

How Does Snow Removal Work in Lac La Biche County? The County's Snow Removal Policy and Procedure

Winter has arrived in Lac La Biche County, and the snow has come with it. Every year, County employees work hard to keep our roads clear and safe to drive, and they have a process in place to do the job as efficiently as they can. Large amounts of snow may affect removal timelines, but the County's goal is to provide consistent snow removal for our residents.

Thresholds

Snow and ice control measures begin in urban areas after 5 centimetres of snow falls in the business district, and 10 centimetres fall in residential areas.

Snow and ice control begins in rural areas when 5 centimetres accumulates on paved/oil roads, and when 10 centimetres fall on gravel roads.

Timelines

Snow removal begins within 24 hours on all paved and oiled road surfaces, and within five days on local gravel roads. Full control of snow and ice may take longer depending on the amount of snow and other factors.

Priorities

Rural:

1. Arterial roads.
2. Collector roads.
3. Local and seasonal roads.
4. Fire halls and parking areas.
5. Fire department water pick up points.
6. County utilities buildings or lift stations.
7. Community halls.
8. Graveyard access.
9. Rural private driveways with snowplow flags.

Urban:

1. Arterial roads.
2. Collector roads.
3. Local residential roads, seasonal roads, and County properties.
4. Back alleys.



Exceptions

Snow removal takes place during regular business hours and workdays except when:

- Wind and drifting creates problems for traffic movement.
- Roadways have not been cleared in the time period set out in the policy.
- If storm conditions cause priority 1 roadways to become icy or accumulate five centimetres of snow.

Lac La Biche County does not complete snow and ice control on:

- School properties.
- Private driveways in residential and commercial areas.
- Private and oil lease roads.

Sidewalks

It is the responsibility of residents, institutions, and businesses to adequately remove all snow and ice from adjacent sidewalks.

More information

To learn more about Lac La Biche County's Snow and Ice Removal Policy and Procedure, call (780) 623-1747, or visit www.laclabichcounty.com.

Lac La Biche County and the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) Partner to Install Air Quality Sensor at County Centre

Lac La Biche County has joined a global air quality monitoring network with the installation of a PurpleAir device. Lac La Biche County and LICA - Environmental Stewards (<https://lica.ca/>) installed the device at County Centre in November.

PurpleAir devices are simple air quality sensors that monitor particulate matter, which may contain pollutants such as dust, soot, or smoke. In the Lac La Biche region, most particulate matter air pollution is emitted directly from sources such as construction sites, unpaved roads, vehicle exhaust, harvest and grain elevator dust, wood smoke, wildfire smoke, and pollen.

Monitoring particulate matter helps us determine the Air Quality Health Index or AQHI, a standardized metric used to report on air quality across Canada (similar to the UV index for sun exposure). By using a simple scale of 1 to 10, the AQHI helps you understand the health risk of air around you: low risk (1-3),



moderate risk (4-6), high risk (7-10) or very high risk (11+). The AQHI also suggests ways to minimize your exposure to poor air quality at each level. More information about the AQHI can be found here: www.alberta.ca/about-the-air-quality-health-index.aspx.

Through these PurpleAir devices, there is a network of real-time air quality data across the world. The data from this global network of sensors is displayed on a map, which is accessible to everyone at www.purpleair.com

HOLIDAY Artful MONDAY



December 20 • 12:30-4:30 pm • \$20

Register: boldcenter.ca/activellbc or call (780) 623-3829



Safety Codes: What you Need to Know for Your Next Development

The *Safety Codes Act* is a provincial document that establishes a framework for the development of safety codes and the delivery of safety codes services for municipalities.

How do they apply to Lac La Biche County residents, developers, or contractors? Several items and permits fall under the *Safety Codes Act*, and we've compiled them here so you can learn more.

Building permits are required for construction, relocation, alteration, addition, repair, or demolition of almost all structures. Depending on the project, you may also be required to provide engineered stamped drawings, which would be part of your application.

In addition, New Home Warranty is a provincial requirement that has been in effect since 2014. It applies to new homes such as single-family dwellings, duplexes, multi-family homes, condominiums, manufactured homes and ready-to-move homes. You can find more information on this by visiting: <https://www.alberta.ca/new-home-warranty.aspx> You will be required to provide a copy of your home warranty certification along with your application for a building permit.

Electrical, gas and plumbing permits are required for any work done on your property. A homeowner doing the

work or a certified contractor will be required to complete the application forms.

Private sewage permits are required for any new or upgrades done on systems or the installation of a holding tank. There are specific setbacks and minimum requirements for health, safety and structural sufficiency for private sewage systems and they are regulated through The Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2015.

The Inspections Group Inc. is the service provider for Lac La Biche County regarding all safety code permits. You can find all the application forms on their website: www.inspectionsgroup.com or by calling (780) 454-5048.

Please also call The Inspections Group Inc. to book an inspection for an issued permit in progress.

If you have questions on what permits are required for a project, please call the Planning and Development department at (780) 623-1747.

FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

Due to COVID-19, participants must preregister for all programs. Please call 780-623-6365 or message our Facebook page to sign-up.

Holiday Sign Making

Saturday, December 11, 1:00-3:30 pm
McArthur Place

Spend a Saturday afternoon doing something fun and relaxing together. You and your teen can make a festive wooden sign. Various templates available.

Sign up as a parent(guardian)/teen combo by December 8.

Young Family Connections

Tuesday, December 21st Family Tumble
Kids 10:30am-2:30pm

Wednesday, December 29th Family Swim
5:50pm-7pm

For more programs, follow FCSS and FCSS Young Family Connections on Facebook!

TALK BOX TIP

When you play together and talk about what you are doing, you are helping your child learn new words and ideas



There are lots of traditions in December. Talk about the traditions you have in your family. Take time to include your child in these traditions. Explain what each tradition means, and why it is important to your family.



GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!



Special gift with Bold Center gift certificate purchase of \$100 or more!
Available for purchase online.

December membership promotion





Dates to Remember

December 24-27

County offices, landfills, and transfer stations closed.

December 24

Bold Center open 6:00 am-4:30 pm
Portage Pool open 11:00am-4:00 pm

December 25 & 26

Bold Center and Portage Pool Closed

December 27 & 28

Portage Pool open 12:00-4:00 pm

December 27-30

Bold Center open 11:00 am-7:00 pm

December 29

Portage Pool open 11:00 am-4:00 pm

December 30

Portage Pool open 11:00 am-6:30 pm

December 31

Bold Center open 6:00 am-4:30 pm
Portage Pool open 11:00am-4:00 pm

January 1

Landfills, transfer stations, Bold Center, and Portage Pool closed.

January 3

County offices closed.

Due to COVID-19, events may be subject to postponement or cancellation.

Check the Community Events Calendar at laclabichcounty.com for more local events.

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BOLD FREE DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Get active at the Bold Center and Portage Pool!

Enjoy free admission, including access to public skating, Cenovus Fieldhouses, Fitness & Wellness Centre, the Canadian Natural Walking Track and Portage Pool.



Prizes & Draws • New Fitness Equipment Demos
Free Childminder from 12-4 pm Sponsored by Cenovus
Stay and Play 9 am-12 pm at the Indoor Playground



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