



COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN No.10

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MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE – WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The mountain pine beetle is a small, black beetle about the size of a grain of rice. Over the past few years, mountain pine beetles have been expanding east into Alberta from British Columbia. Recently, there have been reports that Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) has expanded its range. One location has been confirmed within the County of Wetaskiwin's boundaries.

What type of trees may be attacked?

Mountain pine beetles attack and kill pine trees, usually mature ones aged 80 to 120 years old. All species of pine, including lodgepole, jack pine, scots pine and ponderosa pine are vulnerable. Mountain pine beetles do not attack aspen, spruce or fir trees.

When do beetles attack trees and how long do they stay in trees?

Beetles fly in search of new trees in July and August. Once a beetle has found a suitable tree, it will live in that tree for the remainder of its life and lay eggs. The new generation of beetles will not emerge from the tree for at least one year.

If my tree is attacked, will it die?

Unfortunately, yes. Trees successfully attacked by mountain pine beetles usually die within one year.

How can I tell if my trees have been attacked?

Look for creamy globs that look like crystallised honey, called pitch tubes, and sawdust at the base of the tree and in the bark's crevices.

What do I do if my tree is infested?

If you suspect a Mountain Pine Beetle infestation on your property, please contact **Heather Dickau**, Horticulturist, at hdickau@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca or **780-352-3321**.



NOTICE

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Posting #2018/12

The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require two persons from the General Public to serve in the following position:

2 regular members for the term January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

The purpose of the Appeal Board is to:

Hear appeals against decisions of the subdivision authority that do not fall under the criteria of Section 678(2)a of the Municipal Government Act; and

Hear and decide upon appeals from decisions of the Development Officer in respect to development permits and stop orders, and in this respect perform the duties assigned to the Development Appeal Board under Land Use By-law 2017/48.

The Appeal Board consists of:

Five (5) members from the general public, currently residing in the County of Wetaskiwin, appointed by resolution of County Council.

A per diem, as well as mileage will be provided for requested attendance at meetings.

If you are interested in the above position, candidates are asked to submit their resume by 12:00 p.m. October 24th, 2018 listing job posting number, qualifications, experience to the address below or you may submit on our website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca:

Verna Lonsdale, Executive Assistant
County of Wetaskiwin No. 10
Box 6960
Wetaskiwin, AB

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

RE: Addressing Confirmation

The County of Wetaskiwin is requesting all ratepayers to confirm and provide as much contact information as possible in order to update our data base. Emails and phone numbers would be a huge asset. Under the Freedom of Information and Privacy act none of this information will be given out to the public.

If your address has recently changed or you are not receiving expected mail please contact Lexie Robinson at the County office by mail Box 6960 Wetaskiwin AB T9A 2G5, phone (780) 361-6237, Fax (780) 352-3486 or stop by the County office located 1 ½ mile west on Hwy 13 from Hwy 2A.



RENEW YOUR PLAN, ACCESS FUNDING, REVITALIZE YOUR FARM

If your Alberta Environmental Farm Plan is more than ten years old, you will need to update it for your farm to be eligible for some funding programs. Renewing your plan gives you better access to markets and funding. With our new online platform and our network of trained technicians across Alberta, it is easy to update your environmental farm plan on a regular basis. Connect with us for more information at www.albertaefp.com