

# Ag & Environmental Services Newsletter

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## Water Wells

Working water wells on your land can provide a safe and clean drinking source if it is properly maintained. Wells on private property are to be taken care of by the owner of the land.

The Alberta *Water Act* provides regulations on managing and protecting water in Alberta. Under the legislation, well owners must follow regulations such as:

1. Plugging old or abandoned wells, and
2. Ensuring all wells are securely capped and kept clean.

What should you be doing to take care of your well?

- Keeping the well clean,
- Regularly testing the well water,
- Avoid over pumping the well,
- Regularly monitoring and inspecting the well,
- Using the water wisely,
- Keeping good records, and
- Protecting the well from contaminants.

The following information resources are available for use by private water well owners and others interested in learning about Alberta's Working Well program and how to protect and maintain water wells:

[Alberta Water Legislation and Guidelines](#)

[Well Owner Responsibilities](#)

**WORKING  
WELL**  
Clean water.  
Well protected.

## WEED WARRIORS

*Every Wednesday morning,  
9:00AM-12:00PM, throughout  
June, July, and August*

We are seeking *volunteers* of all ages to help us in the removal (hand pulling) of invasive plants in Crowsnest Pass. *No experience is needed, and drop-ins are welcome.* Please bring friends, family, water, and a snack. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions. We will provide gloves.

*July dates and locations:*

July 5: Lyons Creek – **19 Ave & 132 St, Blairmore**

July 12: York Creek – **20 Ave & 21 Ave, Blairmore**

July 19: Frank Slide – **Frank Slide Interpretive Center Parking Lot, Frank**

July 26: Bike Skills Park – **12602 17 Ave, Blairmore**

# Don't Let It Loose

## Protecting Alberta's Waters From Invasive Species

Don't Let It Loose is a campaign meant to teach Albertans about avoiding the illegal introduction of invasive species into aquatic habitats.

According to the federal *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation* it is illegal to introduce a non-native species into any water body in Canada.

To help prevent the spread of invasive species into aquatic systems, you should never release aquarium pets, water garden plants, live food or bait into any water body.

For more information on Don't Let It Loose check out the following resources:

[Don't Let It Loose Campaign](#)

[Prohibited Species List – Don't Let It Loose](#)

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### NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH BLUEWEED

Numerous bright purple-blue-pink funnel shaped flowers;  
leaves and stem covered in stiff hairs and black flecks;  
leaves are lance shaped.



### PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH SPOTTED KNAPWEED

One pinkish-purple flower head per stem; bracts have  
distinct dark fringed edges; leaves are deeply lobed and  
covered in fine hairs.