

Mountain Pine Beetle

Yellowhead County working with SRD and landowners to combat the beetle

The Mountain Pine Beetle is now in Yellowhead County. The county is working with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and private landowners to combat this pest, but we need your help.

Mountain Pine Beetles pose a serious threat to Alberta's forests. Left unmanaged, MPB could devastate Alberta's pine forests and spread eastward across Canada's boreal region.

Early monitoring results indicate the number of pine trees attacked in north and west-central Alberta is higher than recent years, likely as a result of high over-winter survival by local beetle populations in

2009 and additional in-flights from beetle infested areas of B.C. There is no threat of Mountain Pine Beetle migration from the Jasper area this year.

Based on the early monitoring results, forest health staff has identified attacks through central parts of Yellowhead County from Edson east to Nojack. Yellowhead County has been granted the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Mountain Pine Beetle Grant Funding Program that will allow the County to hire contractors to identify the attack, then survey and control infestations on private land.

Yellowhead County is asking all landowners to identify whether they have the beetle on their property, and then contact the county so that it can be controlled. If you have found signs of the beetle, please contact our Agriculture Services Department in Wildwood at 1-800-814-3935.

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Trees that have the Mountain Pine Beetle will exhibit pitch tubes throughout the bark



A close-up view of the Mountain Pine Beetle



Wood that has been infected by the Beetle has a blue stain to it. The wood product is still perfectly viable, and the stained wood has become fashionable in many home décor designs



Election 2010 *October 18*



Voting in Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County is split into eight divisions according to population, which each elect a councillor to represent them for the next three years. In addition, a mayor is elected at-large from the entire voting population. The voting stations will be open on October 18, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You are eligible to vote in the 2010 General Election if you:

- ✓ are at least 18 years old
- ✓ are a Canadian citizen
- ✓ have resided in Alberta in the six consecutive months immediately preceding election day and your place of residence is located in the area on election day.

Want to be a councillor?

The 2010 General Municipal Election will be held on October 18, 2010.

Generally, you are eligible to be nominated as a candidate if on Nomination Day (September 20, 2010) you are:

- ✓ At least 18 years of age,
- ✓ A Canadian citizen,
- ✓ A resident of Yellowhead County for the six (6) months immediately before Nomination Day (as of March 20, 2010), and
- ✓ Not otherwise ineligible or disqualified (see Sections 22, and 23 of the Local Authorities Election Act).

In order to run in the 2010 Municipal Election:

- ✓ Have your nomination paper signed by a minimum of five (5) eligible voters who are residents of the division,
- ✓ Complete and swear (or affirm) the candidate's acceptance appearing on the nomination paper, and
- ✓ Submit the nomination papers in person to the Returning Officer on Nomination Day at the Edson Administration Building between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Yellowhead County does not require deposits with nomination papers.

Special Ballots

Special ballots were offered for the first time in the 2007 Municipal Election and were a popular alternative to voting in person.

Because Yellowhead County is offering Special Ballots, there will be no advance polling stations. You may use a Special ballot if you are unable to vote on Election Day because you are:

- ✓ physically unable to get to the voting station
- ✓ absent from the municipality
- ✓ working for the election
- ✓ a candidate, official agent or a scrutineer



If you have any questions about running for council or voting in the next election, contact Returning Officer Tracy Parker at the Edson Administration Office.

Budget 2010

Yellowhead County council approved the final budget for 2010 at their regular council meeting on April 27, 2010, and the municipal portion of the tax rate for both residential and non-residential will remain the same for the 2010 tax rate. In 2009, council was able to lower the tax rate to 2.3639 for residential and 5.9283 for non-residential, and was able to present a balanced budget for 2010 based on these same rates. The actual tax amount owing for individuals will depend on the assessed value of the property as of December 31, 2009.

The total budget amount is \$99,728,294, of which \$44,964,674 is for capital expenses, \$47,238,201 is for operating expenses and \$7,525,419 is for amortization expense on tangible capital assets. The total number includes funding from federal and provincial grants, usage fees, as well as residential and non-residential ratepayers. The amortization of all county assets is now included in the budget, this is a new accounting requirement and will have no effect on the taxpayer-at-large.

