

GOOD FOOD BOX

Fresh Produce at a fraction of the Cost!

The Good Food Box program was established to encourage healthy eating while making it affordable for individuals and families alike. The program has been in our area since the fall of 2014 and offers fresh fruits and vegetables to its clients.

The program is available to anyone who is interested in taking part; no restrictions to numbers of boxes purchased or eligibility of participants.



Boxes can be purchased in three different sizes:

SMALL which offers 25-30 pounds of food= \$27 MEDIUM which offers 35-40 pounds of food= \$32 LARGE which offers 45-50 pounds of food= \$37

*There is a \$2 handling/shipping fee which is also added to the initial cost.

Each box contains the basic produce staples: potatoes, carrots, onions, apples and oranges with additional seasonal fruits and vegetables rounding out the weight.

The program is made possible because the Community Kitchens Program of Calgary (with whom we partner) bypasses the retailers and goes directly to importers and produce handlers in the province.



Participants pre-order, pay and pick up their boxes at Wheatland FCSS, Wheatland Administrative Office at the corner of Range Road 243 and Highway 1.

Upcoming 2021 order and delivery dates:

Order before 3 p.m. on: Pickup your box on:

July 13

September 21

October 19

November 23

July 23

October 1

October 29

December 3

Christmas Break

Note: payment must be received two days prior to delivery date.





For additional information or to order your box, please call Wheatland FCSS at 403-934-5335 or visit www.wfcss.org



Wheatland County updates corporate identity with a new logo and creates a corporate badge

Many aspects of proactive change continue to happen within Wheatland County municipal operations. Over the past few years and through the pandemic phases, Wheatland County has strategized and implemented positive changes to promote investment attraction, corporate team development, increased optimization and service standards as well as a shared vision and mission throughout the organization.

The newest highlight of this evolving process is an update to the organization's visual identity to create a new corporate logo. Through internal feedback, Wheatland County identified that the existing logo has symbolized the organization and how it has got to this point. History and a sense of place is a mainstay of the logo, so it was decided instead of retiring the logo, it would be re-purposed into a corporate seal for the official use of Council and the municipality. The new logo being unveiled today would be for the day-to-day use to promote the County and add to Wheatland County's story to continue to strive in its goals.

The logo is a large piece of work to be completed within The Next Level project. Council has approved to update entrance signage, facility and community visual cohesion within Wheatland County to showcase a sense of place and pride. "We are thrilled to launch the new corporate identity for Wheatland County. This is more than just a new logo, this change signifies our forward focus, aligns with our strategic plan, and symbolizes our new Mission Statement: Where innovation meets tradition" states Reeve Amber Link. "The iconic wheat element will be instantly recognized as Wheatland County and will contribute to our efforts to attract investment and facilitate diversification of our economy and tax base."

The logo will be introduced into the rest of the visual elements utilized by Wheatland County over time and

as equipment and materials get upgraded or changed out. "The entire corporate identity update process occurred internally through staff and Council efforts," says Matt Boscariol, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. "In the same way we created the WC brand internally, we were mindful of budget and knew we had the resources internally to take on this project and with an impressive outcome."

Reeve Amber Link summarizes, "Change often brings questions of, 'Why?' We wanted to update the visual representation of Wheatland County and modernize our marketing elements - to highlight the innovation that makes Wheatland County what we are. We are balancing this with preserving tradition. Our previous logo will continue to be used in our Peace Officer and Fire Services badges, as well as our corporate seal and coat of arms for more formal use and will always be a part of Wheatland County and our history.

"Council would like to thank Team Wheatland for making this happen. This project was done efficiently and was completed entirely in house. We have some incredibly talented team members, from drafting and revising designs, to considering all the ways the logo will be used in the future," Link concludes.

The Next Level project continues to be on target to continue to roll out its project elements. Conceptual work on welcome signage design is well underway and it is the goal to build and install new welcome signage at the entrances of Wheatland County along the Trans Canada Highway in 2021. These signs will showcase the new Wheatland County logo and its colours.



You will still continue to see the old logo, which has been repurposed as a corporate seal for official documentation and other Council activities.



Are you feeling lonely and would like someone to Keep In Touch?

For many of us, a call from a friend once or twice a week makes a big difference in how we feel. Knowing that someone cares and is there to share stories and laugh with is comforting and meaningful in so many ways.

