



WHEATLAND
COUNTY

CONNECTOR

June 2024

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= **\$32**

MEDIUM which offers 35-40 pounds of food= **\$37**

LARGE which offers 45-50 pounds of food= **\$42**

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.

Wheatland FCSS in partnership with Calgary Foundation is now offering subsidy for Good Food Boxes to low-income residents of Wheatland County. A one time application completion and proof of income is required. If eligible, you will be qualified for one Good Food Box per month until Dec 2024.

For additional information, to apply for subsidy, or to order your box, contact WFCSS at: 403-934-5335, info@wfcss.org, or www.wfcss.org

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.

2024 order and delivery dates:

Order before 12:00 PM on:

Pickup between 2- 4PM on:

Summer Break

August 13	August 23
September 10	September 20
October 1	October 11
October 29	November 8
November 26	December 6

Orders can be placed by calling or emailing WFCSS or online at <https://www.wfcss.org/good-food-box.html>



Payment options: cash or cheque upon pick up, visa, mastercard, or e-transfer to info@wfcss.org

Note: e-transfer must be received two days prior to delivery date.



Wheatland

MEALS ON WHEELS

Frozen Program

Wheatland FCSS has partnered with Calgary Meals on Wheels Frozen Program to provide Wheatland County residents with nutritious and affordable meals. The program is available to anyone in Wheatland County regardless of age, finances or status.

All items are prepared by a Blue Ribbon chef in the most up-to-date facility for safe food production. Recipes are reviewed by a registered dietitian prior to production to ensure meals are balanced and meet dietary standards.

Frozen meal orders are placed bi-weekly. The following week orders are retrieved, sorted, and stored at our office until delivery or pick up arrangements have been made.

The menu is extensive and offers a variety of entrees, soups, and baked goods for individuals and families. Renal and gluten-free options are also available and we would be glad to give further information should you be interested. E-transfer payments are accepted.

Cost varies by product. Payment is by cheque or cash and is due on pick-up/delivery day.

Meals On Wheels is available for low-income residents in Rockyford, Hussar, Standard, and Wheatland County. Contact WFCSS for more information.

*Please note that group sized options are exempt from the subsidy program. A one time application completion and proof of income is required.

For more information or to place an order, visit <https://www.wfcss.org/meals-on-wheels.html> or contact Wheatland FCSS at 403-934-5335. Order forms can be found online.

Our menu often changes, please view our website for the most up to date order form, or stop by our office.

www.wfcss.org

Order/Pick up Schedule 2024

ORDER

APRIL 29
 MAY 13
 MAY 27
 JUNE 10
 JUNE 24
 JULY 8
 JULY 22
AUGUST 2
 AUGUST 19
AUGUST 30
 SEPTEMBER 16
 SEPTEMBER 30
OCTOBER 11
 OCTOBER 28
NOVEMBER 8
 NOVEMBER 25

PICK UP

MAY 7
 MAY 21
 JUNE 4
 JUNE 18
 JULY 2
 JULY 16
 JULY 30
 AUGUST 13
 AUGUST 27
 SEPTEMBER 10
 SEPTEMBER 24
 OCTOBER 8
 OCTOBER 22
 NOVEMBER 5
 NOVEMBER 19
 DECEMBER 3

*Please note that any dates highlighted are alternate order days due to statutory holidays. Please have your order in by 3PM.



Backyard
Projects:

When do I need a permit?

As we enjoy longer days and spring weather, we get ready to take on some backyard projects at home or at our seasonal campsites. Often, this includes things like decks, deck covers, and gazebos. Do these types of projects need permits? Sometimes!

Please note the following items are general guidelines and are not intended to be comprehensive requirements to cover all scenarios. Additional or different requirements may apply, depending on the specifics of your project.

In Alberta, we are governed by the legislative requirements found within the Safety Codes Act and Permit Regulation. The Permit Regulation requires a building permit when construction is over \$5,000 in prevailing market value, or when matters affecting health or safety are at risk. An example of an item affecting safety includes decks that are over 2 feet off the ground. If your deck is 2 feet off the ground or more, a building permit is required regardless of the project value. If your deck is ground level– you do not require a building permit.

It is important to consider future plans and potential upgrades when constructing a deck. If a deck is less than 592 sq ft, it is permitted to have a surface foundation such as deck blocks. If you want to add a cover, however, deck blocks would no longer be acceptable, and the foundation may need to be upgraded. Similarly, if you are placing items such as a hot tub on your deck, additional requirements will apply.





