**Green Line early works construction to pause for Stampede**

Green Line’s current Beltline and downtown early works projects will be paused prior to July 7, 2023 in time for the opening day of the Calgary Stampede.

To make way for the future Green Line stations and tunnel, construction is underway, moving utilities in downtown and Beltline. The project will relocate underground, street-level and overhead utilities, including City sanitary, water, stormwater and more.

Green Line early works projects will be paused before the Calgary Stampede, to accommodate for the high event traffic. That means equipment and blockades will be moved, and traffic lanes will be restored to make it easier to get around during the Greatest Show on Earth.

This summer Green Line will also begin construction in the community of Ogden with work present on 78 Avenue S.E, 69 Avenue S.E. and near 72 Avenue S.E. This work will continue through the Calgary Stampede as construction is not expected to impact downtown accessibility.

To learn more about Green Line construction, including work details, and impacts, visit: [calgary.ca/GreenLineConstruction.](https://www.calgary.ca/content/www/en/home/green-line/green-line-construction.html)

Happy Stampede Calgary!

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**Calgary summers are getting increasingly hotter and drier**

Extreme heat can put your health at risk, causing illnesses like heat stroke and even death. An extreme heat warning is issued when two or more consecutive days of daytime maximum temperatures are expected to reach 32 degrees, or warmer and nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to be 16 degrees or warmer.

* The following tips will help keep you safe during this extreme heat:
	+ Avoid working or exercising intensely in the heat or humidity when possible
	+ Drink plenty of water to decrease your risk of dehydration
	+ Have cool drinks in your vehicle and keep your gas tank full
	+ Wear sunscreen
	+ Never leave people or pets inside a parked vehicle
	+ Close curtains and blinds during the day
	+ Open windows for cooler air if safe
	+ Avoid using your oven, if possible
	+ Take cool showers/baths or go to an air-conditioned public space
	+ Look at weather forecasts to know when to take extra care
* Call 911 if you see an animal left in a hot parked vehicle.
* Look out for your pets: avoid hot surfaces that might hurt to walk on, and ensure they have plenty of water
* Heat stroke is a medical emergency: if you experience any symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately

To learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and your family, visit [calgary.ca/getready](https://www.calgary.ca/emergencies/preparedness.html?redirect=/getready).

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**‘Bee’ YardSmart**

Did you know? YardSmart yards keep our rivers healthy and help create a green and healthy city.

Visit [calgary.ca/yardsmart](https://www.calgary.ca/water/programs/yardsmart.html?redirect=/yardsmart) to learn how to create a beautiful yard or green space that is easy to maintain, is suited for our city’s unique climate and needs little watering during hot and dry conditions. You can also visit [calgary.ca/droughtinfo](https://www.calgary.ca/water/programs/drought.html?redirect=/droughtinfo) for more tips on caring for your yard during dryer times through the summer.

We have several free resources available:

* + Garden bed layouts for all areas of your yard – wet, dry or a combination of sun and shade
	+ Plant lists to help you choose beautiful and low-maintenance plants at your local garden centre
	+ How-to video series, including gardening on a budget and planning a garden bed
	+ Native wildflower plant lists and native meadow garden bed design

Our YardSmart program was created in partnership with The Calgary Horticultural Society to help craft garden designs that thrive in Calgary and support our natural environment.

**A tip to get started:** Begin your YardSmart yard by replacing a bit of your grass with water-wise plants and greenery this summer!

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**Enjoy Off-Leash Dog Parks Safely this Summer**

Calgary is a haven for dog lovers, with numerous off-leash dog parks across the city. As summer approaches, many pet owners are eager to enjoy the warm weather and spend quality time with their furry friends. However, it is crucial to ensure that off-leash interactions are safe and enjoyable for everyone. Following simple guidelines, dog owners can create a positive and secure environment for their pets and fellow park-goers.

**Know the Rules**

Familiarize yourself with the specific rules and regulations of each dog park you plan to visit. Be aware of any size restrictions, leash policies, and speak to your veterinarian about the vaccinations your dog will require.

**Training and Socialization**

Before heading to the park, ensure your dog is well-trained and socialized. Basic commands like "sit," "stay," and "come" can go a long way in managing their behaviour.

**Supervision and Control**

Keep a close eye on your dog. Stay within a reasonable distance and maintain control over their actions.

**Communication with Other Owners**

Establish open lines of communication with fellow dog owners. Respect their space and recognize any signs of discomfort or tension between dogs.

**Bring Essential Supplies**

Carry essential supplies such as water and waste bags. Clean up after your pet to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the park.

Calgary's off-leash dog parks provide a fantastic opportunity for dogs to socialize, exercise, and have fun during the summer months. To learn more about responsible pet ownership, check out our video series at: [calgary.ca/pets/licences](https://www.calgary.ca/pets/licences.html).

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**Use Water Wisely Outdoors this Summer**

The summer ahead looks hot and dry, so let’s make the most of the water we use outdoors.

Did you know, Calgary’s dry climate is at risk of droughts, which can put pressure on our rivers and impact our water supply?

During the summer, Calgary communities can see an average increase of 20 to 30 per cent because of outdoor watering activities. Below are some actions that can help you to create a water efficient home and yard and prepare for hot and dry conditions.

Following these guidelines will help you prepare for the weather and build resiliency to drought in our city:

* Water in the early morning – before 7 a.m. or later in the evening.
* Watch the weather forecast and skip watering after it rains or when rain is in the forecast.
* Only give plants the water they need, and don’t over water. Read plant tags to know how much to water your garden.
* Water plants with a soaker hose, drip irrigation or by hand to direct water to a plant’s roots and help avoid losing water to evaporation.
* Capture and use the free rainwater that lands on your property! Install a rain barrel and use it to water your trees, shrubs, and flowers.

Visit [calgary.ca/waterguide](https://www.calgary.ca/water/programs/homeowner-water-guide.html?redirect=/waterguide) for information on how to create a water efficient yard including Watering 101 for plants, shrubs and trees, lawn care and irrigation systems.

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