Searle Turton
MLA for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain Constituency

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the requirements of Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended, the Council of Parkland County has scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the proposed adoption of the following Bylaws:

Date: September 3, 2025	Time: 9:00 am	Location: Parkland County Council Chambers 53109A Hwy 779, Parkland County, Alberta
To be continued, if necessary, on: September 4, 2025 September 5, 2025	Time: 9:00 am	Location: Parkland County Council Chambers 53109A Hwy 779, Parkland County, Alberta
Bylaw 2025-22 Amendment to Bylaw 2016-12 Highvale End Land Use Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2025-23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2025-12 – New Direct Control District Keephills including section 5.8 regulations Bylaw 2025-24 Amendment to include lands into the New Direct Control District Keephills - Keephills Bylaw 2025-25 Amendment to include lands into New Direct Control District Keephills – Sundance Bylaw 2025-26 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2025-12 Keephills Direct Control District		

Purpose of the proposed Bylaws

Parkland County Council will consider applications to amend the Highvale End Land Use Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 2016-12) and the County's Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw 2025-12). The purpose of the amendments is to allow Data Processing Facility uses in proximity to the existing Sundance and Keephills Power Generating Stations.

Hearing Procedure

This is a formal Public Hearing and Council is prepared to hear and receive formal submissions and presentations (verbal or written) from those who wish to speak to the proposed Bylaws. Written submissions or presentations may be submitted in advance to Legislative Services by **12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2025**, or submitted at the commencement of the **Public Hearing on September 3 with continuation, if necessary, on September 4, and 5, 2025**.

Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation to Council must notify governanceagendas@parklandcounty.com in advance of the Public Hearing by **12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2025**. Verbal presentations at the Public Hearing will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation who has not made prior arrangements may be allocated a time at the commencement of the Public Hearing. Council advises that this is your last opportunity to comment on the proposed Bylaws as Council is unable to receive further submissions after the Public Hearing is closed.

Copies of the proposed Bylaws

Copies of the proposed Bylaws are available free of charge by email or by visiting Parkland County Centre during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday). If you have any questions related to this Bylaw, please contact Planning & Development Services at buildingparkland@parklandcounty.com.

The personal information you provide will be used for the purpose of the items described above and is collected under the authority of Section 4 (c) of the Alberta Protection of Privacy Act (POPA). If you have any questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of this information, please contact the Legal Services Coordinator at Parkland County, 53109A HWY 779, Parkland County, Alberta, T7Z 1R1 (780-968-3229) or ATI@parklandcounty.com.

SEE THE FARMS, TASTE THE FLAVOURS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Support Alberta food producers during Local Food Week and participate in Open Farm Days activities.

Albertans can enjoy rural life throughout the province this August as farms, ranches and agri-tourism operators bring people together to participate in educational, agricultural-based initiatives and learn where their food comes from. Alberta is known around the world for producing premium-quality, great-tasting food with the highest standards of

food safety, animal care, biosecurity and environmental stewardship.

Open Farm Days is the perfect time to showcase the hard-working farmers, ranchers and processors that produce food for Albertans, Canadians and the world. Whether you're picking fresh fruits and vegetables at a u-pick farm, buying locally grown products, or taking part in activities to learn about where our food comes from, there are many ways to support local producers and processors throughout the week and beyond.

"This week, Albertans can help celebrate

the farmers and entrepreneurs that put safe, high-quality food on our plates. Open Farm Days' theme this year is Water, The Lifeblood of Every Farm, recognizing the essential role water and irrigation have in our agriculture sector and for the entire province."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister Agriculture and Irrigation

Agri-tourism continues to grow in popularity, with many travellers seeking authentic experiences like farm-to-table dining, culinary adventures and farm stays. This steady flow of visitors supports local economies by driving business to local shops, restaurants and nearby attractions. For many years, Alberta's government has provided annual funding to the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies to support Alberta Open Farm Days. This helps advance agri-tourism and food and culinary tourism across the province.

"Alberta's rural and agri-tourism sectors play a vital role in the continued growth of our economy. Initiatives like Open Farm Days showcase Alberta's rich agricultural heritage and invite visitors to discover the unique experiences, innovative farms and local business that lie outside the province's top tourist destinations."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

During Open Farm Days on Aug. 16 and 17, host farms will open their gates to tours, and participants can buy Alberta-grown and produced products. Many hosts also organize culinary experiences featuring some of the finest chefs in rural Alberta. These farm-to-table experiences are a unique way to enjoy fresh, homegrown dishes while supporting the livelihoods of local ag operators.