If you are constructing a free-standing covered deck, the roof and structural elements that support the roof are required to be designed by an engineer. Prescriptive roof construction in the building code assumes that the roof is braced on one side by attachment to a permanent code compliant building. Without that, an engineer is required to design a free-standing roof.

Purchasing a pre-manufactured gazebo from various retail stores does not require a permit as the value rarely exceeds \$5,000. If you are purchasing a pre-manufactured gazebo that exceeds \$5,000, you will require a building permit and you will need to provide engineering from the product manufacturer or obtain site specific engineering with your building permit application. Similarly, if you are going to construct a gazebo, a permit would be required when the prevailing market value exceeds \$5,000.

As always, check with Wheatland County to confirm if your project requires a Development Permit prior to proceeding with any building permit applications. All buildings/structures over 100 sq ft will require a Development Permit. Remember to contact your Safety Codes Officer with any Code questions while planning your upcoming project, we're happy to help you make the most of our spring and summer months!

For more information, please contact Wheatland County at [403-934-3321](tel:403-934-3321) or safetycodes@wheatlandcounty.ca or The Inspections Group Inc. at [1-888-852-3558](tel:1-888-852-3558) or south@inspectionsgroup.com

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



OPEN HOUSE MEETING



WEDNESDAY

July 3, 2024



START AT

7:00 PM



LOCATION

Wheatland County Administration Building
242006 RANGE ROAD 243
WHEATLAND COUNTY, AB T1P 2C4

The Open House Meeting serves as a platform for individuals to engage in informal interactions with Council members, facilitating discussions, and gaining insights into various County initiatives.

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RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL
LANDSCAPE PROGRAM



Sustainable Canadian
Agricultural Partnership

Alberta

Canada

Motor home, camper, and recreational vehicle Safety

Motor homes, campers, and recreational vehicles are used for living and traveling. Each year, fires in them cause deaths, injuries, and millions of dollars in damages. Fires can start in the kitchen. They can start in the engine area. Sometimes the fires are electrical. With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent these fires from happening.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms. Make sure they work.
- Stay in the kitchen while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- Refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops use propane. Check them for leaks. Keep an updated gas leak detector on board.
- Have your propane system inspected to make sure it still works properly.
- Know two ways out. Make sure windows open easily.
- Have everyone practice the home fire escape plan.
- Do not keep camping heaters and lanterns on while sleeping.
- Before setting up a campfire, make sure it is allowed.
- If campfires are allowed, they need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Have your vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher on board. Only adults who know how to operate it should use it. Only use it if the fire is small and can be contained. Make sure everyone else is leaving. Make sure someone is calling the fire department.



Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. You cannot see it. You cannot taste it. You cannot smell it. CO poisoning can result from leaks in the exhaust. It can happen because of improper use of appliances. Sometimes CO comes from another vehicle. Make sure you have a working CO alarm.

FACT

When the vehicle is used as a structure, the most common area for these fires to start is the kitchen or cooking area. This is followed by the engine area, running gear, or wheel area. Check for safety inside and outside of the vehicle.



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LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS

Livestock preparedness is crucial for ensuring the safety and sustainability of farm operations. In Wheatland County, where natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, severe storms, and droughts are common, being prepared can mean the difference between recovery and devastation.

This article aims to promote and educate on livestock preparedness practices among local farmers, helping them safeguard their animals and livelihoods against unforeseen disasters.

ASSESSING RISKS & VULNERABILITIES

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL RISKS

Understanding the potential hazards specific to Wheatland County is the first step in livestock preparedness. Historical data and recent events highlight risks such as tornadoes, which can cause severe structural damage and pose immediate threats to livestock. Floods can inundate pastures and barns, while severe storms and droughts also pose significant threats, impacting water supply and forage availability.

EVALUATING FARM VULNERABILITY

Conducting a vulnerability assessment helps identify areas of risk within your farm. Factors such as location, infrastructure, and the specific needs of different livestock species should be considered. Assess the proximity of your farm to tornado-prone areas or flood zones and evaluate the conditions of your barns, fences, and water sources. Understanding these vulnerabilities allows for targeted improvements and better preparedness.