A large portion of the payment made to the county is requisitioned for schools and seniors, and both requisitions rates

were increased this year. The school requisition for 2010 is \$17,703,193, an increase of approximately \$400,000 from last year. The senior's requisition will be paid to the Evergreens Foundation in the amount of \$1,989,934, an increase of approximately \$71,000. The funds are used to support care facilities in Edson, Hinton, Jasper, and Grande Cache.

Yellowhead County also continues to cost-share with the towns of Edson and Hinton in order to share resources and avoid duplication of services. The Town of Edson will receive just over \$2.4 million and the Town of Hinton will receive almost \$1.9 million; which will cover such services as FCSS, Fire Services, Landfill/Recycling, and Recreation. Yellowhead County provides these funds to cover the cost of county residents using these services within the respective municipalities. The funds given to each municipality also include \$638,000, earmarked for Community Development. Yellowhead County understands that industrial development in the county can create a need for more services within their neighbouring urban municipalities, and created this fund in order to support the implementation of these services.

Major Capital Projects for 2010

- New Wildwood Shop and Administrative Building
- Completion of new Cadomin Sewer System
- Rehabilitation of the McLeod River Bridge and the replacement of the Wolf Creek Bridge along the old Hwy 16 (Township 534)
- Completion of upgrades to the Evansburg Arena
- Trail paving, buildings and improvements at Tipple Park
- Two new fire trucks
- Two new graders

Major Roadworks for 2010

- Curb, gutter and sidewalks in Evansburg
- Road Rebuild in Peers and Grande Prairie Trail
- Chip seals on the Carrot Creek Loop, Miller Lake, Evansburg North Access and River Ridge Access. Overlay in Wildwood



2010 Assessment Complaint Process

If you disagree with the assessed value of your residential or non-residential property, you can file a complaint with Yellowhead County's Assessment Review Board. It is important to talk to your assessor before filing a complaint as every year most concerns are resolved before they reach the Assessment Review Board.

The Government of Alberta has introduced a single system of assessment complaints for the entire province starting in 2010.

All complaints to the Assessment Review Board must be received at the Yellowhead County office within sixty (60) days from the date of your Combined Assessment & Tax notice (the review period was 30 days in previous years). The complaint must be sent to the attention of the Clerk of the Court, Assessment Review Board, Yellowhead County, 2716 - 1st Avenue Edson, AB T7E 1N9. All complaints must be filed on the required Government of Alberta Assessment Review Board Complaint Form and accompanied by the required Complaint Fee (\$50 Residential, \$100 Non-Residential) per Tax Roll. Forms can be obtained at the Yellowhead County Office or at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca or www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca.

Your taxes must be paid by the due date even though you may have submitted an Assessment Complaint.

Deadline for filing a complaint is July 23, 2010. For further information contact Yellowhead County Corporate Services at the Edson Administration Office.

Agricultural Services

No Spray Agreement Deadline Reminder

Yellowhead County requires each landowner/occupant who has signed the agreement to fulfill their obligations before the July 15th deadline. After the July 15th deadline, Yellowhead County re-assumes responsibility for weed/brush control on Yellowhead County Roadsides.

A field that has been overtaken by ox-eye daisy and tall buttercup

A field of Canola in Yellowhead County



Clubroot of Canola Inspection Program

Yellowhead County staff will be out in mid-late August inspecting all fields seeded to Canola. This disease was named to the Provincial Agricultural Pest Act in the spring of 2007 and under this Act, the Agricultural Service Board of a municipality is legislated to inform residents, inspect fields that are growing the above species and, if necessary, enforce the Act to minimize the impact of this disease on the industry.

If you are looking for additional information about Clubroot of Canola and the management of this disease please contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department or reference the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan.

Extension Events

What to look forward to this spring and summer:

- Weed Information Sessions
- Mountain Pine Beetle Information Sessions
- 6th Annual County Pride contest and tour
- Yellowhead Invasive Plant Initiative projects

We are always looking for ideas for different workshop or extension events so please give us your input so that we can continue to meet your educational needs.