"A lot of locally grown ingredients really resonate with Albertans and Canadians. Our wheat and Alberta beef are known around the world, helping to highlight Canadian cuisine. I love working with local producers who skilfully cultivate what the land can offer us."

Blair Lebsack, chef and co-owner, RGE RD and The Butchery

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Online auction starts Monday, September 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Online auction will start soft closing on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 12 noon

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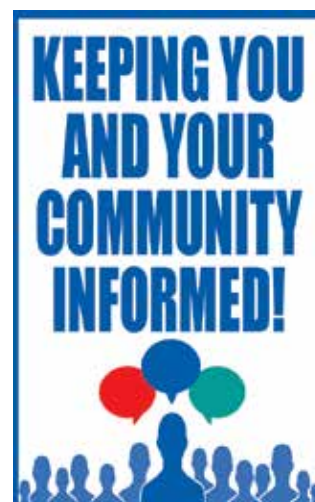
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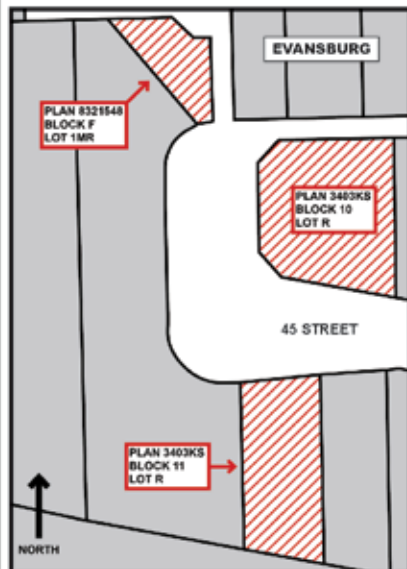


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Bylaw 04.25

Pursuant to Sections 606 and 674 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c M-26, and amendments thereto:

Notice is hereby given that the Public Hearing will begin at 9:30AM on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1 Avenue, Edson, AB.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to proposed Bylaw 04.25, being a Bylaw to remove the Municipal Reserve designation on parcels in the Hamlet of Evansburg legally known as Plan 8321548 Block F Lot 1MR, Plan 3403KS Block 10 Lot R, and Plan 3403KS Block 11 Lot R.



Submissions can be emailed to planninginfo@yhcounty.ca or dropped off at the Yellowhead County Administration Building. The deadline for submissions to be included in the published agenda is **12:00PM on Thursday, August 28, 2025**. Submissions received after this date but will not be included in the published agenda but will still be presented to Council during the Public Hearing by Administration.

All written submissions become public information upon receipt by Yellowhead County Council.

Copies of Bylaw 04.25 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1 Avenue, Edson, AB. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Planning Department at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

Clubroot has been detected
in Yellowhead County.

Clubroot Scouting August 25th – September 26th

PREVENT THE SPREAD!

Yellowhead County Pest Inspectors will be scouting for Clubroot in canola fields and other Brassicaceae fields in the county.

If you have any questions please contact Agricultural Services at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935.

Prevention Tips?

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Senior Benefits Workshop



Come out and learn about the provincial and federal benefits that are available for seniors and how to access them!

Info about:
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September 3: Robb Multiplex 10 AM
September 4: Marlboro Community Hall 10 AM
September 9: Peers Multiplex 1:30 PM
September 17: Wildwood Community Hall 10 AM
September 23: Tipple Park Museum in Evansburg 10 AM
September 23: Entwistle Seniors Centre 1:30 PM

The Special Needs Assistance for Seniors will be discussed as well as the income thresholds.

Snacks and refreshments available!

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EARTH-FRIENDLY TIPS FOR AUTUMN

Autumn is upon us, and with the change of seasons comes the fall to-do list that must be completed before the arrival of winter weather. Many outdoor jobs are best completed before temperatures drop, while others can be tackled indoors to help save energy and prepare for increased time spent inside the home.

Outdoor cleanup

Autumn means leaves are falling from trees and littering landscapes. Cleaning up leaves can be a time-consuming task, but it's necessary to promote the health of lawns and other plants. Grass that is completely matted down with leaves can become starved for light and moisture, and lawns may even rot when forced to spend winter beneath fallen leaves.

One eco-friendly timesaver is to shred leaves with a mower (a manual mower is preferable) and leave them as topdressing for the lawn. As long as the grass blades can be seen within the leaves, the lawn should be fine. Shredded leaves will decompose and add necessary nutrients and organic matter to the soil naturally.

Leaves also can be used in annual flower and vegetable gardens to improve the soil. Mulch made from shredded leaves can be placed on the soil around trees and

shrubs. This helps to reduce weed problems and protects root systems from harsh temperature fluctuations.

