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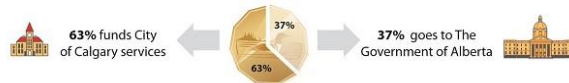
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Where does my residential property tax dollar go?



How your property tax dollars support Calgarians in more ways than one

During these unprecedented times, many Calgarians are facing financial challenges because of COVID-19.

To help you and your family, we've extended the 2020 tax payment deadline from June 30 to September 30 without a late payment penalty, meaning a 7% penalty will only be added to any unpaid balance on October 1, 2020.

Supporting Calgarians through the pandemic requires essential City services, including Police, Fire and Transit, which are funded by your property tax. We want you to know that for every tax dollar we collect from homeowners this year, \$0.63 goes towards supporting City services, while the remaining \$0.37 goes to the province.

Get a breakdown of how tax dollars are used to meet the daily need of Calgarians on calgary.ca/taxbreakdown.



When it roars, stay indoors

Summer is a wonderful time of year to spend time outside under the warm sun, but it's also the most active storm season in Calgary. While storms can be mesmerizing and exciting, they can also be very dangerous. "Calgary is prone to strong and sometimes dangerous summer storms," says Tom Sampson, Chief of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency. "Keep yourself, your family and your property safe during a summer storm by signing up for emergency alerts, making an emergency plan, and having an emergency kit." The best place to be during a storm is in an enclosed building or hard topped vehicle, and a basement if tornado conditions exist. Stay away from high ground, isolated trees or telephone poles, picnic shelters and open spaces, to avoid being hit by lightning. Keep yourself and your pets inside until the storm has passed.

Learn more about disaster risk in Calgary and how you can prepare by visiting calgary.ca/getready.



Use less water this summer

With the warmer months fast approaching, it's time to prepare your yard for the upcoming seasons. By making some simple changes, you can enjoy a beautiful yard that's green in more ways than one!

Here are some helpful tips to make your YardSmart:

- **Choose water-wise plants.** They need less watering, which means conserving our resources and savings on your water bill. Plants native to our region are a wise choice because they thrive in our unique climate.
- **Add pollinator-friendly plants.** Our flowering plants and crops rely on pollinators, such as bees. Invite these powerhouses into your yard by planting a variety of white, yellow, blue and purple native flowers that bloom in all seasons. We recommend avoiding pesticides because they can't discriminate between pests and beneficial insects. Remember, dandelions are not a noxious weed, and are a source of pollen and nectar for bees. For more information on pollinators check out calgary.ca/wildlife and click on the bee!
- **Keep your grass 3 inches long.** Leaving your grass longer helps develop a deeper root system, keeping the roots cool in the heat and dry weather. Spreading mulch, such as bark or wood chips, also is a healthy choice to reduce evaporation and slow weed growth.

Simple changes can make a big difference!

More information about creating a YardSmart yard can be found at calgary.ca/yardsmart

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