The Keep In Touch program connects you with a friendly person to chat with in the community. If you would like to receive a call and share your stories, wisdom and interests visit our website or call us for more information.

Wheatland FCSS	Strathmore FCSS
Ph: 403-934-5335	Ph: 403-934-9090
www.wfcss.org	www.strathmore.ca

Volunteers Needed

Also, if you or someone you know has a few hours a week to bring joy to someone's life as a volunteer in the program, please have them reach out to us.





Home Safety & INSPECTIONS



Did you know?

Buildings over 100 square feet require building permits.

Code Clause 1.1.1.1.(5) (f)

This Code applies to an accessory building not greater than 10 m2 in building area that does not create a hazard.



Does my building Permit include all the permits needed for my project?

No. Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Gas and Private Sewage permits must be applied for individually. They are separate fees and individual inspections and also have varying inspection stages.

You will need to apply for each required permit separately. Permit applications can be found on our website.



Fires from cooking are a common occurrence.

To allow time to extinguish a fire, there are minimum clearances required from combustible materials.

- This includes a minimum standard for residential stoves.
- For installation of a large or commercial type range, check the manufacturers clearances.



Weather is getting warmer

Time to Build that Deck!

Decks built 2 ft off the ground or more require a building permit.

Before starting your deck, ensure that your application and plans have been submitted and approved. Confirm with your the County if a Development Permit is required.



Plumbing Rough-in

Do your permit conditions require a rough in plumbing inspection? What does that look like?

The rough-in means that all water supply and drain pipes have been run through bored holes in the studs and other framing members and that all pipe connections have been made. No sinks, faucets, or other fixtures and end elements are yet installed at this phase



What is a rough-in electrical inspection?

A rough-in inspection takes place when all branch circuit wiring and outlet boxes are installed and prior to any wiring being concealed by insulation, vapour barrier or drywall ect.

When do you need a rough-in inspection?

Check your permit under the heading "conditions" to see what inspection stages are required for your project

If you have any additional questions please contact our office at PH: 403-329-3747 or 1-800-621-5440 or by email contact@parkinspections.com

or visit parkinspections.com



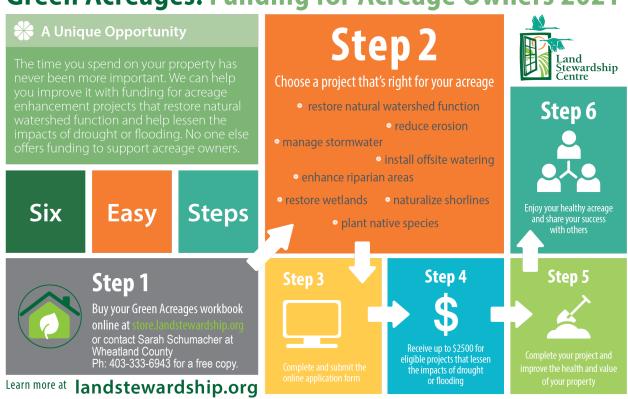
2021 Election Nominations

Nomination period closes: September 20th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Nominations for Councillors will be accepted by the Returning Officer until 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20th, 2021. Prospective candidates filing their nominations must schedule an appointment with the Returning Officer.

Further information on nomination requirements are available at: wheatlandcounty.ca/municipal-election

Green Acreages: Funding for Acreage Owners 2021





Bursary Program

The Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) invites students furthering their studies in an agriculture or environmental science related field to apply for local financial assistance.



The ASB will provide up to \$6000 in bursaries annually with a minimum award of \$500 and a maximum award of \$1500 depending upon the number of applicants that meet the criteria.

Bursaries are available to students who reside within the boundaries of Wheatland County including recent graduates (within 3 years). Funding is not available to persons qualifying for or participating in job training assistance grants or previous bursary recipients.



Application packages are available from the Wheatland County Administration Office or on the Wheatland County website **www.wheatlandcounty.ca**





For more Information

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Wheatland County WEEDUCATION Japanese KNOTWEED

Fallopia japonica

Alberta Weed Act Designation:

Prohibited Noxious

Life Cycle: Creeping perennial

Japanese Knotweed is a member of the Polygonaceae (Buckwheat/ Smartweed) family and was introduced from Asia as an ornamental landscape hedge. Similar species include Hybrid Knotweed and Giant Knotweed.

