



JANUARY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Curbside Lunar Cycle					1
						New Year's Day
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9	Christmas tree pickup begins	11	12	13	14	15
					Christmas tree pickup ends	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 • 🚾	26	27	28	29
30	31	Deadline to submit 2021 Green Rebate				

Christmas Tree Recycling

Start the New Year by recycling your Christmas tree. From January 3-14, residents who receive curbside pickup service can call (780) 623-6739 to have their trees picked up and recycled. If you don't receive curbside service, or if you miss the deadline, you can bring your tree to any County landfill or transfer station at no charge.

Only natural trees will be accepted, and trees must not have any decorations left on them. For every tree that we recycle, a new one will be planted in a local park.



Green Rebate Program

The County wants to reward residents who take steps to consume less water and energy. Whenever you buy certain Energy Star or WaterSensecertified appliances, you could earn some money back. Please call the County's Utilities department at (780) 623-6730 for more details.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) You must be a resident of Lac La Biche County.
- **2)** Your purchase must have been made between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
- **3)** Your appliance must be an Energy Star or WaterSensecertified item from the following categories:

Category	Rebate		
Clothes washer	\$100		
Dishwasher	\$75		
Water heater	\$150		
Furnace or boiler	\$400		
Low-flush toilet	\$50		

2022 Green Rebate Program applications need to be submitted no later than January 25, 2023.



FEBRUARY 2022 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday 2 PL 3 5 1 4 LLB PL 10 6 7 11 12 13 O PL 17 19 14 15 16 18 Valentine's Day 23 24 25 20 21 22 26 Family Day 27 28 Curbside **Lunar Cycle** Pickup Days New Moon Full Moon LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche First Quarter Last Quarter PL Plamondon and subdivisions

Keep Your Load From Becoming Litter

We've all seen litter in the ditches along local roads and highways. Some of it flies out of vehicles and trailers. Did you know you can be fined for transporting an unsecured load? Please make sure loads are covered with tarps or nets before you hit the road.

Not Just A Landfill

Did you know that we recycle styrofoam, electronics and more at our landfills and transfer stations? A landfill is so much more than a place to throw away waste. Flip to the back of this calendar for a new and improved breakdown of what goes where for both curbside pickup customers and landfill/transfer station users, so we can recycle as much as possible.









Farm Animal Health

The Veterinary Services Inc V.S.I. program offers County residents subsidization on certain veterinary services. Contact agriculture@ laclabichecounty.com or go online to our website to fill out the application.

Did You Know?



Residents can recycle small amounts of used automotive oil at any County landfill or transfer station.

Commercial oil producers, or people with large amounts to recycle, can call (780) 623-6739 to find out more about their recycling options.





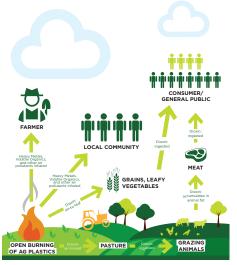
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Fire Season Begins

Permits are required for all burning except campfires from March 1 to October 31. Burning and campfires alike are prohibited when fire bans are announced. This is to protect you, public safety and the natural environment. Please call (780) 623-6767 to ask about permits, what you can and can't burn, and more.

Burning Waste: Not Just A Fire Hazard

It's against the law to burn waste in Lac La Biche County, and it can harm you and the environment. Burning waste releases pollutants and toxic substances that can end up in the air, water and soil, affecting plants, animals and people.



Remember that local residents are allowed to bring up to 500 kg. (about 1,100 lbs.) of waste to a landfill or transfer station at no charge. Disposing of waste properly, rather than burning it, is a much healthier choice for you, your family and future generations.

Did You Know?



If a family has been residing and farming within the County for 100 years or more, they are eligible for an award. See our website for more details or reach out to email: green@laclabichecounty.com.



APRIL 2022 Tuesday Wednesday Saturday Sunday Monday **Thursday** Friday 2 1 Curbside **Lunar Cycle** Pickup Days New Moon Full Moon LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche First Quarter Last Quarter Tree orders available PL Plamondon and subdivisions Community Garden applications available 3 4 5 **6** PL 7 9 PL 14 10 11 12 **13** 15 16 Good Friday PL 21 17 20 18 19 22 23 Easter Sunday Easter Monday 24 25 26 27 **28** 29 30

Community Garden

The Community Garden in Alexander Hamilton Park has 40 plots available for residents to grow their own plants and produce. You can apply for a plot in-person at the County Centre office on Highway 881, or download the form from the County website and email it to green@laclabichecounty.com.

New for 2022

Gardeners have the option to pay \$20 for a raised bed plot!

Applications for plots will be accepted from April 1 to June 1.

Put Down Roots

Starting April 1, you can order bundles of tree seedlings through our Environmental Services department. They're great for beautifying your property, growing a shelterbelt or just adding to the environment in your area.