DEVELOPING A LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY PLAN



CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A comprehensive disaster plan tailored to your livestock is essential. This plan should include evacuation routes, shelter-in-place options, and emergency contacts. Outline specific steps to take before, during, and after a disaster. For instance, designate who will be responsible for moving animals, what equipment will be needed, and where animals will be relocated.



STOCKPILING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

Keep a reserve stock of essential supplies, such as feed, water, and medical supplies, ensuring there's enough to last through the disaster and the initial recovery period. Regularly check and rotate supplies to maintain freshness. Additionally, consider setting up multiple stockpiles in different locations to enhance accessibility during emergencies.



COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES

During an emergency, effective communication is paramount. Start by establishing clear communication channels within the farm and with local authorities. Utilize various tools such as radios, mobile apps, and social media to stay informed and share updates promptly. It's essential to ensure that all family members and farm workers are familiar with the emergency plan and know how to communicate effectively during a crisis.

When it comes to establishing safe zones and shelters, designate specific areas for livestock safety. Identify and prepare these safe zones to be easily accessible and provide adequate shelter from the elements. Consider modifying existing structures or building new shelters as necessary, ensuring they are sturdy and spacious enough to accommodate all animals. These safe zones should also be equipped with necessary supplies and have a reliable water source to ensure the well-being of the livestock during emergencies.

TRAINING & DRILLS



REGULAR TRAINING PROGRAMS

Implement regular training sessions for all farm staff on emergency procedures. Training topics should include animal handling during emergencies, first aid, and evacuation techniques. Providing staff with the knowledge and skills they need ensure they can respond quickly and effectively during a crisis.



CONDUCTING DRILLS

Regular disaster drills are essential to test and refine your emergency plan. Conduct drills that simulate different scenarios, such as a tornado evacuation or a flood response. Evaluate the effectiveness of your plan during the drills and adjust as needed. Involve all family members and employees to ensure everyone is prepared.

BUILDING COMMUNITY & NETWORK SUPPORT



FOSTERING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Collaboration with neighboring farms and local organizations enhances overall preparedness. Working together increases the likelihood of a successful response and recovery.

UTILIZING LOCAL RESOURCES

Leverage local resources and organizations that can assist in disaster preparedness and response. This includes local emergency management, veterinary services, and agricultural extension officers. Establish relationships with these entities and participate in community meetings and training sessions offered.



FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS & INSURANCE



EVALUATING INSURANCE OPTIONS

Adequate insurance coverage for protecting your livestock and farm property. Evaluate different insurance policies and ensure you have coverage for various types of disasters. Consider policies that cover livestock loss, property damage, and business interruption.



CREATING FINANCIAL RESERVES

Establish financial reserves to manage the costs associated with emergencies. This can include setting aside savings, securing lines of credit, or participating in government aid programs. Explore grants and other financial assistance available for disaster recovery to help mitigate financial impacts.

Livestock preparedness involves assessing risks, developing a comprehensive emergency plan, establishing safe zones, conducting regular training, building community support, and ensuring financial preparedness. By taking these steps, Wheatland County farmers can protect their livestock and livelihoods from the impact of disasters.

Now is the time to implement these preparedness measures. Reach out to local resources and support organizations for assistance. Being proactive can make all the difference in ensuring the safety and resilience of your farm.



