**Get farm fresh food and support local!**

Since 2017, The City has partnered with local farms, food growers and food distributors to operate pop-up farm stands at C-Train stations. This year, we have expanded the program to include three C-Train stations and 19 community hubs around Calgary, helping us provide more Calgarians with fresh, healthy and local food. Farms stands will operate beginning the week of May 25 with some vendors moving indoors at select locations for the winter 2021/2022 season. Market days and times vary by location.

Find a pop-up farm stand near you, see the schedule and learn more about the program at [calgary.ca/localfood](https://www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/office-of-sustainability/transit-pop-up-food-markets.html?redirect=/localfood)

**Backyard Firepit Safety**

Backyard fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and wood-burning ovens can be fun but be sure you’re following the rules and staying safe while enjoying them.

It’s also important to be considerate of your neighbours. Outdoor smoke can cause health issues for some people, so consider wind conditions before lighting a fire. High winds can cause smoke to travel a long distance and can be a fire risk whereas low wind speeds don’t disperse smoke and can contribute to poor air quality.

* Firepits must be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-proof container.
* Portable firepits should never sit directly on a wooden surface like a deck. Firepits must also be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage or fence and they cannot be under trees, branches, plants or other flammable materials.
* Fires must be less than one metre high and wide, and a mesh screen or spark guard is required to reduce the spread of sparks and embers.
* Only burn clean, dry firewood and always have water close by to put out the fire. Easy options for this are your watering hose or a bucket of water.
* Finally, never leave a firepit unattended. Call 9-1-1 to report an out of control fire and 3-1-1 to report a firepit complaint and make sure no fire bans are in effect before starting a fire.

Firepit hours are restricted in Calgary – visit [calgary.ca/firepits](http://www.calgary.ca/firepits) for details, rules and restrictions.

**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](http://www.calgary.ca/row).