**Navigating Calgary’s Ring Road**

As a growing city and one that moves, Calgary’s Ring Road makes our road network better and provides more options to get around Calgary. It shortens travel time between communities and popular destinations in and around our city. This map shows the sections of the Ring Road that are completed and the proposed West Calgary Ring Road section. View the Calgary Ring Road Map on the Map Gallery before heading out on it. The Calgary Ring Road Map can be found at: <https://maps.calgary.ca/calgaryringroad>.

To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at maps/calgary.ca.

**Understanding rights-of-way and your property***Did you know that part of your yard is made up of rights-of-way, and your property line doesn’t begin at the edge of the road or sidewalk closest to your home?*

The City of Calgary is responsible for managing access to municipal rights-of-way in Calgary. A right-of-way is an area that gives The City space to install infrastructure (e.g. street light poles and trees), while also giving shallow utilities (i.e. power, gas and telecommunications providers) a place to install and maintain their critical infrastructure. When utility work is required in your community, crews can apply for the permits required to access the right-of-way to install infrastructure, both above and below ground. All properties contain a road right-of-way, but only some properties have a utility right-of-way on them. In most cases, the utility right-of way starts at your property line and extends inward, toward your home. The space the right-of-way takes up in a yard will vary and it can also be located along the side of your home or at the back.

As a homeowner, you are responsible for mowing and general maintenance, but it is technically the road right-of-way and is considered public land.

For more information or to learn where the right-of-way is located on your property, visit [Calgary.ca/row](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccdavis%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CUYGHY28Z%5Ccalgary.ca%5Crow).

**Digital Service Squad program aims to give small businesses an online boost**

The City of Calgary has launched the [Digital Service Squad](https://www.calgary.ca/business-economy/investment-and-support/digital-service-squad-program.html) program to provide free support, helping small businesses succeed in the online world.

The Digital Service Squad (DSS) consists of Calgary post-secondary students temporarily hired by The City. The DSS is available at no cost to eligible small businesses.

The program is underway this year and is anticipated to assist well over 2,000 eligible businesses. Post-secondary students with digital expertise will provide one-on-one support to eligible small businesses. The students include those in the first year through to the last year of their studies.

The free support can include digital transformation support; social media strategy; building a basic website; setting up Google My Business; setting up a Point-of-Sale (POS) solution; Search Engine Optimization (SEO); creating customer databases; and streamlining business processes.

Eligible businesses:

* Small businesses located in Calgary and registered in Alberta.
* Zero to 49 employees (can include self-employed business owners with no employees).
* Home-based or commercial businesses.

Ineligible businesses:

* Non-profits, charitable trusts and franchises.

For local small business operators, it all starts with signing up. Details can be found on the newly-created Digital Service Squad [webpage](file:///%5C%5Ccocdata1%5Ctfeist%24%5Cdata%5C____BLE%20Client%202021_2022%5CDSS%20Program%5Ccalgary.ca%5CDSS) at [calgary.ca/DSS](https://www.calgary.ca/business-economy/investment-and-support/digital-service-squad-program.html). Interested small business operators are encouraged to [register](https://www.calgary.ca/business-economy/investment-and-support/digital-service-squad-program.html) as soon as possible.

The [program](https://www.calgary.ca/business-economy/investment-and-support/digital-service-squad-program.html) is delivered through a partnership between Business Link and Digital Main Street and is funded by the Government of Alberta.

**Water your trees, shrubs and flowers with a rain barrel**

Did you know, watering your yard can account for 30 to 40 per cent of your annual water use? With changing weather patterns in Calgary, capturing rainwater can help you and our community build resiliency during times of hot and dry weather. Rain barrels also help to keep water on your property so less dirt and contaminants wash into the rivers.

How do I choose a rain barrel? Look for a sealed barrel equipped with:

* An overflow mechanism, such as a diverter, for use with your existing downspout.
* An additional outlet and hose to redirect water to plants or trees from the barrel once it’s full.
* A drain or tap near the bottom to fill a watering can.

Setting up your rain barrel:

Locate the downspout most convenient for barrel placement. If your rain barrel didn’t come with its own stand, set it on some concrete blocks or flagstones for extra stability. Carefully read the installation instructions that come with your rain barrel and refer to the barrel manufacturer or retailer for support. You can use one barrel or set up a network of multiple barrels to increase your savings.

Join the thousands of Calgarians already using rain barrels. Visit calgary.ca/yardsmart.

**How much do water leaks really cost us?**Page Content

As a part of your home maintenance, don’t forget to check your taps, hot water heater, water softener and especially toilets for leaks. Visit Calgary.ca/waterguide for information on finding and repairing leaks.

Toilets are the most common cause of leaks in the home. Most toilet leaks are silent and go unnoticed for long periods of time.

Checking for toilet leaks regularly can save both water and money. A chain caught under a toilet flapper can waste 3,000 litres a month\*. A leak this size could increase your monthly bill by $10 until its fixed.\*\* A broken or worn-out flapper could waste 450,000 litres per month. A leak this size could add almost $1,200 to your bill.\*\*\*

Take the Leaky Toilet Test to find out if your toilet is leaking.

* + Remove the tank cover.
	+ Put several drops of food colouring (or another coloured liquid you have in your home like coffee or tea) into the toilet tank.
	+ Wait 15-20 minutes.
	+ Look in the bowl. If the water changes colour, you’ve got a leak.

The sooner you make a repair, the better. Go to Calgary.ca/waterguide for detailed instructions on how to repair leaks.

\*Volume of water can vary based on type of fixture and water pressure. Assumes a 30-day billing period.

\*\* Based on 2022 water rate ($1.39/m3) and wastewater rate ($1.55/m3) for Calgary. Not including service charges.

\*\*\* Based on modeling of possible flow rate of one-inch diameter residential service line.

**Disc Golf: fun for all ages**

Disc golf is a popular year-round outdoor activity. It’s low cost, fun, easy to learn and can be played by all ages and abilities. The City of Calgary operates a number of permanent courses throughout the city, and some temporary ones – like North Glenmore park.

Our city’s parks (especially those with disc golf courses) can get quite busy, so here’s a quick rundown of simple disc golf tips to ensure everyone enjoys their time outside.

* Be aware of park rules and be courteous to all park guests. Be especially aware of kids and dogs, who might not be paying attention as they play.
* Make sure the path is clear before you throw. Disc golf courses often share space with other park users who are walking, cross-country skiing or biking. Double check before you toss your disc. And always yell, “FORE!” to warn others.
* Be aware of disc golf groups around you. Are you playing slowly? Invite faster groups to play through. Catch up to a larger group? Respectfully ask to play through.
* Be a good sport. It’s only a game! (Did you know, that in sanctioned competitive play, bad manners of any kind are considered a “courtesy violation” which can lead to penalty strokes?)
* Pack out any trash you bring on the course, and don’t litter.
* Learn the official rules. A quick google can give you the lowdown.

Visit Calgary.ca and search “disc golf” for all locations in Calgary and more info!