



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DEADLINE APPROACHING

Each year during the Christmas season, Saddle Hills County distributes Christmas Hampers. If you reside in Saddle Hills County, you can request a hamper for yourself or nominate another family or individual using the Christmas Hamper Application.

Applications are available online, at saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Christmas-Hampers, at the County Office, or by scanning the QR code. Nominations will be accepted until **December 12, 2025**, at 4:30 pm.



CHILDCARE SUBSIDY UPDATE

At Saddle Hills County, we understand the need for families to be able to access quality and affordable child care. To help combat the cost, the County provides a Child Care Subsidy to eligible residents. The subsidy is paid on a per hour, per child basis, up to a monthly rate, as per the Master Rates Bylaw. Beginning January 1, 2026, the rate will be increasing to \$3.10 p/hour, p/child up to a maximum of \$520 p/month, p/child. For more information, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Child-Care

DRIVEWAY SNOWPLOW AGREEMENTS

Driveway Snowplow Agreements for seniors and the public are now available for the 2025/26 season. To ensure that you are on the snowplow list, please fill out an application online at saddlehills.ab.ca/snowplowing, or at the County office. Driveway snowplowing is free if you are disabled or a senior, otherwise fees apply.

WATCH OUT FOR SNOWPLOWS

Please watch out for slow-moving snowplows and graders on County roads. Watch out for signal lights on the highway, stay back, and only pass when it is safe to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.

DOG LICENCE RENEWALS

If you live in the Hamlet of Woking and have one or more dogs, please note that current Dog Licences expire on December 31, 2025. To renew, please complete a Dog Licence Application on the County website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Dog-Licence or contact the County office.

TREE SEEDLING ORDERS FOR 2026

Do you want to plant trees on your property? The Tree Seedling Program for residents is in its fourth year, and orders are now open! Available species and more information on the program, including pricing, can be found on our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings. Orders will be accepted until **December 12, 2025**, at 4:30 pm.

2025 TAX PENALTY

A reminder to ratepayers that the final penalty deadline for 2025 property taxes, is **December 31, 2025**. After this date, a 6% penalty shall be placed on the total outstanding amount. This is in addition to any penalties previously accrued. Payments can be made online through most financial institutions, over the phone, or by visiting us in the County office during regular office hours. Please use the drop-box after hours. If mailing in a cheque, the Canada Post date of mailing will determine the received payment date.

SHC WELCOMES NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER

Saddle Hills County is pleased to announce that a Nurse Practitioner has been hired to fill in for Nurse Practitioner Palvi Sharma during her maternity leave. **Courtney Sideroff** joined the team on November 26, 2025. Further information on the clinic's reopening will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Saddle Hills County Health Clinic soon. To stay up to date with clinic news, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Saddle-Hills-Health-Clinic or follow us on Facebook or Instagram [@saddlehillshealthclinic](https://www.facebook.com/saddlehillshealthclinic).

SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - DEC. 12

Please note, that the Saddle Hills County Admin Building will be closing at 12 p.m. (noon), on **Friday, December 12, 2025**, for a Staff Christmas Event. We will re-open at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025.

SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - DEC. 19 - JAN. 5

Please note, that the Saddle Hills County Admin Building will be closed for the Holiday Season from 4:30 p.m. on **December 19, 2025**, re-opening on **January 5, 2026**. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Notice: If anyone needs to come into the office to purchase their bulk water please do so prior to the office closure.

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24, 25 & 26, 2025:

All Transfer Stations Closed

December 27, 2025:

All Transfer Stations Open

December 31, 2025:

Bonanza & Blueberry: Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

January 1, 2026:

All Transfer Stations Closed

SECURITY SYSTEM & HIGH-SPEED INTERNET GRANT

Saddle Hills County recently updated the Residential Security System Grant to now include high-speed internet. The grant assists County residents with offsetting the cost of the purchase and installation of security systems and/or high-speed internet on their property. The grant is split into two parts – high-speed internet or residential security system. Eligible residents may apply for one or both parts of the grant. Each grant is one-time funding per residence, up to a maximum of \$500. Both grants together would provide up to a total maximum funding of \$1,000 per residence. **Applicants who have already applied for and received funds for a residential security system under this grant, may still be eligible to apply for the high-speed Internet portion of the grant.** For more information and to apply, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Security-Grant

PEACE OFFICER CONTACT

If you need to contact our Peace Officer with a Bylaw infraction or concern please use the dedicated complaints line: (780) 506-0109 **Please note if it is an emergency or criminal offence 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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