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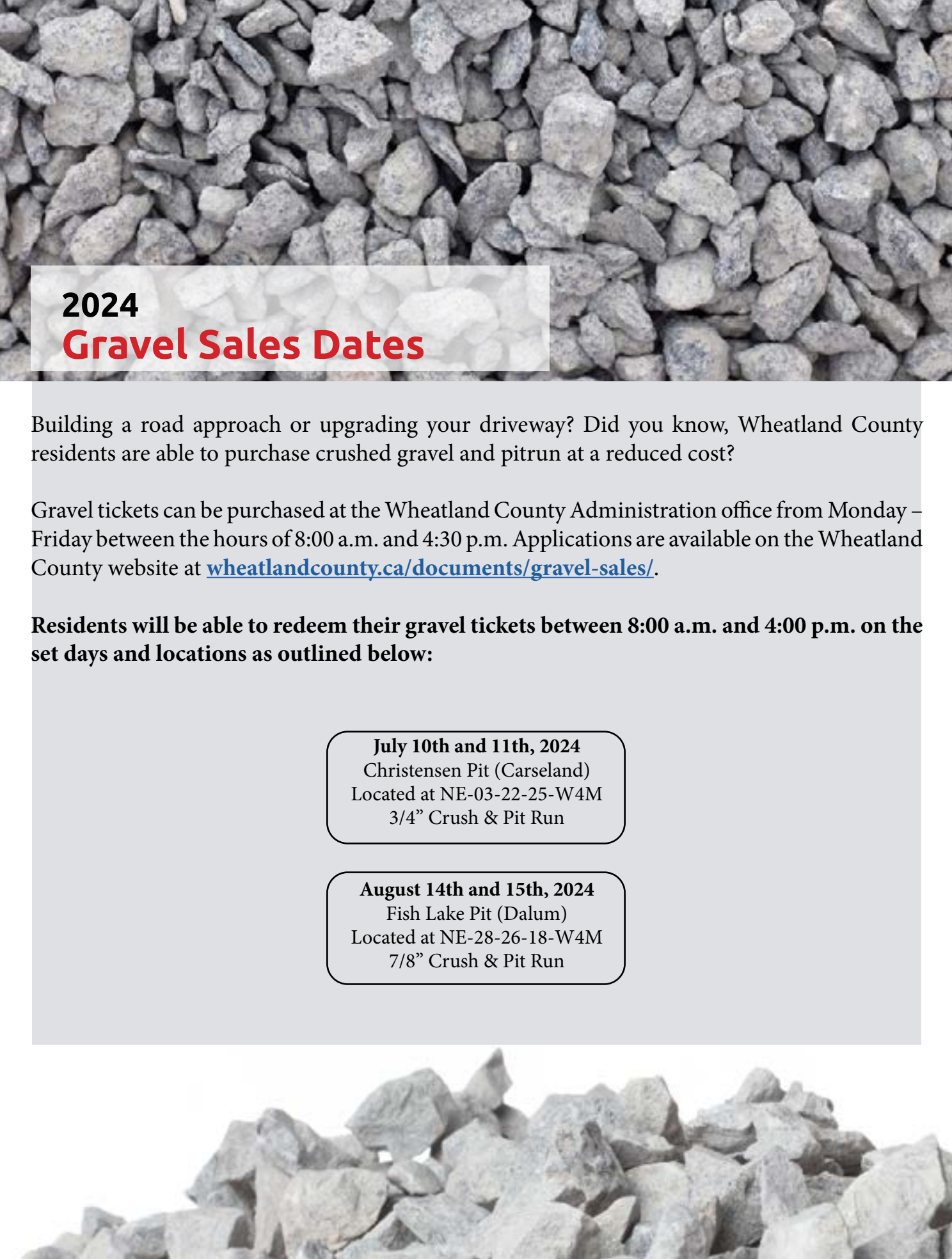
Little Women

The Broadway Musical

Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott, book by Allan Knee,
lyrics by Mindi Dickstein and music by Jason Howland

SUMMER 2024 June 7 - August 31

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CANADA DAY
— JULY 1ST —



2024

Gravel Sales Dates

Building a road approach or upgrading your driveway? Did you know, Wheatland County residents are able to purchase crushed gravel and pitrun at a reduced cost?

Gravel tickets can be purchased at the Wheatland County Administration office from Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Applications are available on the Wheatland County website at wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/gravel-sales/.

Residents will be able to redeem their gravel tickets between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the set days and locations as outlined below:

July 10th and 11th, 2024

Christensen Pit (Carseland)

Located at NE-03-22-25-W4M

3/4" Crush & Pit Run

August 14th and 15th, 2024

Fish Lake Pit (Dalum)

Located at NE-28-26-18-W4M

7/8" Crush & Pit Run

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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The Fever

by Wallace Shawn

A Travelogue of Change

A well-travelled socialite is struck by a feverish vision while travelling in the developing world where she imagines a new life filled with grace and compassion.

JULY 5 - AUGUST 31

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

Are you wanting to give back or become more involved in your community?
Wheatland County Fire Services is recruiting volunteer firefighters!

Minimum requirements:

• 18 years of age • Valid class 5 drivers licence • No criminal record • Good physical health



If you're interested or have questions, please call or email Mark Romaniuk, Deputy Regional Fire Chief at 403-361-2165 or mark.romaniuk@wheatlandcounty.ca



CARSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



CARSELAND
Alberta

Welcome to the Carseland Fire Department, a cornerstone of safety and service in the Carseland community and its surrounding areas. Established to protect and ensure the well-being of residents, our department is powered by a team of 16 dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to respond promptly to emergencies. These volunteers undergo rigorous training and certification to handle a wide range of situations, from fires to medical crises. Their unwavering commitment to service forms the backbone of our operations, ensuring that help is always available when needed.