This weed is increasingly found in Alberta and a concern because it can outcompete native vegetation. It is fast spreading due to its aggressive creeping roots, root growth can actually damage building foundations. It can produce up to 200,000 seeds per plant.

Early detection and a rapid response is the most effective means of preventing establishment, use of herbicide control can be effective. 1. Leaf

The leaves are alternate, stalked, ovate with a flat base, reaching 7-15cm long by 5-12 cm wide, and they have pointed tips. The leaves arranged in zig zag pattern along the stem.

2. Mature Plant

The roots of Japanese Knotweed are creeping, lateral roots grow up to 10m, and 3m vertically and can reproduce from a single piece of root. Plants can grow up to 1 to 3 m tall.

3. Stem

The stems are hollow, smooth, weakly woody, jointed, swollen at nodes, the point where the branch attaches to stem is surrounded by membranous sheath.

4. Flower

Small, creamy white to greenish white, grow in showy plume-like branched clusters from leaf axis near the ends of the stems. The Japanese knotweed flower head is larger than that of giant knotweed.







Contact George Bloom, Agricultural Services Officer for information about invasive species management in Wheatland County at Ph: 403-934-4949 or George.Bloom@wheatlandcounty.ca



Wheatland ALUS is pleased to have been selected as one of the ALUS communities to benefit from **Grazing Forward**, a three-year partnership between ALUS, A&W Canada and Cargill, an extension of ALUS' New Acre™ Project.

As part of the national funding we receive from ALUS, this corporate sponsorship will help ranchers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to establish enhanced grazing practices on their land to improve water quality, wildlife habitat and climate resilience.

Together, A&W Canada and Cargill will provide \$1.8M CAD (\$1.5M USD) in support of ALUS and its New Acre Project to create even more positive impact across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba by empowering ranchers and farmers to use their knowledge, energy and skills to enhance grazed land management practices that improve water quality, wildlife habitat and climate resilience. ALUS allocated these new funds to 20 ALUS communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

As an initial step, this project will reach more than 6,000 acres and will focus on understanding and supporting the unique needs of ranchers in the local community.

The project is expected to sequester up to 12,578 MT greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to more than 51 million kilometres driven by the average passenger vehicle.

Desired outcomes from increasing enhanced grazing practices include:

- Increased carbon sequestration
- Improved soil water-holding capacity
- Increased biodiversity
- Increased vegetation growth
- Reduced weed pressure
- Improved soil quality
- Improved water quality
- Increased nutrient cycling

ALUS is a national not - for - profit program which helps farmers and ranchers to produce cleaner air, cleaner water, more biodiversity and other ecosystem services in their communities by improving marginal farm land.

Supporters of the 2021 Wheatland ALUS program include; Wheatland County, ALUS Canada, the Calgary Foundation, the Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (DFO), Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Grazing Forward Corporate Consortium and an anonymous donor.



For more information

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wheatlandcounty.ca

2021 ROADSIDE MOWING & WEED SPRAYING

County staff will begin mowing vegetation and spot spraying weeds of all municipal roadsides in mid June. Weeds will be sprayed with Clearview herbicide - PCP #29752. The following schedule gives you an approximate time of when the mower/sprayers will be in your area.

NORTH WEST ROTATION

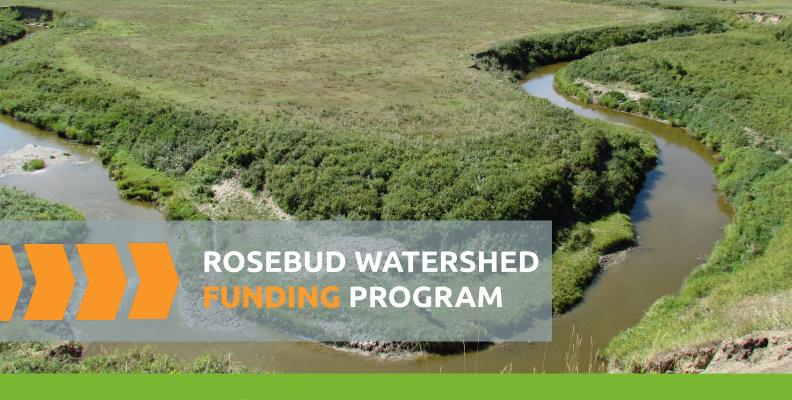
Grader Division (GD)	Start Date	Completion Date
GD 5	Mid June	Late June
GD 4	Early July	Mid July
GD1	Mid July	Late July
GD2	Early August	Mid August