Environmental Stewardship Awards

Did you know we just launched Environmental Stewardship Awards, to recognize community members who go the extra mile to take care of our environment? Visit our website for more information.

There are 4 cash prizes of \$500!



MAY 2022 Sunday Monday **Tuesday** Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday PL 5 7 1 2 3 ш 4 6 8 9 10 LLB 11 PL 12 13 14 Mother's Day 17 PL 19 16 **18** 20 21 15 24 **26** 27 22 **23** 25 28 Victoria Day 29 30 31 Curbside **Lunar Cycle** Pickup Days New Moon Full Moon LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche First Quarter Last Quarter No Spray PL Plamondon and subdivisions application deadline Fenceline application deadline

Aquatic Invasive Species

Boating season starts this month, so it's time to keep your eyes open for aquatic invasive species. Nonnative plants and animals, like zebra mussels and flowering rush, can attach to watercraft and "hitchhike" between water bodies. That's why it's important to clean, drain and dry your watercraft every time it leaves the water.

Not-so-fun fact: Flowering rush spread through Isle Lake in Alberta over two years. If left unchecked, the plant can completely infill bodies of water.





Agriculture Equipment

Farming is a lot of work, so let us help you get the job done in the safest and most environmentally friendly way possible. You can rent agricultural equipment from the County, including some items that are not commercially available. Items range from air seeders to live animal traps. Visit the County's website for a breakdown of rental rates.

If you own more than 80 acres of agricultural land or a pesticide applicator license, you can also buy agricultural pesticides and herbicides from the County. Call (780) 623-6739 for details.

Did You Know?



In 2021, the Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan was updated, with action items from the plan being implemented by the committee. The plan is used to guide our stewardship of the lands and waters that drain into Lac La Biche Lake.

You can see the updated Watershed Plan on the County website.



JUNE 2022							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			Roadside Spraying Begins	2	3	4	
Environment Week Starts (June 5-June 11)		7	8	9	Community Garden Deadline to plant Plots	Environment Week Ends (June 5-June 11) Household Hazardous Waste Round-up & Community Shredding Event	
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19 Father's Day	20	First day of summer National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	Tax Deadline For 2022	Curbside Pickup Days LLB Hamlet of Lac L PL Plamondon and Lunar Cycle New Moon First Quarter	subdivisions Full Moon	



Environment Week

Environment Week is a time to think about and improve our relationships with the land, air and water.
Stay tuned for details about Environment Week events happening from June 5 to June 11.



CORE Program

Did you know as much as 30% of the average household's waste is organic? With the Community Organics Recycling Enhancement (CORE) program, it's easy to learn how to compost and reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. We teach people the basics of backyard composting and provide them with free supplies to get started. Keep an eye on the County's website and Facebook page for free upcoming workshops.

Last year, program participants kept over 4,000 lbs. of organic waste from going to landfills!



Mad About Science!

We offer a day camp for youth who are interested in learning more about environmental science through games and activites.

Watch for the Mad About Science logo for camp dates in this calendar! Locations and times will be publicized on County media.



JULY 2022 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Saturday Sunday **Thursday** Friday 2 1 Curbside **Lunar Cycle** Pickup Days New Moon Full Moon LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche First Quarter Last Quarter PL Plamondon and subdivisions Canada Day 3 4 5 LLB 6 **PL** 7 8 9 10 13 ○ PL 14 15 16 11 12 22 17 18 19 20 21 23 24 25 26 27 PL 28 29 30 31 Rural Beautification Award nomination deadline

Rural Beautification Award

We like to recognize rural residents who go above and beyond to make their properties look good and responsibly contribute to the environment in their area. Every year, residents living outside the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon can be nominated for the Rural Beautification Award. All nominations must be received by July 31. For information on nominating, please visit our website or call (780) 623-6739.



Controlling Clubroot

Clubroot is a common soil-borne disease that affects plants like canola. Over time, the disease will stunt a plant's growth and eventually kill it. To limit the spread of the disease, the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan recommends taking steps like sanitizing farm equipment, rotating crops and growing disease-resistant crop varieties.

Lac La Biche County has a new Clubroot Management Agreement Plan for affected producers. If you suspect clubroot is in your fields, call (780) 623-6739 or email green@ laclabichecounty.com to find out what you can do, and how we can help.

Roots affected by clubroot





AUGUST 2022 Sunday Monday **Tuesday** Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday PL 4 6 1 2 LLB 3 5 Heritage Day 7 9 10 PL 11 12 13 PL 18 20 14 15 16 LLB 17 19 21 23 25 26 27 22 24 28 29 30 31 Curbside Pickup Days LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche PL Plamondon and subdivisions **Lunar Cycle** New Moon Full Moon First Quarter Last Quarter

Riparian Areas

Our County is full of what are called riparian areas. These are areas that border bodies of water like lakes, rivers and wetlands.

