

Ag & Environmental Services Newsletter

September 2023



Fall Tree Planting

Fall is a great time to plant trees on your property. The heat of the summer has passed, and soil moisture is adequate thanks to late summer and autumn rains.

Having a diverse range of tree and shrub species promotes biodiversity and reduces the chance of pests moving in.

Here are some tips for establishing new trees on your property this fall.

1. Site

Prepare your site by removing weed species and ensuring there is enough space for the mature tree to grow.

2. Selection

The type of tree you choose should be selected based off your planting site. Selecting a drought resilient species will help during summer with extended dry periods.

3. Planting

Dig a hole as deep as the roots and twice as wide.

4. Mulching

Mulching reduces weed growth, retains water, and helps protect against extreme heat.

5. Staking

If the planting site is exposed to wind, staking can be used the first few years to support the tree.

6. Fertilization

Fertilization should be avoided during drought conditions.

7. Watering

Don't let the tree dry out. You want to maintain adequate moisture so right after planting, water your trees and again a few days later. Ensure your tree has received adequate water before freezing temperatures are expected.

By utilizing proper techniques and following appropriate care instructions for your selected tree species, you can have a successful fall tree planting season.

WEED WARRIORS

Every Wednesday morning throughout June, July, and August we hosted a weed pull and here are the stats for the season!

- 128 Bags removed
- 2480 Kgs of Weeds destroyed
- 27 Volunteers
- 13 Locations cleaned up

Upcoming Events

***Pass Powderkeg Weed & Wood Pull
September 16th, 2023
9:45 AM- 3:00 PM***

Lunch will be provided!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Ag and Environmental Department!

403-562-8833



Resource Management

Farm Technology Program

The province of Alberta offers 50% cost-shared grant programs for producers, ranchers, farmers, processors, and organizations.

The Farm Technology Program supports tools that secure business assets, minimizes agricultural waste and optimizes farm efficiency.

Eligible applicants need to be registered in Alberta and responsible for day-to-day operations of livestock, crop, or bee operations and produce \$25,000 worth of farm commodities; approved indigenous applicants and must possess a current Environmental Farm Plan letter or certificate. The certificate/letter does not need to match the name, however, must be for the same farm.

Eligible expenses for approved projects will be funded to: minimum grant of \$500/applicant; maximum grant of \$48,000/applicant for Farm Technology Stream; maximum grant of \$2,000/applicant for Farm Security Stream

Note: the program is retroactive to April 1, 2023

Questions?

Email S-CAP.FTP@gov.ab.ca or call 310-FARM (3276)

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NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH YELLOW TOADFLAX

Snapdragon-like flowers, yellow with orange spot on lower lip and long spur at flower base. Lance shaped leaves, alternate, attached directly to stem.



PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Irregular, pink-purple-white flowers have 5 petals. Leaves are simple, oblong, opposite and in whorls of 3.