Roadside Vegetation Control Program

During the 2010 summer season, Yellowhead County's Agricultural Service Department will be committed to cleaning up the various species of weeds and encroaching brush on their municipal road right-of-ways and lands. Over the past three years the Yellowhead County Roadside Vegetation Control team has adopted a two year rotation throughout the County. We treated in excess of 1,000 kilometers of roadsides per season with

our two injection spray trucks, Honda UTV and ATV. All spray applications are GPS tracked so that we can monitor our progress, avoid sensitive areas and minimize our misapplications.

This summer we will be starting the season in the Shining Bank area targeting brush. If you see our team out there workings please feel free to ask questions about our program - herbicide application, rental equipment and weed identification, we can point you in the right direction!



Agricultural Services



A demonstration of weed removal on a County farm



County crews clear the brush alongside roadways for weed control, to improve sightlines for drivers, and to reduce the risk of wildfire.

Weed Inspection Program 2010

Yellowhead County is committed to increasing the awareness of invasive plants through our information sessions, personal contacts with landowners, information letters and presentations. If you are involved in any type of group or just interested in obtaining information where weeds or their control might be of interest please call Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services, and we will set up a meeting. We can give you recommendations on effective control; help you in developing a management plan or even provide you with rental equipment to control these plants.

Our Weed Inspection team will be starting out north of Wildwood in the Chip Lake area heading West throughout the summer. So this summer if you receive a letter from Yellowhead County about Tall Buttercup, Ox-eye Daisy, Canada Thistle or any other noxious weeds, please don't forget about it! Give us a call if you want to discuss your control options for 2010; let's plan now so that you are ready for summer.

For more information about Yellowhead County's Roadside Vegetation and Weed Inspection Program please contact the Agriculture Services Department in Wildwood.

New addition to the Roadside Vegetation Control program!

In 2009, Yellowhead County Agriculture Services added a new piece of equipment to the spray fleet. A Honda Big Red UTV equip with a low profile slip in spray unit.

This unit holds 380 litres of herbicide mix and is capable of spraying a 40' boom width. Last season this unit was a huge asset to our program allowing for control on wider road allowances, gravel pits, demonstration plots, waste transfer sites and Yellowhead County facilities and grounds.

ASB Equipment Rental

Equipment available	Damage Deposit	Rental Per Day
Cattle squeeze chute	\$100	\$40
Corral panels (13 panels, 10 ft. ea.)	\$100	\$20
Cattle weigh scale	\$100	\$30
Boomless pull-type sprayer (300 imp. gal.) w/handgun	\$250	\$20
Boomless slip-in-truck sprayer w/handgun (125 imp. gal. Size 44"x56")	\$25	\$20
ATV sprayer (20 US gal.) w/handgun, 140"boom	\$100	\$10
Backpack weed sprayer (3 Imp. gal.)	\$50	\$5
Post pounders	\$150	\$60
Cattle loading chute	\$100	\$20
Calf Cradle	\$100	\$30
Wire Coyote traps	\$50	\$10/wk

Please note:

- * Cattle hoof trimming chute (motor driven) \$100 \$50
- * 240 gallon water tank for shock chlorinating \$50 \$5
- * Munks cowlifter \$100 \$5
- * Seeder spreader (3 pt. hitch, PTO driven) \$75 \$20
- * All towable equipment is equipped with a 2 inch ball hitch, with the exception of the post pounder and the 300 gal. boomless type sprayers which have pin hitches.

Rental equipment rules

1. Equipment is to be returned by 10:00 am the following day of rental
2. Equipment is to be washed before returning. A minimum \$20.00 charge will be imposed for equipment returned unwashed.
3. A \$15.00 fee will be imposed for equipment booked, but not picked up.
4. Equipment will be returned to the rental agent.

Agent: Ditner's Feed Service & Supply Ltd.
Phone 780-325-3828

Get Outside in Y



Yellowhead County is comprised of thousands of acres of pristine, undisturbed beauty. From the banks of the Pembina River west to the Jasper Park Gates, there is something here for everyone. Get out in your own backyard this summer and take advantage of the beautiful campgrounds and day use areas that Yellowhead County has to offer! Yellowhead County campgrounds are self-registration parks and are patrolled daily and nightly by campground operators to ensure a safe and enjoyable stay.