EAST ROTATION

Grader Division (GD)	Start Date	Completion Date
GD 3	Mid June	Late June
GD 10	Early July	Mid July
GD 6	Mid July	Early August

SOUTH ROTATION

Grader Division (GD)	Start Date	Completion Date
GD 8	Mid June	Late June
GD 7	Early July	Mid July
GD 9	Mid July	Early August



100% Funding for Livestock Producers for off-site watering systems and streambank fencing

Ranchers play an important role in protecting riparian streambanks and improving water quality in the Rosebud Watershed. These projects also benefit livestock health and flood and drought resiliency on a farm.

The Rocky View County and Wheatland County agricultural departments and the Western Irrigation District are excited to work with producers in our region over the next few years on streambank projects.

Applicants to this program may also be eligible for ALUS funding which pays landowners annual per acre payments for conservation projects.

Program Contacts

Wheatland County

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Rocky View County

Matthew Chilakos PH: 403-478-8277 MChilakos@rockyview.ca

Western Irrigation District

Brian Sanders PH:403 934-3542 ext.239 Email: bsander@wid.net





Oiling

Order Deadline: July 9, 2021

Prices:

County roads new application \$19.69/meter (\$6.00/linear foot) plus GST

County roads redo

\$9.85/meter (\$3.00/linear foot) plus GST

* Redo rates apply if dust control has been done in the previous 10 years on the same site and at the County's discretion.

Gravel Secondary Highways new application \$22.97/meter (\$7.00/linear foot) plus GST

Gravel Secondary Highways redo \$19.69/meter (\$6.00/linear foot) plus GST

* Redo rates apply only if dust control has been done in the previous 10 years on the same site and at the County's discretion.

Payment must be received with completed application(s).

- Dust Control will only proceed if there is sufficient interest.
- Minimum order 122 meters (400 ft.)
- Prices reflect "no-charge" for county staff or equipment.
- Information and applications are available at the County office Ph: 403-934-3321 or on our website www.wheatlandcounty.ca

* Oiling will begin in late July

2021 Patching

You are no longer required to fill out an application and pay to have patching done. Patching potholes will be determined by the Surface Foreman and will be done throughout the year as required.

What you need if you are working in Wheatland County's road allowances?

Access and Work Agreement

The Access and Work Agreement is a prerequisite of Wheatland County for any individual, contractor or organization performing work in our road right of ways. The agreement grants permission from the County and it provides guidelines to follow when performing their work. This agreement is required with the appropriate liability insurance and the County named as an additional insured to protect the County from any claims that may arise by allowing the outside contractor to operate within our ROW's.

Hauling heavy loads and or continuous traffic

Road Use

This Agreement will cover all requests that pertain to construction, intensive truck haul and oil field activity. Wheatland County will be notified with a description of proposed work including number of vehicles, type and intensity of vehicles and equipment used, a map with route being travelled, time frame, and location prior to work commencing.

Approvals will be issued by Wheatland County staff, all further requests throughout the current year will be reviewed and if approved, added to the current Road Use Agreement. This agreement is required with the appropriate liability insurance with the County named as an additional insured; you will also be required to provide a cash receipt or a Letter of Credit (minimum amount of \$5000.00).

2021 Gravel Sale Dates

Christensen Pit (Carseland) 9am-3pm, July 7th and 8th, 2021

Chiziks Pit (Dalum area)
9am-3pm, September 1st and 2nd 2021

* Please purchase gravel sales tickets at the main Administration Building prior to these dates.





The Wheatland County Agriculture & Environment Department staff developed a sub-logo that honors County branding and will be used for department-specific outreach activities. This branding has a greater connection with the themes of agriculture and environment in the municipality!

The Alberta Community Bat Program

is looking for help from farmers and ranchers to complete a survey. They're interested in gathering intel on bats on farms, but also social attitudes towards bats. Participants will be entered to win a very cool Echometer Touch unit to help identify bats by sound.

https://forms.gle/dpE1JSYHoLw8ad139

Producer input needed for developing the next Agricultural Policy Framework.

