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### Downtown Summer Festivals & Events

Calgary's Summer Festival Season is in full-swing and downtown is where you'll find the electric energy as people come to experience the ultimate celebration of community, creativity, and culture. With over 100 festivals and events happening downtown this summer, the heart of our city will be bursting with fun and entertainment for everyone.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, this is your invitation to immerse yourself in the vibrant spirit of our Downtown Summer Festival Season. Downtown is home to some of our proudest landmarks and our biggest celebrations, like Canada Day, Stampede, Carifest and the Calgary Folk Music Festival. The best of our city is reflected in these festivals and events, as people come together to have fun, celebrate and enjoy life's moments.

With a wide variety of entertainment, the Downtown Summer Festival Season has something for everyone and this year, we want to make sure you're just a click away from staying connected. That's why we've created the [Downtown Summer Festival Itinerary](#); a guide to keep you informed about the festivals and events happening downtown from now until the end of September.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and get ready for an unforgettable Downtown Summer Festival Season. Ready, set, explore! To learn more about the exciting festivals and events happening downtown, visit [calgary.ca/exploredowntown](http://calgary.ca/exploredowntown).

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### **Celebrate Canada Day!**

Come downtown on July 1<sup>st</sup> for The City of Calgary's Canada Day celebrations – a full day of fun, connection and culture for all ages.

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. across multiple downtown locations including The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland (Formerly Fort Calgary), St. Patrick's Island and the Municipal Building. Come with your friends and family to experience performances and activities that celebrate our country's diversity.

Enjoy an Indigenous spotlight and powwow, live music, cultural performances, food trucks, face painting and more.

End the day with a spectacular fireworks show above Stampede Park just after 11 p.m.

Plan your visit with our interactive map and full event schedule at [calgary.ca/CanadaDay](https://calgary.ca/CanadaDay).

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### **Get the lowdown on slow downs: How we keep Calgarians moving**

We know construction season can be frustrating. The City of Calgary's Mobility teams work in close collaboration with project managers and city event organizers to avoid multiple delays and plan for traffic flow congestion. [The City's Traffic Management Centre](#) monitors roadways 24/7 by using traffic cameras, live traffic data and digital road signs,

It's not a pain when you have a plan. And we have Waze to help. [The City partnership with Waze](#) means you can get real-time traffic flow and construction updates right in the app. This free download is our preferred navigation tool because it syncs with The City's advanced traffic system. With the right tools you can get to where you need to go.

Learn more at [calgary.ca/PlanYourTrip](https://calgary.ca/PlanYourTrip)

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### Six steps to keeping our rivers healthy

Calgary is a growing city on a small river. When it rains, water runs off our streets, driveways, and yards and ultimately ends up in our rivers, creeks and wetlands. This runoff is called stormwater. Stormwater picks up garbage, chemicals, pet waste, salt, fertilizers, dirt and other debris, washing it into our storm drains and our rivers. Calgary is seeing higher volumes of stormwater, which is resulting in urban flooding and more river pollution.

The City of Calgary and Calgarians need to work together to manage our stormwater. The City uses storm ponds to naturally treat stormwater by slowing the flow, allowing sediment and pollution to settle before entering our rivers. While these are found in newer communities, stormwater is not cleaned by a treatment plant, which is why keeping it pollution free is critical. Clean stormwater ensures our rivers, creeks and wetlands, as well as local wildlife and fish, remain healthy for future generations.

You can help keep stormwater clean and our rivers healthy by doing these simple actions:

- Point downspouts toward lawns and gardens or use a rain barrel.
- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Sweep up debris from your garage and driveway instead of washing it away.
- Wash your vehicle at a car wash instead of your driveway.
- Never pour anything down the storm drain.
- Pick up pet waste and litter and put them in the proper waste containers.

What ends up on our streets, ends up in our rivers. Visit [calgary.ca/stormwater](https://calgary.ca/stormwater) to learn more.

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### **Register to vote in Calgary's General Election in October.**

Calgary's General Election will take place on October 20, 2025 and eligible voters can check if they are registered, update their information or add themselves to the Permanent Electors Register until August 1, 2025.

Visit [www.voterlink.ab.ca](http://www.voterlink.ab.ca) or call Elections Alberta toll free at 310.0000 then dial 780.427.7191.

If you miss the opportunity to register or update your information in advance, you can register at the voting station during Advance Vote (Oct. 6 – 11) or on Election Day (Oct. 20). Information about Calgary's upcoming General Election, including voter eligibility can be found at [www.electionscalgary.ca](http://www.electionscalgary.ca).

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### **Game on! Calgary Soccer Centre Dome opening for public bookings beginning May 31**

Soccer lovers, rejoice! The new air-supported dome and turf field at the Calgary Soccer Centre is now open for public bookings, complementing the existing amenities at the facility. The facility is set to *inflate* new opportunities for competitive and recreational users, providing players with a high-quality, year-round space for practice and play.

The Soccer Centre Dome features a competition-sized artificial turf field and an amenity building with eight change rooms, one referee change room, and a universal public washroom. The parking lot was also upgraded, adding approximately 100 additional parking spaces at the facility. [Book the Soccer Centre Dome now!](#)