Riparian areas are considered healthy when they are left in their natural states, with native vegetation.

The vegetation acts as a buffer by filtering runoff that enters the water, controlling erosion and flooding, providing habitat and food for wildlife, and more.



Do Your Part To Prevent Blue-Green Algae

Blue-green algae occurs naturally in our lakes, but human activity can have a big impact on the frequency and severity of algae blooms. There are ways you can help keep the unpleasant blooms to a minimum.

- Don't pour anything into a storm drain. Anything that goes down the storm drain eventually ends up in a nearby water body.
- Avoid using unnecessary excessive fertilizers, pesticides and other products on your property. These can enter water bodies as runoff.
- Leave shorelines in their natural states. Native vegetation along shorelines is vital in filtering runoff.
- If you have a septic system, check it regularly to make sure it isn't leaking and empty it often.
- Take steps to keep cattle and other livestock away from lakes and rivers. See Alternative Watering Systems in September.

Did You Know?



We regularly test water quality in four of the most visited lakes in the area. Recent lake reports can be found online at laclabichecounty.com.



SEPTEMBER 2022 Wednesday Sunday Monday **Tuesday Thursday** Friday Saturday 1 2 3 PL Curbside Pickup Days LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche PL Plamondon and subdivisions **Lunar Cycle** New Moon Full Moon First Quarter Last Quarter 4 5 LLB 7 PL 8 9 10 Labour Day 11 PL 15 17 12 13 14 16 Deadline To Submit Calendar Photos 18 20 21 **22** 23 24 19 First day of fall 25 26 27 28 PL 29 30 National Day forTruth and Reconciliation

Back To School

The back-to-school season means a lot of us have to change our habits and schedules, but it's easy to keep being environmentally friendly while you're making the switch.

- Buy notebooks made of recycled paper, or use leftover pages from last year's notebooks.
- Pack lunches in reusable containers, and choose foods with less packaging to reduce waste
- Carpool if you can't take the bus or walk to school.
- Save left-over supplies from school projects so they can be reused.

Alternative Watering Systems

Take steps to keep cattle and other livestock away from lakes and rivers. Grazing degrades the shoreline, and animal manure increases nutrient levels in the water.

Call (780) 623-6739 for information about alternative watering systems.



The ASB Bursary

Lac La Biche County's Agricultural Service Board offers two \$1,000 bursaries to post-secondary students studying in an agriculture or environmental related field. For more information, please visit the Agriculture tab on our website or email green@laclabichecounty.com.



OCTOBER 2022 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday 1 **Lunar Cycle** Curbside Pickup Days New Moon Full Moon LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche First Quarter Last Quarter PL Plamondon and subdivisions ABS Bursary Application Deadline 2 3 4 5 PL 6 7 13 9 10 11 12 14 15 Thanksgiving Day 16 20 21 22 17 18 19 Household Hazardous Waste Round-up & Waste Reduction Week Community Garden Community Shredding Starts (Oct. 17-23) Plot Harvest Deadline Event 25 23 24 26 PL 27 28 29 Ends (Oct. 17-23) 31 30 Halloween Fire season ends

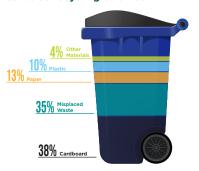
Waste Reduction Week

Waste that ends up in a landfill will be there forever, it will never go away or be moved, so it's important to divert as much waste from landfills as possible. Stay tuned for details about Waste Reduction Week events happening from October 17-23.

Recycling Contamination

There are some things in life that just don't mix. Waste and recyclables are a perfect example. Recyclables, like clean plastic and cardboard, are considered contaminated once they've been mixed with waste. That means it may be more difficult, or even impossible, to properly sort and process them. A recent County waste and recycling audit showed at least 35% of what goes into curbside recycling containers is actually misplaced waste.

Curbside recycling volumes



The Agricultural Service Board

The Agricultural Service Board is a group consisting of 2 Council members and 3 members-at-large from different areas in the County who are committed to ag-related programs, services and concerns. To reach out, contact:

agriculture@laclabichecounty.com.





NOVEMBER 2022 Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Friday PL 3 5 1 2 LLB 10 6 7 8 ○ □ 9 11 12 Fall back! Remembrance Day Daylight Saving Ends 17 13 14 15 16 18 19 21 22 **24** 25 20 23 26 27 28 29 30 PL Curbside Pickup Days LLB Hamlet of Lac La Biche PL Plamondon and subdivisions **Lunar Cycle** New Moon Full Moon First Quarter Last Quarter

Green Cones

We now sell Green Cones, which harness the power of the sun to break down and digest food waste, including some items like bones that can't be composted. If you use it correctly, more than 90% of what you put in it will be absorbed by the surrounding soil. Call (780) 623-6739 to find out more!