Your input in the survey will help to inform and reflect the needs of Albertans during the federal - provincial negotiations of the next Agricultural Policy Framework and will contribute to the development of the vision and priorities. This framework includes funding programs for producers and other agricultural programs.

https://your.alberta.ca/canadianagricultural-partnerships-in-alberta/survey_ tools/next-policy-framework-survey



Late June and early July is usually when plants have really settled into their growing groove. The temperatures are warmer (even hot, at times) and the weather is usually more unsettled. The growing and developing plants need a lot more moisture as they get bigger, and the hot, dry weather sucks more moisture from the soil and the plants. Unfortunately, this is also when the weeds really hit their stride, partly because they got a head start in growing earlier in the season, and also because they are quick to reproduce.

Staying ahead of the weeds is critical. When it comes to controlling weeds, there isn't one single way to beat them. The best way to control weeds is to chip away at the entire weed cycle. The principle is called "many small hammers". The idea is that instead of using some single, big control measure on weeds, you need to chip away at them from a whole bunch of different angles and a variety of strategies.

A big part of this strategy for dealing with annual, seed-setting weeds is to gradually work to reduce the weed seed bank, or the weed seeds that are within the soil. The first part is to prevent the weeds from setting seeds and putting more seeds into the bank. This is referred to as "seed rain". Since you don't always know which weeds are going to set seeds, or when they are going to set seeds, it is usually a good idea to remove the

weeds entirely from the site, as much as possible. Early weed control is always the best strategy.

The next line of defense (and attack) occurs on the soil surface. Predation is where seeds are eaten and destroyed by things like birds and insects. This is mostly out of our control, other than by providing an environment that is friendly to those sorts of creatures, and by not discouraging them from doing their thing.

Just below the surface of the soil, there are a number of weed seeds. If you work the soil shallowly, the shallow weed seeds are encouraged to germinate, hopefully all at once. This allows these new, tender seedlings to be quickly and easily controlled, while avoiding bringing the deeper seeds to the surface.

As mentioned, deeper in the soil, there are many other weed seeds. In theory, the further a seed is from the soil surface, the less likely it is to germinate, reach the



surface, and produce a viable plant. Weed seeds also have a limited lifespan, although the length varies. Theoretically, the longer a seed is in the soil, the higher chance it has to break down, rot, and decay, and therefore not germinate. By limiting the amount of deep disturbance, you can potentially keep from bringing deeper seeds within range of the surface. Alternatively, occasionally working the soil deeply can bury some seeds away from the surface.

Of course, controlling any weeds that grow is important. Controlling any weed when they are younger, smaller, and more tender, before they are firmly established, is best. How best to control weeds can depend on the weed species. An annual weed can be pulled or killed by hoeing, but some weeds actually multiply when you cut them up, or if you leave pieces of them behind. Perennial weeds need to be attacked early and then regularly so that they are weakened before they can get bigger and stronger. Perennial weeds tend to have a lot more to them than what you can see above ground, so you want to make sure you remove any aboveground and below ground parts as best as you can. Stubborn patches of perennial weeds like quack grass and Canada thistle may be carefully treated with a non-selective herbicide, provided there are no other plants of value around them, or those can be protected.

Generally, herbicide use around gardens should be limited, as some vegetables are often quite sensitive to the gases that can accompany a lot of the broad leaf weed controls used in lawns. You should also be careful about adding things to the garden in season (like composted manures), since you can't always know what is in them and they can introduce issues that will last for some time. Keep track of when activities are carried out in case there are issues later that need to be identified or linked. It is also important to carefully consider the long-term effects of anything that you apply to the soil and plants. Seemingly "safe" products or mixes can take things in a different direction if you are not careful. Growing different types of plants lets you mix things up. Crops vary in terms of how competitive they are, or how they grow compared to other crops.

This opens up your weed control options. For example, potatoes are hilled one or two times in the early season, which controls lots of the early weeds, but then they grow quickly and close up the gaps pretty tightly, crowding and shading out weeds. Other crops grow differently, so you can work between the rows more easily. Alternating between different types of plants gives you options.

As mentioned, some of the hammers you control; others you don't. However, they all help.



Have a question about a tree or horticulture related problem? Let us help.

Wheatland County's Agriculture and Environment department has access to contracted professionals to help with your issue. If possible please send an email with photographs and a detailed description of the problem to

agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca or call Ph: 403-361-2006.

