

## Foothills Update July 6, 2013

Good Afternoon,

I am sending you an update on the state of things in the MD of Foothills. You may have seen some of this through other media, but in case you have not, I thought you may like to refer to some items, especially our new temporary office location. Please volunteer if you are able - there is so much need. Thanks!!!

Best Wishes,

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### MEDIA RELEASE #33

July 5, 2013 @ 11:30 am

Location: MD of Foothills #31

The MD of Foothills remains under a State of Local Emergency.

#### EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE

Should you need to contact the EOC in relation to flood-related issues occurring within the MD of Foothills, please utilize the following contacts between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday:

Emergency Operations Center: 403-603-3571  
Media Inquiries: 403-603-6315

All inquiries for the EOC outside of these hours: 1-888-808-3722

#### BOIL WATER ADVISORY

A boil water advisory has been issued for the Hamlet of Cayley.

The water supply to Cayley has been re-connected to its normal source, which is the Town of High River. The MD of Foothills is unsure of the quality of the water within water lines at present and, as a precaution and in conjunction with Alberta Health Services, is advising all residents of Cayley to boil water until such time as water tests come back negative for bacteria.

Alberta Health Services recommends that you treat your drinking water by heating the water to a rolling boil for one minute before the water is used for drinking, food preparation or dental care. As an alternative to boiling water, residents may consider the use of bottled water or an alternate water supply from a safe source.

#### FIRE BAN LIFTED

The Fire Ban for the MD of Foothills has been lifted as of 8:00 am this morning. All open fires will now be allowed by obtaining a burning permit issued by a Fire Guardian. Fire Guardians may request to inspect your burn pile before issuing a burning permit. Burning permits are available free of charge.

The burning of prohibited debris is an offence. Prohibited debris includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Tires
- Plastics
- Household garbage

- Paint and paint cans
- Used motor oil
- Furniture
- Treated products

Please only burn clean debris. All other materials can be disposed of at the Regional Landfill, where the tipping fees are presently being waived for MD residents disposing of flood-related debris.

#### FLOOD CLEAN UP KITS

As of 11:00 am July 5, 2013, flood clean up kits will be available for MD of Foothills residents for pick up at the Aldersyde Shop located at 410038 – 81 Street E. (Just off Hwy 2a at Aldersyde). Please go to the main entrance on the west side of the building.

#### MD OF FOOTHILLS ADMINISTRATION

The MD of Foothills is open for business. Our Administration Offices have temporarily relocated to:

- Mullen Trucking
- 100 – 80079 Maple Leaf Road East, Hamlet of Aldersyde
- Telephone: 403-652-2341

The public are welcome to attend this location for:

- Building permits
- Planning and Development Applications / Information
- Taxes / Assessment Information
- Finance

Please note: the mailing address remains unchanged for the MD of Foothills:

309 Macleod Trail, Box 5605  
High River, AB  
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#### PROVINCE OF ALBERTA – DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Alberta Emergency Management Agency has advised that all municipalities, including the MD of Foothills, that were affected by the southern Alberta floods are automatically eligible for the Disaster Recovery Program that is currently being set up. Watch for announcements from the Province and through the MD of Foothills for updated information regarding dates, times and locations for registration centres as this information becomes available.

#### STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENTS

Should you require a detailed structural assessment of a residence or structure in the rural MD of Foothills, please contact Ken McKay at the MD Administration Office at 403-652-2341 to make arrangements.

#### CLEAN UP KITS

MD of Foothills residents can pick up clean up kits from the Red Cross at the High River Rodeo Grounds.

#### OKOTOKS FOOD BANK

The Okotoks Food Bank had advised that they are currently full with donations of non perishable foods. The Food Bank is still taking monetary donations that will be used to purchase necessary items. Please note that the Okotoks Food Bank may also be accessed by residents of the MD of Foothills who require this type of assistance.

#### HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

The High River Hospital remains closed at this time. Residents requiring medical assistance can access 24 hour medical care at either the Black Diamond Hospital or Okotoks Urgent Care.

#### ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES CONTACT NUMBERS

If you have inquiries relating to public health issues following a flood, please contact:

Environmental Public Health Office (Calgary Main Office) 403-943-2295  
Okotoks Community Health 403-995-2600

Or check with AHS website at: [www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph.asp](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph.asp)

#### VOLUNTEER REGISTRY NUMBERS

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list to help residents and businesses in the MD of Foothills, please call 403-603-3571

If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers in the Town of High River, please call 1-866-628-6565 to register.

#### EXTENDED REGIONAL LANDFILL HOURS

Due to the increased need for landfill services due to the flooding, the Regional Landfill has extended it's hours for this week:

Monday July 1st – Saturday July 6th 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

#### LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

Landfill tipping fees are being waived for MD of Foothills residents who are hauling their own flood-related debris to the landfill. To qualify for this exemption, MD residents must provide to the landfill their legal land description / rural address and identification to authenticate your residency in the MD of Foothills.

Contractors hauling on behalf of MD of Foothills residents' will not qualify for this exemption. If you are billed for tipping fees by a contractor, please be aware that you may be able to request compensation for these charges through the Provincial Disaster Recovery Program.

#### RHINO BAGS FOR REFUSE REMOVAL

Please note.....these Rhino bags are being supplied by the MD of Foothills for ratepayers who live within the MD of Foothills only.

These dumpster bags can be loaded with up to 1 tonne of refuse / debris for removal. These bags can be picked up at the MD ALDERSYDE SHOP (410038 81St. E- Highway 2A at Aldersyde) Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on regular business days.

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 2 BAGS PER MD RESIDENCE. You will be required to provide your name, legal land description / rural address and identification to authenticate your residency within the MD of Foothills to qualify for these free refuse bags.

The MD will arrange for pick up of full Rhino Bags in the days ahead, when resources become available.

#### MD ROAD AND BRIDGE CLOSURES

MD of Foothills Public Works crews are hard at work repairing damaged roads throughout the municipality. Please obey all cautionary traffic signs and give our crews room to work safely.

Please visit the MD of Foothills website at [www.mdfoothills.com](http://www.mdfoothills.com) for a comprehensive listing of all roads and bridges that are closed or currently under repair.

#### WATER WELL TESTING KITS

Water well test kits are available for pick up for MD of Foothills residents, at the Heritage Pointe Firehall, Black Diamond Hospital and the Okotoks Urgent Care Centre.

#### PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FLOOD INFORMATION CONTACT NUMBER

The Province of Alberta has a new contact number for flood related inquiries. Please call 403-310-4455.

#### EMERGENCY FUNDING / FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION

Go to the Government of Alberta website at [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca) for information on:

- Registering with the Red Cross for Emergency Funding and assistance with family reunifications at (1-866-696-6484) or online at [www.redcross.ca/abregister](http://www.redcross.ca/abregister)
- Flood Recovery information
- Insurance information

**CAMPGROUND CLOSURES:**

- Hogg Park
- Nature's Hideaway

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Check Foothills Fire Department's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FoothillsFireDepartment>

or the MD of Foothills Twitter page at:

<https://twitter.com/MDofFoothills> for further information.