Protecting Yourself and Wildlife while enjoying the outdoors

Camping gives families quality time together. It's a chance to break away from the ordinary routine, learn new skills, experience the outdoors, and enjoy each other's company. Camping should be an enjoyable time spent with family and friends, but wildlife encounters can change a perfect day into a miserable one.

It is important to remember to keep your camp stall clean and free of garbage and debris. Garbage and food stuff can attract all sorts of critters. Skunks,

raccoons or even bears might find themselves in your stall in search of their next meal. By properly securing, storing and disposing of your garbage and food you can eliminate the need for these animals to visit your campground. This is good not only for your safety, but for the animals as well. Bears that associate food with people are often destroyed because they will continue to look towards humans as their food supply, endangering themselves and others in the process.

Bear Lake

Location: 30 kms east on Secondary Hwy 748

Lake: 353 acres, 4'-30' in depth. Good fishing and swimming area

Fishing: Fish species: Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye. Boat launch and trailer parking

Campground Information: 32 pull in campsites (no hook-ups),

4 tents sites, 8 day use areas, picnic shelter, concession stand, large sandy beach, boat and swimming docks, serviced washrooms, volleyball net, playground and lots more

Reservations: For reservations phone K & E Campgrounds at 780-693-2479 (note: min. 4 night booking).

Fees: \$17/night
Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Beta Lake

Location: 15 kms North on Secondary Hwy 751 off Hwy 16

Lake: 95 acres, 6'-14' in depth

Fishing: Fish species: Northern Pike and Perch
Campground Information: 9 campsites, sandy beach, boat launch

Fees: \$15/night
Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Jerry Vanderwell Memorial Park

A peaceful and quiet place to relax

Location: 13 kms North on Hwy 32, off Hwy 16

Campground Information: 27 campsites, day use sites, picnic shelter, playground, and trails to McLeod River
Fees: \$15/night

Long La

Location: Secondary Hwy 15 kms north

Lake: 560 acres, 6'-14' in depth. Good swimming area

Fishing: Fish species: Northern Pike and Perch
Campground Information: 14 campsites, boat dock and lots more

Fees: \$15/night
Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Miller's Day Use Area

Location: Hwy 16

Fishing: Fish species: stocked lake
Day Use Area: launch, picnic shelter

Yellowhead County



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Nojack Provincial Recreation Area

A great stop point if you are travelling from Edmonton for a lunch break and a walk
Location: 45 minutes East of Edson on Hwy 16
Campground Information: 24 campsites, day use shelter
Fees: \$15 per night
Firewood: \$5 per bundle available from campground operator

Riverside Campground

Location: 14 km north on hwy 32, off of hwy 16
Campground Information: 8 unserviced campsites; quick access to McLeod River for great fishing, swimming and rafting
Fees: \$15/night
Firewood: \$5/ bundle available from campground operator

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Shining Bank Lake

Location: 48 km north of Hwy 16 on Hwy 748
Lake: 1133 acres, 4'21" depth
Fishing: Species: Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye
Campground Information: 33 pull in campsites, 5 tent sites, sandy beach, playground, boat launch and boat docks.
Reservations: Phone K & E Campgrounds at 780-693-2479.
(note: min. 4 night booking)

Fees: \$17 per night
Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Shining Bank Day Use Area

Location: 7 km west of Hwy 32, Southwest side
Day Use Area: 5 day use sites, playground, sandy beach, boat launch and boat docks.



Got plans for the weekend?

Want to find out what's happening in Yellowhead County? Check out the Yellowhead County Events page at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca. It lists all the Yellowhead County workshops and programming, as well as community events happening from Evansburg to Brule.

To have your event listed for free on the county website, contact Catherine Adair at cadair@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca or call the Edson Administration Office.



Visit Cadomin

Take a trip through
Yellowhead County



Yellowhead County has eight fantastic hamlets to explore, each with its own unique attributes. In the upcoming newsletters we will be featuring each hamlet and showcasing all the great things to see and do there.