Clothing donations

It's time to pack away summer clothing and

once again fill closets and drawers with sweaters and jeans. Before packing away your summer wardrobe, conduct an inventory to

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determine if there are any items you no longer use. Donate these items or use them as rags when cleaning.

Keep some short-sleeved shirts accessible so you can layer them under sweatshirts and sweaters. The heat from layering will be trapped against your body and keep you cozier, reducing your reliance on HVAC systems to stay warm.

Home repairs

Check the roof for any missing shingles. In addition, look for spots where animals or insects may be able to gain entry into your home. Seal these areas and repair any leaks. This will make your home more efficient later on when winter hits its stride.

Remove window air conditioners for the winter. If they can't be removed, seal them with caulking or tape and cover them with an airtight, insulated jack-

et. If you have forced-air systems, move furniture away from the vents so that air can flow better around the home and keep it comfortable.

Check weatherstripping around windows and doors and make the necessary adjustments. Installing additional insulation also can help reduce energy consumption.

A few tips can help homeowners prepare for autumn in eco-friendly ways.

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HOW TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN WINTER

Plants can improve indoor air quality by helping to remove harmful irritants from the air.

Homes tend to be stuffier in autumn and winter. As temperatures outside dip, windows are closed and air quality inside homes can suffer.

Poor indoor air quality can not only be uncomfortable, causing residents to experience headaches, dry eyes and nasal congestion, but also can be unhealthy. According to the American Lung Association, poor indoor air quality can cause or contribute to the devel-

opment of infections, lung cancer and chronic lung diseases, such as asthma.

Though it's not feasible or healthy to open windows when temperatures outside dip to near or below freezing, there are steps everyone can take to improve the indoor air quality in their homes.

Add to your décor with plants. Plants provide both aesthetic and practical appeal to a home's interior. Houseplants can clean and purify the air in a home, helping to remove formaldehyde, benzene and other toxins that can make indoor

air unhealthy to breathe. Benzene is an irritant that can cause dizziness, headache, nausea, and blurred vision, among other side effects. Formaldehyde, which is often found in homes thanks to its widespread use in a range of products, can cause watery eyes, nausea and wheezing.

Watch what you are lighting up. Many homeowners know that smoking indoors drastically reduces indoor air quality, putting even nonsmokers at heightened risk of developing various respiratory ailments. Homeowners con-

cerned about the indoor air quality in their homes should ban smoking inside, no matter how low temperatures dip outside. In addition, homeowners with wood-burning stoves and fireplaces should be especially diligent maintaining these features, as they can release harmful soot and smoke if they are not taken care of. Some people may also be allergic to incense and scented candles, so keep a watchful eye on residents and guests whenever you light candles or sticks of incense.

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If any symptoms of allergies appear, avoid lighting any more candles or incense, waiting until you can open the windows if you want to light any again.

- Purchase an air purifier. Air purifiers are beneficial year-round, helping to remove allergens and particles from a home. High-efficiency particulate air filters, known as HEPA filters, are extremely effective at removing airborne particulates from the air inside your home.

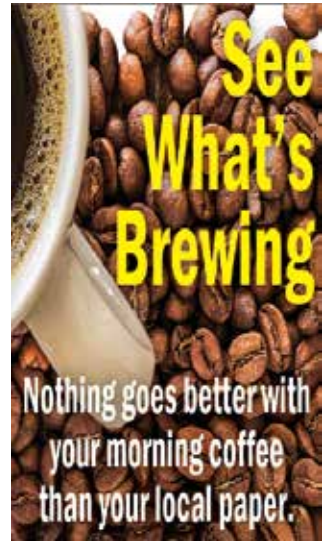
- Pay attention to pets.

Like their owners, pets tend to spend more time indoors during the winter. That means more fur and pet dander, the skin flakes in an animal's fur or hair that can trigger allergic reactions, is likely in your home during the winter than in the summer. To combat this, bathe your pets regularly in the winter, making sure to wash the animal's bedding in hot water on a weekly basis as well.

- Open the windows when possible. Winter does not typically provide many opportunities to open the windows, but you might

get a few chances to let some fresh air in through the windows during winter. Make the most of these opportunities, and when possible crack the windows when you're cleaning so dust and other particles that kick up have a path outside of your home.

Clean interior air should be a year-round priority, but homeowners may have to go the extra mile to keep their homes' interior air clean when winter arrives.



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Let's Keep the Kids Safe this School Year with These Easy Tips

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and walk with your child beforehand.
- Ask your children to walk home in pairs or with friends
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers.
- Make sure your child knows their phone number and address as well as how to call 911.