The Carseland Fire Department provides essential fire and EMS services to the residents of Carseland and the surrounding areas. With five pieces of apparatus, including fire engines and rescue vehicles, the department is well-equipped to handle a wide range of emergencies efficiently. Our leadership team consists of a Chief, two Captains, and a Captain/Training Officer. Additionally, we have six trained medical first responders on standby, ready to deliver critical medical assistance. This dedicated medical team includes a Registered Nurse, a Paramedic, and a Licensed Practical Nurse in training.

Established in 1988 at the corner of Railway Ave and Main St. in Carseland, Alberta, a team of dedicated volunteers built the original facility, which included an office, a training room, and two back in bays for apparatus. Remarkably, the team even donated their own money to help establish the fire department.



Following the tragic train accident in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, on July 6, 2013, a review of all rural fire departments in Alberta determined that the Carseland Fire Department was located too close to the railway tracks. This proximity posed a significant risk, as a similar disaster could potentially destroy the fire hall. As a result, the fire hall was relocated across Highway 24 to its new location. This move required a substantial commitment from both the community and the County, amounting to \$2.7 million.



On May 14, 2022, the Carseland Fire Department reached a significant milestone with the official opening of its new fire hall. This state-of-the-art facility serves as the central hub for the department's operations, housing essential equipment, apparatus, and training facilities vital for effective emergency response. The new hall features a large vehicle and training facility, a draft pond with a drafting tube, its own fire hydrant for training, and a fire barrier wall for live fire practice, including fire extinguisher drills and live vehicle fire training. This new fire hall symbolizes the department's ongoing commitment to enhancing its capabilities and better serving the community.



The Carseland Fire Department meets every Monday at 7:30 pm for at least four practice sessions per month. We welcome new members and are eager to hear from prospective volunteers. Additionally, we have launched a county-backed Junior Firefighter program, aimed at young men and women aged 16 to 18 who are interested in the fire service. If interested, please contact Chief Ryan Hauswirth via our Facebook page or through Wheatland County Fire Services.



HOW TO START THE CONVERSATION AROUND MENTAL HEALTH WITH OUR FARMERS

It's never easy to start the conversation around mental health, especially in an industry like agriculture, where mental health is so stigmatized. Sometimes, just starting the conversation with the people in your life is the very first step to supporting them.



HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED



Be open about your own mental health struggles and create a space that makes it easy for others to share their own struggles.



Everyone deserves support in mental health, even if they aren't sure how to reach out for it. We must make getting help for mental health normal and even easy.



We're all balancing the stressors in our own lives, but if you notice someone is withdrawn or quieter than usual, that is the time to reach out or offer to catch up over some coffee.



Make sure the farmers in your life know you are there for them, from checking in on what they're up to and tuning in to what's happening in their lives and on their farms.

SOME QUESTIONS TO START THE CONVERSATION:

"How is it going on the farm these days?"

"What's keeping you stressed out on the farm these days?"

"Have you been affected by what's happening in the industry?"

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

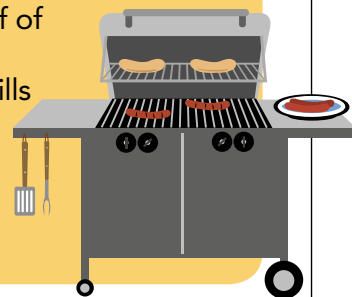
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Beat the Heat: Stay Cool & Safe this Summer

Heat illnesses are preventable. Extreme heat can worsen medical conditions and lead to heat exhaustion or heatstroke. Here's how to stay safe:



Be Prepared: Make a health plan, consult your doctor, and monitor temperatures. Know local resources and keep a contact list. Check on people living alone and have someone check on you. Stock up on cool drinks, food, and medications. Keep your vehicle's fuel tank full and ensure air conditioners and fans work properly.

At-Risk Groups: Older adults, pregnant individuals, people living alone, infants, those with unstable housing or limited mobility, individuals with pre-existing conditions, substance users, outdoor workers, and those with mental illnesses. Check if medications increase heat risks.