In this issue, we're starting with Cadomin, a hamlet located in the southwest corner of the county along the historical Coal Branch. Backed up against the Rocky Mountains, it is just east of Jasper National Park. Approximately 50 km south of Hinton and 100 km southwest of Edson, between Leland Mountain and Cadomin Mountain, Cadomin was named after the Canadian Dominion Mine and was the second coal mine along the western arm of the Coal Branch.

Established in the early 1900's, Cadomin was a bustling mining town until 1952 when the mine shut down causing a slow decline in population. Cadomin's coal production became highly profitable because it shipped its coal using the privately built and maintained Mountain Park Railroad. Cadomin once had an RCMP detachment, government liquor store, drug store, and Bank of Nova Scotia. The population was 1,700 in 1931, in the 2006 StatsCan census the population had dropped to 87.

Now Cadomin is a destination area for outdoor tourism. With fantastic ATV, hiking, horseback riding and more, it's a great place for anyone who enjoys getting outside. Located near Cadomin are the historical remains of the mines, Mountain Park Cemetery, the McLeod River and Campgrounds.

Cadomin is also world-famous for the Cadomin Caves, a natural underground formation in the mountains to the southwest. The caves are open from May 1 to August 31. The closure is to protect the bats during their hibernation season. There is a steep hill to get to the mouth of the cave, so the climb up and down is invigorating. Good footwear is recommended as well as a good light. Ideally you should be wearing a helmet, overalls to protect your clothing and keep you dry, and gloves. You should not travel into the cave alone and you should let someone know where you are going. Whatever you bring into the caves you should carry out so as not to affect the fragile environment. If you have never been there before it is recommended that you hire a guide.

There is one store Cadomin, Jacoby's Mountain Road General Store 780-692-3939. Stop in for directions, information, and yummy snacks before heading out into the unknown.

Camping is available at Whitehorse Wildland Park (alberta-parks.ca), with space available for horses as well.

Cadomin is also a great place for anyone looking for a recreation home. Lots are available on MLS listings and through local real estate agents. In 2009, the county installed a sewer system with the support of the local mine, which ensured that every lot was fully serviced with sewer and water capabilities. For more information on servicing and lot availability contact the planning department at the Edson Administration office.

Development on your property...

What you need to know

If you are considering any type of development on your property, please contact the Development Authority for Yellowhead County. They will be able to help you with your application form as well as answer any questions that you may have.

According to the Yellowhead County Land Use bylaw, Development means:

- excavation or stockpiling of materials
- constructing, adding onto or replacing any building or structure
- changing the land use or the intensity of the land use

Almost all development within Yellowhead County requires a Development Permit (contact the Planning Department for exceptions)

Development Permit Application Process

Once the Development Authority has received a complete application form they will review it. By using the Land Use Bylaw the Development Authority is able to assess whether the permit may or may not be approved.

If the development is approved the applicant will be notified in writing. The permit does not become valid until all development permit conditions have been met and there has been a fourteen day appeal period in which the proposed development is advertised in the local newspaper. If there are no appeals against the development at the end of the fourteen day appeal period and all conditions have been met, the Development Permit is considered valid and development may commence.

If the Development Permit Application is refused, the applicant will be notified in writing. The decision will outline the specific reasons for the refusal. The applicant has fourteen days to appeal the decision of the Development Authority to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). For more information on the SDAB please contact the Development Authority for Yellowhead County.

For all developments, residents are strongly encouraged to contact the Planning Department at Yellowhead County for the most up-to-date information and to ensure that all developments are in compliance with county bylaws.

Off-Highway Vehicles

Off-Highway vehicle use is a very popular pastime throughout our county. Residents and businesses alike use OHV's for both work and play. To protect people and property, Peace Officers enforce both the county and provincial regulations for OHV use. Peace Officers will be travelling throughout the county this summer on their own ATV's ensuring all regulations are followed. OHV's are only permitted to travel on county roads provided they are plated, insured and the operator has a valid operator's license. They must travel on the furthest right-hand side, and not exceed 50 km/hr. If you have any questions about OHV use in the county contact a Yellowhead County Peace Officer.

