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Sport Hub brings free and low-cost sport lessons to kids and teens

Sport Hub is a community-centred sport initiative, designed to make it easier for kids and teens aged 6–17 to try sport and stay active.

Whether it's cricket at a local field or tennis in a public tennis court, Sport Hub brings fun, inclusive sport lessons to places where kids and teens already gather. Lessons are free or low-cost, equipment is provided and sessions are delivered by coaches from sport organizations.

Sport Hub helps kids and teens build confidence, learn new skills and discover activities they enjoy, no matter their skill level.

This is about more than sport. It's about helping young people build healthy habits, connect with others and feel a sense of belonging.

Learn more and see available lessons at calgary.ca/SportHubLessons.

Sidewalks are for walking—even in summer

Summer school programs, camps and recreation activities keep school areas active even when classes are out. During these times, sidewalks play an important role in keeping children and families safe.

Parking on sidewalks forces pedestrians—including children, seniors and people using mobility aids—into the roadway. This increases the risk of collisions and close calls, especially when visibility is limited.

Parking rules around sidewalks help ensure everyone can move safely and predictably. Choosing legal parking options and leaving pedestrian spaces clear supports safer travel for all road users.

Keeping sidewalks clear is a simple way to support safe, welcoming communities during the summer months. Learn more: <https://calgaryparking.com/safeschools>.



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Six steps to keeping our rivers healthy

Calgary is a growing city on two small rivers. When it rains, water runs off our streets, driveways and yards, ultimately ending up in our rivers, creeks and wetlands. This runoff, also called stormwater, picks up garbage, chemicals, pet waste, salt, fertilizers, dirt and other debris, washing it into our storm drains and out to our rivers.

Stormwater is not cleaned by a treatment plant, so keeping it pollution-free is critical to ensure our rivers, creeks and wetlands, as well as local wildlife and fish, remain healthy for future generations.

The City uses storm ponds to naturally treat stormwater. These ponds located primarily in newer communities, slow the flow, allowing sediment and pollution to settle before entering our rivers.

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

- Use a rain barrel or point downspouts toward your lawn or garden and consider transforming part of your landscape into a YardSmart yard.
- 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 to learn more.

Summer lives here, in downtown Calgary!

Downtown transforms into the city's ultimate summer backyard, a place where patios, parks, festivals and nightlife come together to create a season full of energy and discovery. Whether you're stepping outside for a morning coffee, an afternoon festival, or an evening on the riverfront, everything you love about summer is right here, ready to explore. Discover your magical summer moments at exploredowntownnyc.com.

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Summer gardening made easy

The City of Calgary's YardSmart program offers tips to keep your yard thriving, rain or shine.

1. Make the most out of rainy days. Plants prefer rainwater over water from the hose. Collect water with a rain barrel and use it to water your yard. Point downspouts towards your lawn or garden, so they soak up every drop.
2. Mow less often. Keep your grass 2 to 3 inches high to shade the soil and leave clippings on your lawn.
3. Add mulch to garden beds. Mulch helps prevent water evaporation and reduces weeds. Use 2 to 4 inches of mulch on top of garden beds, leaving an inch around the base of plants.
4. Water plants at the roots – low and slow, allowing the soil to fully absorb the water. Hand watering with a watering can, using drip irrigation or using soaker hoses are all effective ways to water plants at the roots. If you're watering with a sprinkler or irrigation system, remember to water on your scheduled days. Visit calgary.ca/whentowater for more information on Calgary's lawn and landscape watering schedule.

Now that your yard is summer-ready, it's ready for its close-up.

Share your YardSmart yard with us for a chance to be featured on calgary.ca. A YardSmart yard can include:

- Drought tolerant, water-wise plants
- Lawn alternatives
- Rain barrels or other rain harvesting set-ups
- Efficient irrigation systems
- Native plants
- Rain gardens

Simply snap a photo of your Yard Smart yard and complete the 'Show us your yard' form at calgary.ca/yardsmart.



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Outdoor fire safety

As we enjoy the warm summer months, the Calgary Fire Department would like to remind you to take some measures to prevent outdoor fires and keep your loved ones and property safe. Our summers are becoming hotter and drier, increasing the potential for outdoor fires and wildfires.

Always check if a fire ban or fire advisory is in place before starting a fire. They are issued to inform citizens of conditions that pose a moderate-high fire risk, such as major wind events, unusually dry conditions or hot temperatures. Each advisory or ban will include a list of prohibited fire types including fire pits, barbeques and other forms of open flames.

You can help to reduce your outdoor fire risks:

- Never extinguish cigarettes in planters, peat moss, lawns, or gardens
- Use fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, wood-burning ovens and chimeneas properly
- Do not store propane tanks, firewood or yard waste next to your house
- Prune tree branches within two metres of the ground
- Plant new trees at least three metres apart
- Assess hazards within 1.5 metres of the home, including debris, trees and other structures

Visit calgary.ca/firebans.



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Your City. Your Voice. Your Impact.

Ready to help shape Calgary? Applications to serve on the City of Calgary's Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCCs) open Friday, July 31, 2026.

Bring your experience, champion inclusion, and give back to your community—while helping make meaningful decisions for our city. If you're available to serve, step forward and apply at

calgary.ca/boards

Know a Calgarian who should be at the table? Share this with them—and help spread the word!

Deadline to apply is Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 4:00 p.m.