Prepare Your Home: Use curtains or blinds to deflect heat, identify cooler areas, and install air conditioning if feasible. Use fans to circulate cooler air during cooler parts of the day.

Stay Cool: Visit air-conditioned places (e.g., malls, libraries), schedule outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day, and rest in shade. Wear a hat, protective clothing, sunscreen, and UV-protective eyewear. Never leave people or pets in closed vehicles.

Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water and avoid sugary, caffeinated, or alcoholic drinks. Consult your doctor about water intake if on medications.

Stay Informed: Visit www.alberta.ca/ExtremeHeat for more info and use the ECCC WeatherCan App to monitor local news.

Cooling Tips: Don't rely on fans as primary cooling during Heat Warnings. Use cool showers or baths and open windows in the evening to cool your home if safe.

Stay safe and protect yourself, your family, and neighbors from extreme heat!



HEAT EXHAUSTION



HEAT STROKE



FIRST AID



MOVE TO A COOLER PLACE



DRINK WATER IF ABLE



TAKE A COLD SHOWER



USE COLD COMPRESSES



CALL EMERGENCY SERVICE



TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO COOL THE PERSON

WHO IS MORE AT RISK



OLDER ADULTS



CHILDREN



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



OUTDOOR WORKERS



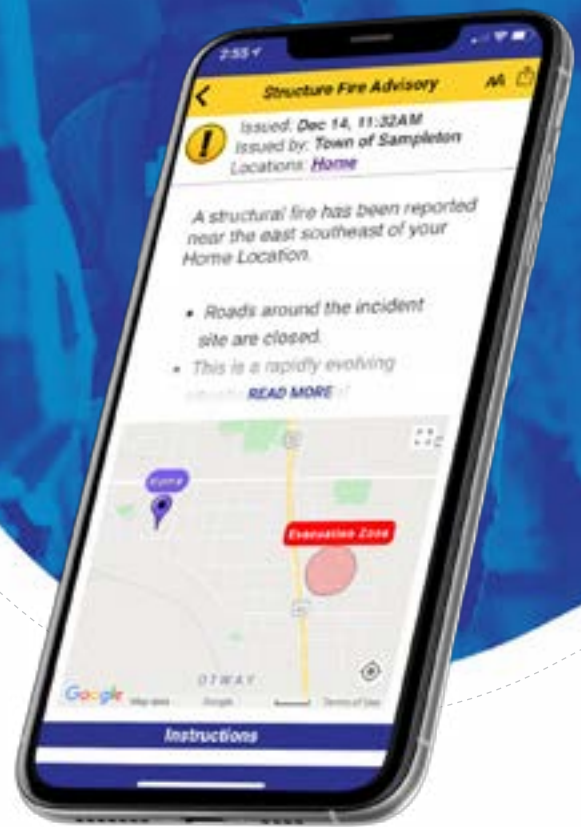
PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN CHRONIC ILLNESSES



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WHAT IS VOYENT ALERT!?

Voyent Alert! Is a multi-purpose communication service provided by Wheatland County to keep you informed of critical events like fires or floods etc.



**NOTIFICATION
SERVICE**



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT

PERSONALIZED COMMUNICATIONS

Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, and preferred evacuation routes from your followed locations may be provided.

FOLLOW MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Voyent Alert! allows you to create and follow multiple locations such as “Kids School” or “Mom’s House”. Any event or communication related to your followed locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

COMMUNICATIONS YOUR WAY

Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more communication channels.

NO MESSAGE FATIGUE

Smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to your or one of the locations you are following.

EASY REGISTRATION

Registration for the service is FREE, simple and anonymous.

REGISTER **NOW!**

MOBILE APP USERS



Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.



Register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts at:
register.voyent-alert.com

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Ages 6 - 15

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ELDER ABUSE RESOURCES

Elder Abuse Resource Line.....	403-705-3250
403-SENIORS.....	403-736-4677
Chestermere FCSS.....	403-207-7079
Strathmore FCSS.....	403-934-9090
Wheatland FCSS.....	403-934-5335
Langdon - Synergy.....(ext 3)	403-936-4359
Family Violence Info Line.....	310-1818
www.alberta.ca/get-help-elder-abuse.aspx	

(for information in other languages)

Donelda Laing

Local Elder Abuse
Case Manager

403-465-0914

donelda.laing@crpcn.ca



How do I know if someone is being abused:

There are many types of Elder Abuse:

