

VILLAGE OF FOREMOST PUBLIC NOTICE MAY, 2020

MULCHING AND COMPOSTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE

MULCHING:

Mulching is becoming increasingly popular, due to its convenience and the health benefits it provides to the lawn. A mulch blade or lawnmower chops the clippings down to a fine mulch which is then returned to the lawn. As the tiny grass clippings decompose rapidly, the lawn has a cleaner appearance. Nitrogen and other essential nutrients are fed back into the grass roots, resulting in a thicker and greener lawn without fertilizing or feeding.

For best results when mulching, the rule of thumb is not to cut off more than one-third of the grass length. For optimum results, do not cut below 30-40 mm and cutting frequently is recommended. Mulching is also beneficial to help maintain soil balance and moisture, thus less water is required for healthy grass.

The Village of Foremost requests the public to consider mulching their grass rather than bagging for transfer to the refuse site. This would save on garbage volumes in both hauling and land fill space and also promote a healthy and happy yard.

COMPOSTING:

The Village of Foremost has set aside an area for the composting of leaves and grass. It is located in the Industrial Park, north of the new County Shop, adjacent to the large dirt piles.

Please follow the following system when utilizing the composting area:

- Only leaves and grass clippings
- Plastic Bags are to be dumped and if discarded, put into barrel next to composting area
- No garbage, household or otherwise
- No shrub or tree trimmings or branches
- No metal
- Biodegradable bags are permissible

Your cooperation in maintaining this composting site is appreciated.

RECREATIONAL FIRES/REFUSE BURNING

Village Council has received complaints regarding burning of refuse within the Village of Foremost.

Your consideration is appreciated as follows:

- 1) **NO BURNING** of garbage or refuse from household, commercial or industrial operations, other than paper products
- 2) **RECREATIONAL FIRES** may only be fuelled by seasoned wood, charcoal, propane or natural gas
- 3) **USE RESPECT** and be aware of your neighbors when burning paper products and enjoying recreational fires

Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.

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SOUTH FORTY WASTE SERVICES LANDFILL SITE

Hours of Operation (Foremost Site):

Wednesday – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DOG CONTROL

The Village of Foremost would like to thank those dog owners who continue to keep their dogs from running at large within the Village of Foremost.

However, we still continue to receive complaints regarding dogs that are running loose with the Village or causing a disturbance by excessive barking.

Dogs running at large are a nuisance to other residents. They tear up garbage, damage and destroy property, and at times frighten children and adults.

Please continue to keep our Village a clean and pleasant place to live by making sure your dog is kept within the confines of your yard, unless it is otherwise restrained by a permitted leash held by a person and that lease is attached to a choke chain, collar or harness securely holding the dog.

Listed below are the yearly license fees required by the Village of Foremost, due January 1, of each year:

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| 1. | License for each altered Dog | \$10.00 |
| 2. | License for each unaltered Dog | \$15.00 |

Again, the Village of Foremost would appreciate your assistance in adhering to By-Law No. 473, a copy of which may be viewed at the Village of Foremost office during regular office hours.

If you no longer own a dog, please disregard this notice.

HOLIDAY TRAILER PARKING:

The Village of Foremost requests your assistance with parking of holiday trailers during the summer months.

Please refrain from leaving slides open onto streets and sidewalks and parking trailers on sidewalks. Please help us keep our streets and sidewalks safe.

FOREMOST WALKING PATH:

Due to COVID 19, the Village of Foremost will not be opening the Wayside Campsite Bathroom/Shower Facility and the Walking Path Outhouse, until further notice.

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FOREMOST WAYSIDE CAMPSITE:

Covid 19 Update:

Due to the fluidity of this pandemic, changes to the campground operations will be updated as required.

Current Foremost Wayside Campsite practices:

- Self-contained camping only meaning water supply, holding tanks, and personal washroom facilities such as RV's and travel trailers.
- Campground capacity limited to 50%, utilizing every other campsite for spacing. Only one camping unit per site.
- Remote registration or check in is encouraged. Self-registration kiosk is on site.
- Group camping or social gatherings such as group bonfires, potlucks, happy hour, etc. are prohibited. Organized activities such as bingo, karaoke, exercise classes, garage sales and the use of social halls are prohibited. Any gatherings must stay below 15 people.

No Garage Sales Until Pandemic Ends

While they can be an excellent way to maximize the reuse of household items while bringing in some pocket change, they also promote non-essential travel, encourage contact inconsistent with physical distancing protocols, and cannot guarantee their location has been properly and thoroughly sanitized.

The Province of Alberta has stated that businesses offering non-essential goods or services are prohibited from allowing public access into their businesses. These retail businesses may choose to offer online shopping and curbside pick-up. Although the restrictions on businesses don't necessarily apply to your garage sale, the reality is that the risks are the same. We encourage you to find other ways to access or sell items while maintaining physical distancing, including joining a local Buy & Sell page and offering curbside pick-up.



PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

You can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Alberta. Prevention starts with awareness.

- Practice physical distancing
- Self-isolate if you're feeling sick
- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Do not travel outside of Canada

PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

All Albertans have a responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Take steps to protect yourself and others:

- Limit the number of times you leave your home
- Stay at least 2 meters away from others when you go out for groceries, medical trips, and other essential needs
- Have groceries or other items delivered if possible
- If you go outside for fresh air maintain 2 meters distance from others
- Avoid overcrowding in elevators and other enclosed spaces
- Wash your hands after touching communal surfaces such as handrails, handles
- Postpone family visits, friend gatherings, and group outings, especially if household or family members are senior citizens or have high-risk medical conditions
- Do not gather with other people if you have a fever or a cough, even if symptoms appear to be mild.
- Obey all mandatory self-isolation requirements and mass gathering restrictions now in place in Alberta.

Legally enforceable public health measures are in place to limit the time Albertans spend in contact with each other. Anyone violating these restrictions is now subject to fines.

MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 symptoms are similar to influenza and other respiratory illnesses. Symptoms can include:

- cough
- fever
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- sore throat

If you have any of these symptoms stay home and self-isolate; do not go to an ER or medical clinic. **Call Health Link at 8-1-1 for more information.** Services are available in 240 languages.

SELF ISOLATE

You are legally required to self-isolate for:

- **14 days** if you returned from international travel or are a close contact of a person with COVID-19
- **10 days** if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition

If you are self-isolating:

- Stay home — do not go to work, social events or any other public areas or community settings
- Avoid close contact with other people, including household members but especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems
- Do not use public transportation or ride sharing
- Do not go for walks in public places. This includes children in mandatory self-isolation.
- If you go outside, you must remain on private property not accessible by others.
- If you live in an apartment building or high-rise, you must stay inside and cannot use the elevators or stairwells. If your balcony is private and at least 2 metres away from other balconies, you may use your balcony to get fresh air.