

# DISCOVER THE SADDLE HILLS ADVANTAGE

#### **UPDATE YOUR VETERINARY SERVICES INC. (V.S.I.) INFO**

Producers are asked to please update their contact information for their VSI number, should any changes have occurred. Any changes to contact details should be registered with the Agricultural Services Department at (780) 864-3760 or ag@saddlehills.ab.ca.

#### **CHECK YOUR WINTER BURN PILES**

Wildfire season has officially begun early, as of February 20, 2024. With the fire season now underway, everyone is encouraged to become familiar with FireSmart principles and to take an active role in wildfire prevention and mitigation by preparing their properties and communities accordingly.

Please exercise extreme caution in forested areas and avoid burning under warm, dry and windy conditions. It is crucial that everyone remain up-to-date on fire bans and restrictions in their areas to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires, which represented more than 60 per cent of wildfires this past season.

For anyone who did any burning over winter, please check all sites, spreading out the remaining materials and soaking the area to ensure no more heat is being produced. Continue to check burn sites at regular intervals in the lead up to spring to confirm they have not reignited.

For more information on emergency preparedness and the 2024 wildfire season, please visit our website.

#### 2024 DO NOT SPRAY AGREEMENTS - NOW AVAILABLE

The tentative spray areas for 2024 are the Northmark, Westmark, and Woking areas. If you do not wish to have the roadside beside your property sprayed by the County, you will need to complete a Do Not Spray Agreement. Do Not Spray Agreements are now available either online at **saddlehills.ab.ca/weedcontrol** or at the County office. The deadline to submit agreements is **May 31, 2024**, at 4:30 p.m.

#### 2024 FENCELINE SPRAYING AGREEMENTS - NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like the fenceline along your property sprayed as part of our spraying program, you will need to complete a Fenceline Spraying Agreement. 2024 Fenceline Spraying Agreements are now available either online at **saddlehills.ab.ca/weedcontrol** or at the County office. The deadline to submit agreements is **May 31, 2024**, at 4:30 p.m.

## COUNTY CALENDAR:

March 12, 9:00 a.m. March 26, 8:30 a.m. March 26, 9:00 a.m. March 28, 6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting Municipal Planning Commission Regular Council Meeting Agricultural Services Board Meeting

#### **CONTRACT CAMPGROUND CARETAKER - SPRING LAKE**

Saddle Hills County is looking for motivated individuals (or couples) to join our team as a contract caretaker at Spring Lake Campground, for the 2024 season. A full job description and how to apply can be found on our website at **www.saddlehills.ab.ca/careers** 

#### BONANZA TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULED CLOSURE

Please note that the Bonanza Transfer Station will be closed for Good Friday on **Friday, March 29, 2024**. Normal hours will resume on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

#### EASTER SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Saddle Hills County Administration Building will be closed for Easter on **Friday, March 29, 2024** and **Monday, April 1, 2024.** We will re-open on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 8:15 a.m.



#### PRIVATELY OWNED EQUIPMENT LIST

Contractors wanting to provide heavy equipment and gravel hauling services for Saddle Hills County must register with the County annually, by completing and submitting a Privately Owned Equipment Registration Form. These forms are available either online at **www**.

**saddlehills.ab.ca/forms**, by scanning the QR code, or at the County Admin Building. You can register any time, however our construction season usually begins on, or around, April 1, and we urge contractors to submit their applications by **March 15, 2024.** 



#### **RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SYSTEM GRANT**

Saddle Hills County is offering a \$500 grant to County residents to help offset the cost of the purchase and installation of security cameras/systems on their property, as of January 23, 2024. The grant

is one-time funding, up to a maximum of \$500 per residence located within Saddle Hills County, and is only eligible for primary residences. For full eligibility requirements and to apply visit our website at **saddlehills.ab.ca/securitygrant** or scan the QR code.



#### ASSESSMENT DIRECT CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to contact our Assessment Department with a question or concern you can call them directly at **(780) 506-0101**.

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#### **RURAL POTABLE WATER PROGRAM**

Making sure residents have access to clean and safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. If you are interested in having your property hooked-up to the County's expanding rural potable water system, at no connection charge, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, available on our website, by scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For more information: **Darren Lubeck (780) 864-3760** 



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