- **Financial** - misuse of money and property, forging of signatures, misuse of Power of Attorney, persuasion of buying or selling items/property
- **Psychological or Emotional** - withholding affection, removal of decision making abilities, refusing access to other family members
- **Physical** - shaking, slapping, punching, forced confinement, failure to provide adequate health care, severe weather exposure
- **Sexual** - verbal or suggestive behavior, fondling, unwanted intercourse, lack of privacy, unnecessary help with dressing/hygiene
- **Neglect** - failure to provide a safe place to live, clean clothing, proper food, social interactions, personal hygiene, aids for daily living
- **Medication** - withholding medication, overmedicating, sedation, not complying with prescription refills

Supported by New Horizons for Seniors Program Funding



Wheatland County Fire Services:



Junior Firefighter Program



VISION STATEMENT:

This program is designed for students aged 16 to 18 years, who are interested in Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services as a possible career.

The Junior Firefighting Program, like the fire service, is a paramilitary organization. Members are required to adhere to all standards of dress, personal hygiene and conduct set forth by Wheatland County Fire Services. Students will receive instruction on personal protective equipment, basic firefighting and rescue skills, maintenance and upkeep on firefighting equipment and apparatus along with CPR, emergency first aid, fire prevention and public education.

The Junior Firefighter will participate in practices with Fire Department members on the stations training nights as well as other training sessions.

SKILLS, ABILITIES & EXPECTATIONS:

- Professionalism
- Team Member
- Interpersonal Skills
- Organizational Responsibility
- Customer Service
- Problem Solving



QUALIFICATIONS:

- Resident of Wheatland County
- Possess a genuine interest in Firefighting/EMS
- Must be 16-18 years of age
- Must attend at least 50% of regular scheduled training sessions
- Display a willingness to work and a desire to serve their community
- Must have, and maintain, a good academic standing at his/her school
- An application must be fully completed and submitted along with a resume
- Must be signed by a Parent or Legal Guardian
- Completed medical, criminal check and clean drivers' abstract

Please contact Deputy Chief
Mark Romaniuk if interested:



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Contact us

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E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.



If you see a fire ...



Leave the building immediately.



Don't try to fight the fire.



Call 911.

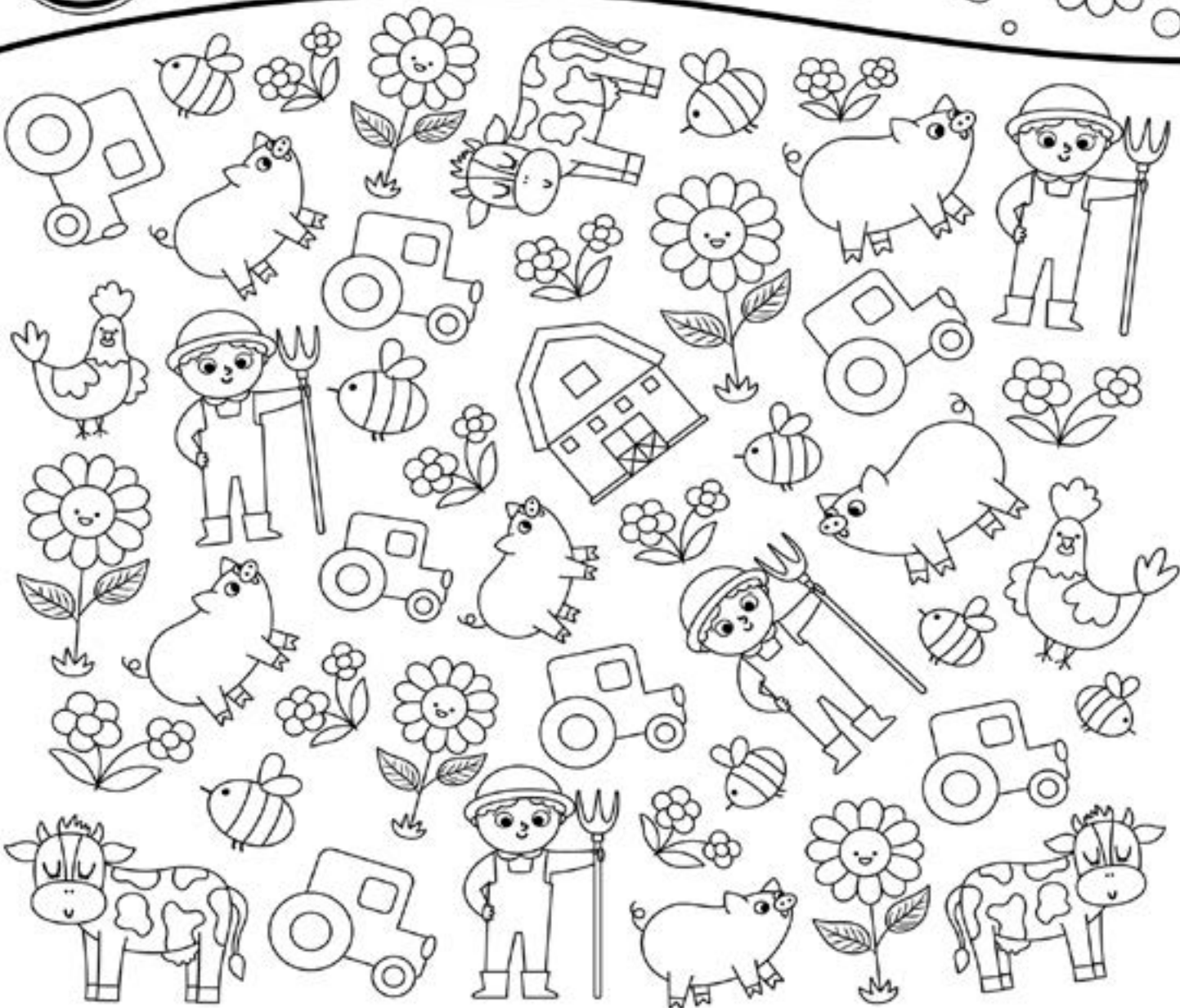
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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards





