

Ag & Environmental Services Newsletter

October 2023



Preparing For Fall Skunks

Have you smelled or noticed skunk activity on your property recently?

This time of year, skunks are looking for their winter dens. It is the time of year when the young become more adventurous and start to leave their mothers, setting out to find a place to spend the cold winter season.

Skunks are mostly nocturnal; however, they can be seen during the day. Skunk activity is decreased in the winter due to cold temperatures and their bodies being in a dormant state called torpor. Torpor is like hibernation but lasts for shorter periods.

In the autumn, skunks are preparing their bodies for the cold winter ahead by foraging as much as possible and building up their body fat.

Following these prevention tips, will reduce the amount of skunk activity on your property this fall

- Remove any available food sources like garbage, pet food, and bird seed
- Board up or seal any areas under decks and sheds
- Remove brush and wood piles
- Remove any water sources like dog dishes
- Installing bright motion sensor lights

Ironically, skunks do not like strong odours. There are several natural remedies that make an effective skunk repellent.

Skunks traps are available for rent through the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. Please contact the Ag & Environmental Services or the head office for further information.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Whitebark Pine and Limber Pine Workshop

October 30, 2023

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass will be hosting a free workshop at the end of October focusing on the relationship between cattle and pine trees, best grazing techniques, and the importance of protecting endangered species like Limber Pine and Whitebark Pine.

Working Well Workshop

November 21, 2023

Attend the water well management workshop presented by the Working Well Program. Learn more about understanding your groundwater, well maintenance, and water testing at this free workshop.. Dinner included! Registration Link: [Working Well Workshop Hosted by MD of Willow Creek Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

For more information, please contact Ag & Env Services 403-562-8833



S-CAP

Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership

This is a federal-provincial program looking to generate sustainable economic growth by providing grant programs to the agriculture and agri-food sectors in Alberta.

This program is from 2023-2028, investing \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost shared programs.

Programs include Farm Technology, On- Farm Value- Added, Water, Efficient Grain Handling, Emerging Opportunities, and Resilient Agricultural Landscapes.

Questions?

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

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For more specific information on programs, please visit [Resource Management: Crowsnest Pass](#) or [Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership in Alberta | Alberta.ca](#)

Who can apply ?

Alberta producers, ranchers, farmers, processors and organizations.. Click below to find out what programs you are eligible for!

[Sustainable CAP Programs | Alberta.ca](#)

NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH HOUNDS TONGUE

Reddish-purple flowers, 5 fused petals, leaves are hairy on upper and lower surface, prickly bur-like seed pods, oblong leaves



PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH DIFFUSE KNAPWEED

One white flower per branch, stiff bracts with rigid spines, stiff stems, foliage silvery green, leaves linear divided segments, alternate, wooly hairs

