



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

GET READY TO CAMP: RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN

Camping season is just around the corner, reservations are now open as of April 6, 2026 for Hilltop Lake, Cotillion Park, and Spring Lake. Campsites at these locations can be booked through lets-camp.ca. Sites at Moonshine Lake can be reserved through the Alberta Parks Reservation System. For more information, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Parks-Recreation.

BRUSH PILE BURNING

March 1 marks the beginning of wildfire season. Fires in the FPA (Forest Protection Area) require a permit through Alberta Forestry during fire season; burns outside the FPA require a controlled burn notification through Saddle Hills County. When burning brush piles, remember to follow safe burning practices. Check winter burn sites often. Fires can smoulder underground for weeks or even months and may reignite in warm, dry weather. When revisiting a winter burn site:

- Spread remaining ashes and debris.
- Check the ground for any hot spots for any lingering ground fire.
- Douse the area to fully extinguish the burn and stir ashes with heavy equipment or hand tools.
- Ensure the area is cold to the touch.

For more information visit saddlehills.ab.ca

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR DITCHING

A reminder that permits are required for any work in County ditches and rights-of-way. Landowners must contact the County before starting any work, including approach construction or modifications, ditching (new or existing), brushing, or any work within developed or undeveloped rights-of-way. Rights-of-way provide access and accommodate utilities such as power, phone, internet, gas lines, and pipelines. Permits are free and must be obtained in advance. For more information, or to apply for a permit, call us at **(780) 864-3760** or email publicworks@saddlehills.ab.ca

DO YOU HAVE A VOLUNTEER STORY TO TELL?

Volunteers make a difference every day in Saddle Hills County, often without recognition. If you know a volunteer whose efforts have had an impact—or if you have a story to share about volunteering—we'd like to hear it. Your story helps recognize the people who give their time and strengthens appreciation for the role volunteers play in our communities. Send your stories to communications@saddlehills.ab.ca. Stories will be posted during Volunteer Week April 19-25.

ALUS - GET INVOLVED!

Are you interested in conducting an ALUS project on your land or sharing your knowledge with the community? ALUS Expressions of Interest are now open. Learn more about the ALUS program, requirements, and get involved, at saddlehills.ab.ca/ALUS

WE'RE HIRING

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/careers

PERMANENT FULL TIME

- **Equipment Operator II**

2026 FENCELINE SPRAYING AND DO NOT SPRAY AGREEMENTS

The Agricultural Services Department conducts their annual spraying and mowing programs on County Road allowances, using a 3-year rotational cycle, to ensure effective weed and pest control for the entirety of the County. Tentative spray areas for 2026 will include but are not limited to: **Blueberry Mountain, Whitburn, Happy Valley and East Woking**. The deadline to submit No spray and Fenceline Spraying agreements will be **April 30, 2026**. For more information: (780) 864-3760 or email ag@saddlehills.ab.ca

SADDLE HILLS COUNTY RURAL POTABLE WATER PROJECT

Through the Rural Potable Water Project, the County is investing in the infrastructure necessary to provide potable water directly to rural properties. Council considers expansions to the program annually, based on the interest expressed by residents. To express interest in the program and sign up to have a Rural Water Hook-up at your property, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, either online or at the County Office. For any questions or help completing your application, please contact Manager of Environmental Services, Darren Lubeck, at (780) 864-3760 or email EnvSvc@saddlehills.ab.ca. More information and an updated map can be viewed at saddlehills.ab.ca/Rural-PotableWater2026

DUST CONTROL APPLICATIONS OPEN

Each year, Saddle Hills County offers dust control treatments on roads in front of residences at a cost approved by Council. Rates for 2026 are as follows:

- Residential: \$200 (plus GST) per 100m
- Industrial: \$670 (plus GST) per 100m

If you are interested in dust control in front of your residence please complete the application, available on our website or at the County office, by **May 15, 2026**. If you have any questions or require assistance please contact Operations at (780) 864-3760.



COUNTY CALENDAR: APRIL 2026

Apr. 14, 8:30 a.m.	MPC Meeting
Apr. 14, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Apr. 14, 11:00 a.m.	Public Hearing for Road Closure
Apr. 16, 6:00 p.m.	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Apr. 28, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting

PEACE OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

To report a bylaw infraction or concern, please contact the Peace Officer through the dedicated complaints line at **(780) 506-0109**. For emergencies or criminal matters, call **911** or contact the **RCMP**.

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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