Save the Edges!

The benefits of leaving public roadside ditches and right-of-ways intact.

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Did you know?

Intact natural public roadside ditches and right-of-ways:

- Provide thousands of acres of habitat for many grassland-dependant mammals and birds, including pheasants and grey partridge.
- Sustain pollinators like butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, bees and wasps.
- Sustain other species that prey on agricultural pests.
- Filter excess nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen preventing them from entering rivers and lakes or ground water systems.
- Collect sediment and minimize overland flooding by storing, slowing and absorbing excess water protecting roads, culverts and agricultural fields.
- Retain thousands of tons of carbon from entering the atmosphere when left intact.



One side of the public roadside ditch has been cultivated while the other side has been left natural.



KEEP IT NATURAL

Campaign for the Enhanced Protection of Roadside Ditches and Right-of-Ways in Southern Alberta. Funding provided by Alberta Environment and Parks

For more information contact:

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Have you heard?

Wheatland County now has an expansive online business directory!

If your business, regardless of size, is based within Wheatland County, don't miss out - explore our new investwc.ca website and join today!





COMMUNITY FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WFCSS is pleased to announce a new subsidy program available to residents of Hussar, Rockyford, Standard and Wheatland County.

Wheatland County in partnership with
Wheatland Wind Project LP and
East Strathmore Solar Project/Elemental Energy
have created the **Community Fee Assistance Program**
to give families and individuals an affordable option to
participate in recreation, arts, libraries, culture programs
and activities such as exercise or sports (drop-in or formal).
This program will also assist in the cost of
travelling to these activities.

For more information on this program please contact
WFCSS directly at:
403-934-5335 - or - info@wfcss.org

To download a subsidy program application, please visit the
WFCSS website at www.wfcss.org or stop by the WFCSS office
located inside the Wheatland County Municipal Building.



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wheatlandwind.com



elementalenergy.ca



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Home Support Services



OUR SERVICES

ROUTINE HOUSE KEEPING

INCLUDING VACCUMING, DUSTING, BATHROOMS AND FLOORS ARRANGEMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE FOR OCCASIONAL HEAVY CLEANING SUCH AS WASHING WALLS, WINDOWS, AND FRIDGES/STOVES.

COMPANION CARE

PROVIDE RELIEF TO FAMILIES BY SPENDING BRIEF PERIODS IN THE DAY WITH SENIORS OR SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBER IN A COMPANION ROLE. PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR KEEP IN TOUCH PROGRAM

SHOPPING

GROCERIES CAN BE PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO SHOP ON THEIR OWN. PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR MEALS ON WHEELS FROZEN FOODS PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS OR COUPLES WHO MAY BE LESS INCLINED TO COOK.

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