



## Home Heating Safety

We all need heat to keep our homes warm and comfortable in the winter. However, the equipment we use to heat our homes can be dangerous if it is not designed, installed, used and maintained properly. Follow these safety tips to prevent fire and other hazards when heating your home. For more information, please call 1-866-421-6929, or visit [www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/rs](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/rs)

### All heating equipment

- Buy appliances certified by a recognized testing agency, such as the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Intertek Testing Services (ITS), or Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada (ULC). Certified appliances will be marked with the symbol of the testing agency.
- Always follow manufacturer's instructions when installing and operating equipment.
- Supervise children when they are in the room with heating equipment. If possible, keep children away from heating equipment.

### Space heaters

- Keep the area around space heaters clear. There should be at least one metre (three feet) of clear space in all directions around a space heater.
- Make sure that blankets, clothes, or other combustible materials are not in a position to fall on or near a space heater.
- Areas surrounding space heaters should not become too hot to touch.
- Don't put clothes on or near a space heater to dry.
- Use only the fuel for which the heater was designed.
- Inspect cords on electrical heaters. If cords are frayed or split, or overheat during operation, the unit is a fire hazard.

### Wood and coal stoves and heaters

- Use only the fuel for which the stove or heater was designed. Don't use flammable/combustible liquids to start a fire.
- Make sure the stove or heater is installed at least one metre (three feet) away from the wall.
- Place an approved stove board under the stove or heater to protect the floor from heat and hot coals.

### Fireplaces

- Have your chimney checked and cleaned each year by a qualified person.
- Always supervise a fire. Make sure a fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Use small amounts of dry, well-seasoned wood. Don't burn scrap paper, Christmas trees or other waste in the fireplace.

### Furnaces and water heaters

- The pilot flame can ignite flammable liquid vapours, so keep flammable liquids and chemicals (gasoline, solvents etc.) away from furnaces and water heaters.
- Have your furnace inspected once a year by a qualified heating contractor.

### Carbon monoxide

All fuel-burning appliances need a supply of fresh air to burn properly. Without proper ventilation, fuel burning heating equipment could produce carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas. Check that all appliances have vents to the outside. For more information about carbon monoxide, see Alberta Municipal Affairs' Safety Tips for Carbon Monoxide.

## Direct Seeding Workshop

There will be a Direct Seeding workshop on January 12 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta. The fee for the workshop is \$20 and includes lunch. Speakers include: Blair Burton on Direct Seeding in Canada and Australia, Jason Casselman on Yield Potential and Inputs, Linda Hall on Pre-harvest Dessicants and more. To register, call Jana or Nora at 780-836-3354.

## Wild Boar Bounty Program Extended



Wild boar was declared a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act in 2008. Saddle Hills County and Alberta Agriculture are pleased to announce that the Wild Boar Bounty Program of \$50/pair of ears has been extended until March 31, 2011.

### How do I participate in the program?

In order to be eligible for the program, the wild boar killed must meet the following conditions:

- Was found at large when it was killed;
- Was not, to your knowledge, intentionally released;
- Was killed by hunting or trapping, and not slaughter;
- Was killed humanely;
- Was killed at the location you reported;
- Was not killed in a manner that contravened any law.

Failure to meet the above conditions will render the claimant ineligible for payment.

### I've killed a wild boar. What do I do now?

Remove both ears from the animal. The ears must be whole and undamaged and you must have both of them in your possession in order to receive payment. Call the Manager of Rural Development, Amy Kaut, at 780-864-0053 to make arrangements for the ears to be dropped off or picked up. The ears will be notched and returned to you to

dispose of how you wish, and the County will then issue payment. In order to speed up payment, please have the legal land description where the animal was killed with you.

### Do I have to kill the wild boar in Saddle Hills County in order to collect the bounty?

The boars must be killed within Saddle Hills County and you must submit the correct legal land description of where the animal was killed. You must have landowner permission to enter and hunt on their land. Lack of or false information will render you ineligible for payment. If you kill a wild boar in another municipality, you must contact them to inquire about payment for your ears.

### Is there a limit on how many wild boars I can receive the bounty for?

There are no limits on the number, gender or age of boars that are eligible for payment. These animals are legislated pests that have caused millions of dollars in agricultural and structural damages elsewhere in North America. Through this proactive bounty program, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and the Alberta Agricultural Service Boards hope to prevent wild boar from establishing in Alberta.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Manager of Rural Development at (780) 864-3760.

## Meeting Rescheduled

The January 19th regularly scheduled Agricultural Services Board meeting has been re-scheduled and moved up to January 15th.

## Winter Transfer Station Hours

Transfer station winter hours of operation are now in effect as seen below:

Transfer	Location	Day	Hours
Woking	SW-18-76-5-W6	Tuesday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Blueberry	SE-3-80-8-W6	Wednesday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Bonanza	NW-33-79-12-W6	Friday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Gundy	SW-32-76-13-W6	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Setting a Profitable Price

### WORKSHOP

Learn Agri-Food Network presents "Setting a Profitable Price" on January 12, 2010; Provincial Building, Fairview, Alberta. Interested in practical instructions for costing and pricing your products? In this workshop, producers, small scale processors and agripreneurs will learn the basics of costing and pricing products and how to set a profitable price point for farm direct marketing their products. The fee for the workshop is \$25 per person. For more information, call Elaine Stenbraaten at 780-835-7531 or toll-free at 310-0000. To register, call Linda at 780-538-6208