Important Information

- If you live within ½ mile of a Provincial Highway, a Roadside Development Application is required from Alberta Transportation
- You need both legal and physical access to your development
- Development Permits are separate from Building Permits. Yellowhead County does not issue Building Permits. There are four accredited companies in the area who are authorized to issue building permits. Please contact the county or call Municipal Affairs Safety Services at 1-866-421-6929
- Other permits may be required for buildings: these may include permits for plumbing, private sewage systems, gas and/or electrical systems. These permits are usually issued by the same company that does the building permits (see contact information above)
- For electrical service to your property, contact FortisAlberta at 310-WIRE (9473)
- For natural gas service to properties located from Range 13 and west, contact Yellowhead Gas Co-op at 780-723-4214; from Range 12 and east, contact TRL Gas Co-op at 780-727-3732

Evansburg Lots for Sale

- **Fully serviced lots from \$28,000 to 38,000**
- **Thriving community with all amenities**
- **Excellent tax rate**
- **Architectural controls**
- **Lots back onto green space**
- **12 residential lots still available**
- **Multi-family development lot priced at \$65,000**

Yellowhead County is in the process of developing available lots in some hamlets, for information regarding specifics please contact the planning department at 1-800-665-6030



Volunteer

Become a Yellowhead County Firefighter



As a member of the Yellowhead County Fire Department you join one of the largest, oldest, and most respected organizations in the entire world, the Fire Department. You join a countless number of courageous men and women who, when called to duty, work tirelessly under some of the worst conditions to rescue those in need, save lives and protect property from fire.

Yellowhead County firefighters are often first response on emergency calls, and spend their time helping their friends and neighbours from fire. In 2009, the Yellowhead County Fire Department responded to 207 calls, and in 2008 that number was 202. Volunteers also get the opportunity to visit schools and participate in outreach events to promote fire safety throughout the county.

Training and time is all you need to donate to become a volunteer. In addition, Yellowhead County recognizes that volunteers can be called out at all hours and often miss other things they would like to be involved with. Starting in January 2010, the county recognized this contribution by compensating its volunteers with a remuneration model. Firefighters now are compensated for attending emergency incidents, training and other approved activities. Firefighters are compensated \$15/hr, Fire Officers are compensated \$18/hr and in addition District Fire Chiefs receive a monthly stipend for their duties related to their position. Firefighters attending certified training activities or events are granted a \$150 per diem with no hourly compensation.

As a rural municipality, the county would not be able to operate a fire department without volunteers. If you would like to help your community, join the Yellowhead County Fire Department today. For more info and to join, contact Deputy Fire Chief Shawn McKerry at the Edson Administration Office.



Wise Water Use

Did you Know?

In 2004, the average Canadian daily domestic use of fresh water per capita was 329 litres, the second largest amount of any developed nation (USA was the largest consumer).

Conserving Water in your Home

The first step is to identify where we use water in the home. Then we need to decide what to do to reduce the amount of water we use, either by eliminating wasteful practices and habits, or by improving the efficiency of our water using fixtures and devices. Since we waste so much, this should be a relatively easy and painless process. The prime area to target is the bathroom, where nearly 65% of all indoor water use occurs.

Reduce

Much of the water "consumed" in our daily activities is simply wasted. Taps are left running while we brush our teeth. Dishwashers and laundry machines are operated without full loads. Really, everywhere we use water there is room for improvement. Here are just a few examples for both indoor and outdoor water use.

- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket or flush it unnecessarily.
- Take short showers – five minutes or less should do. If you prefer baths, fill the tub only one-quarter full.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge rather than letting your tap run to get cold water when you want a drink.
- More than 50% of the water applied to lawns and gardens is lost due to evaporation, or run-off because of overwatering. Find out how much water your lawn really needs. As a general rule, most lawns and gardens require little more than 2 to 3 centimeters (1 inch) of water per week.
- To reduce losses due to evaporation, water early in the morning (after the dew has dried).
- Watering off-peak helps the utility manage its load on the system and helps ensure adequate reservoir levels and water pressure for possible fire emergencies.
- When washing a car, fill a bucket with water and use a sponge. This can save about 300 litres of water.