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ALBERTA LEADS WITH HEALTH CARE AIDE REGULATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta will become the first province to regulate health care aides under a health professional regulatory college, ensuring patients get high-quality care from qualified professionals.

Alberta's 40,000 health care aides play a vital role in the health system, providing hands-on support to Albertans who need a high level of care, including seniors and those with chronic or acute illnesses. Starting Feb. 2, 2026, health care aides in Alberta will be regulated under a professional college – just like many other front-line health professionals.

To practise and use the health care aide title, individuals will need to meet approved education requirements, follow standards of practice, commit to

ongoing learning and abide by a professional code of ethics.

"This is a major step forward in strengthening Alberta's health care system. It gives Albertans confidence that the care they receive is safe and that health care aides have the proper training and oversight."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta will become the College of Licensed Practical Nurses and Health Care Aides of Alberta and will be responsible for registering health care aides, setting practice and conduct standards, ensuring continued professional development and responding to complaints. This work builds on the college's experience regulating licensed practical nurses in Alberta.

"The College of Licensed

Practical Nurses of Alberta is ready to take on the work of regulating health care aides in a manner that protects the public. We are leveraging our experience as a trusted regulator of licensed practical nurses to prepare health care aides and our partners for this transition. The CLPNA is confident that the interests of Albertans will be served through our oversight of registration, practice, conduct and continuing competence."

Kurtis Kooiker, president, College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta

Health care aides who meet the requirements are eligible for enrolment in the Alberta Health Care Aide Directory. Those enrolled in the directory immediately before regulation comes into force will be transferred to a health care aide register with the college and

issued a practice permit.

As of Feb. 2, 2026, individuals who meet the requirements for registration as a health care aide, who intend to provide health care aide services to the public, and who want to use the health care aide title must apply for registration with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses and Health Care Aides of Alberta. Going forward, only registered health care aides will be allowed to use the health care aide title, and all registered health care aides will be required to renew their practice permits annually.

In the weeks ahead, regulatory changes to support implementation will be finalized. The college will also continue working with health care aides, employers, post-secondary institutions and other partners to support a smooth transition.

SUPPORTING FIRST NATIONS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is awarding \$4.2 million to improve learning and mental health supports for First Nations students.

Supporting mental health is a key priority for Alberta's government. To help ensure that First Nations students have the supports they need, and to help meet the diverse learning and mental health needs of K to 12 students in on-reserve schools, Alberta's government is providing 27 First Nations with up to \$4.6 million for the 2025-26 school year.

"Strong mental health and learning supports are crucial to helping students build resilience and succeed in school. We're proud to work with First

Nations education partners and communities to support the success and well-being of First Nations students. This grant will empower communities to deliver the learning and mental health supports that are right for their students."

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education and Childcare

First Nations with at least one on-reserve school were invited to apply for the Specialized Learning and Mental Health Supports for First Nations Grant in May. Recipients will receive funding for the upcoming school year and will have the flexibility to use the dollars in a way that best supports their students.

"This grant will give students on First Nations another tool in their toolbox to set them up for success. Building mental

wellness in youth not only improves academic outcomes but lays a foundation for a lifetime of positive mental health practices."

Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"This grant supports programming at Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority that improves the student experience and contributes to greater student engagement and outcomes. This funding enables us to provide programs such as equine assisted learning, occupational therapy, and mental health and family liaison supports that increase family engagement in education and student attendance."

Daphne Mai'Stoina, superintendent, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Au-

thority

Additionally, through Budget 2025, Alberta's government is providing public school boards with almost \$94 million in the 2025-26 school year to support self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

"This funding ensures that resources are going where they're needed most – into the hands of communities who know their students best. By supporting specialized learning and mental health initiatives, we're helping First Nations students thrive in school and beyond. These grants reflect our commitment to building brighter futures for Indigenous youth across Alberta."

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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!

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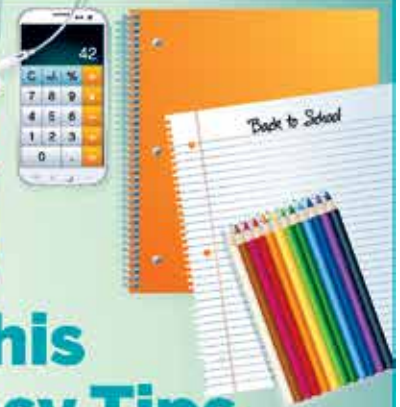
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Welcome Back to School!



Let's Keep the Kids Safe this School Year with These Easy Tips

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and walk with your child beforehand.
- Ask your children to walk home in pairs or with friends
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers.
- Make sure your child knows their phone number & address as well as how to call 911.

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