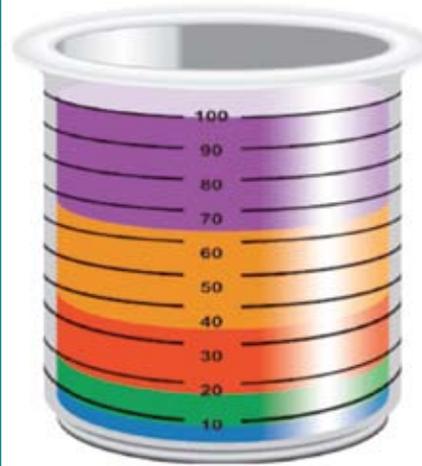
Repair

Leaks can be costly. A leak of only one drop per second wastes about 10,000 litres of water per year. Most leaks are easy to find and to fix, at very little cost.

Leaking faucets are often caused by a worn out washer that costs pennies to replace. Most hardware stores will have faucet repair kits with illustrations showing how to replace a washer.

A toilet that continues to run after flushing, if the leak is large enough, can waste up to 200,000 litres of water in a single year! To find out if your toilet is leaking, put two

Water use in the home



Showers and baths
35%

Toilet flushing
30%

Laundry
20%

Kitchen and drinking
10%
Cleaning
5%

or three drops of food colouring in the tank at the back of the toilet. Wait a few minutes. If the colour shows up in the bowl, there's a leak.

Toilet leaks are often due to a flush valve or flapper valve that isn't sitting properly in the valve seat, bent or misaligned flush valve lift wires, or a corroded valve seat. All of these can be fixed easily and inexpensively. To get at the valve seat, which surrounds the outlet hole at the bottom of the tank, you must first empty the tank. This is accomplished by turning off the inlet tap under the tank and flushing the toilet, making sure to keep depressing the flush lever until no more water drains out of the tank. Then, holding the valve out of the way, sand the corroded or warped valve seat smooth with a piece of emery cloth, if, however, the leak is around the base of the toilet where it sits on the floor, call a professional.

There are also many affordable retrofits you can do to your pipes, toilets, and faucets to save water. By making small changes to prevent waste, you can reduce your water consumption by up to 40 per cent. For more information visit www.ec.gc.ca – Government of Canada

You and Your Pet

Living in a rural community, it's easier to be lax when dealing with pets and animals. But it is up to each individual landowner to follow the animal control issue to ensure the safety of their neighbours. Pets are not permitted to roam freely within the county and must be either fenced or leashed at all times. Pet owners are responsible for ensuring that their pet does not bite or chase any person, pet or even vehicle. If you have a concern about animals within the county contact a Yellowhead County Peace Officer at the Edson or Wildwood Administration Offices.

Did you know?



Yellowhead County has arranged for every ratepayer in Yellowhead County to receive a subscription to the Edson Leader Town and Country. Within these pages is information about workshops, planning and development, news updates, and much, much more.

In doing this, Yellowhead County fulfills its obligations under the Municipal Government Act, and actively strives to keep the community informed of all the great programming and opportunities for residents and businesses.

If you do not receive a copy of the Edson Leader Town and Country in your mailbox each week, please contact Catherine Adair, Communications Coordinator, at the Edson Administration Office. Note that if you have a 'no flyers' sticker on your mailbox you will not receive the newspaper.

Feel free to contact Yellowhead County's Chief Administrative Officer or Directors with questions, concerns or comments.

Jack Ramme

– Chief Administrative Officer

Barb Lyons

– Director of Corporate and Planning Services

Don O'Quinn

– Director of Infrastructure Services

Debbie Charest

– Director of Community and Protective Services

Yellowhead County

780-723-4800

1-800-665-6030

Fax: 780-723-5066

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Office Locations

Edson Office (Main)

2716-1st Avenue

Edson, AB T7E 1N9

Wildwood Office

5215-50 Street

Visit the Yellowhead County Website.
It is a quick and effective way to get the information you need about our programs and services.

Visit www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca



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