Agricultural Recycling

The changing colours mean it's harvest season. You can take plenty of agriculture-related waste to a landfill or transfer station to be recycled. We accept empty pesticide and herbicide containers that have been triple-rinsed and have holes poked in the bottoms. We can also recycle bundled plastic like grain bags and baling twine.

WASTE







Grain Bag Plastic



Bale Twine Must be unknotted and



Pesticide & Herbicide Containers







Empty Non-Hazardous Metal. Aerosols



Paint and



Styrofoam Only clean white #6 Styrofoam.



Electronics & Batteries Please keep lithium batteries separate.



Lubricating Oil, Oil Filters, and Oil Containers



DECEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Curbside Pickup Days LLB Hamlet of Lac La PL Plamondon and s Lunar Cycle				1	2	3
New Moon First Quarter	Full Moon Last Quarter					
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25	26	27	First day of winter 28 PL	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Boxing Day					New Year's Eve

Ecofriendly Holidays

The holiday season is a time to celebrate and give, but if you're not careful, it can also be a very wasteful time of year.

If you have Christmas lights, use a timer to control when they turn on and off. Send greeting cards electronically, and don't be afraid to reuse wrapping paper, ribbons and other packaging. Did you know that wrapping paper can be recycled as long as it's non-metallic?

If you have lots of leftovers or unwanted items from holiday gatherings, consider giving them to local shelters or charity organizations, or utilizing the Reuse Centers located at any one of our Transfer Stations or Landfills.



Why Are We All About Recycling And Composting?

One of our goals is to greatly reduce the amount of waste going into our landfills. Landfills run out of space over time, so we need to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.

This calendar was printed on recycled paper, and you can recycle it all over again when you're done!

Are you putting up a natural Christmas tree this month? Don't just get rid of it right after the holidays. Take advantage of the County's free Christmas Tree Recycling program in January.

What Goes Where?

Your guide to disposing of waste and recyclables in Lac La Biche County. Call (780) 623-6739 or email green@laclabichecounty.com if you have questions about any of what you see here.

CURBSIDE PICKUP PROGRAM

Recycling

(BLUE CONTAINER)

PLASTIC (CLEAN)

- Hard/rigid household bottles and containers (e.g. shampoo, margarine, yogurt, labels are okay
- Stretchy plastic bags, combine into one bag and tie closed



- Cans (labels are okay) and lids
- Aluminum trays

PAPER & CARDBOARD (CLEAN)

- Newsprint and paper (not shredded)
- Magazines and paperback books
- Gift wrap (non-metallic)
- Cardboard boxes (flattened), and box board (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Pizza boxes with food and paper liner removed

REDEEMABLE ITEMS

The following can also be redeemed for deposit at the recycling depot:

- Milk jugs and cartons
- Tetra-paks (juice boxes)
- Pop/beverage bottles, plastic only
- Pop/beverage cans

-NO GLASS ACCEPTED

What about

Some types of Styrofoam can be recycled at Lac La Biche County landfills and transfer stations. See the landfill column for details.

Currently, Styrofoam can't be recycled through the curbside pickup program.

Can't recycle it here?

Check the landfill/transfer station recycling column for specialty recycling programs.

Waste

(BROWN CONTAINER)

NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

- Soiled plastic
- CDs, cassettes with tape removed
- Chip bags and candy wrappers
- Coffee pods and K-cups
- Plastic plates and cutlery

NON-RECYCLABLE HOUSEHOLD METAL

- Aluminum foil
- Soiled household metal

NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Soiled paper or cardboard (take-out containers, etc.)
- Tissue, paper towels, laminated paper items
- Pet food bags, flour bags, etc.
- Paper cups (coffee, soda, etc.)

FOOD WASTE

- Table scraps, spoiled food, cooking oil/grease (cooled)
- Meat remains/bones/shells (wrapped in newspaper: no carcasses)

NON-RECYCLABLE STYROFOAM

GLASS AND CERAMICS

- Plate glass, mirrors, broken glass (wrapped in paper), food iars
- Incandescent light bulbs

ORGANICS

- Pet feces/cat litter (bagged)
- Cigarette/wood ashes (cold and bagged)

HOUSEKEEPING

- Bathroom waste
- Filters (air, furnace, water, vacuum)
- Vacuum bags and floor sweepings

All items in this column can also be brought to landfills and transfer stations.





& TRANSFER STATIONS

RECYCLING OPTIONS

PLASTIC

- Plastics from the Recycling (Blue Container) column
- Agricultural twine (unknotted in a clear plastic bag, tied closed)



MIXED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Paper and cardboard items from the Recycle (Blue Container) column
- Shredded paper (must be in clear plastic bag)

APPLIANCES AND METAL

- Household metals from the Recycle (Blue Container) column
- BBQs, lawnmowers, tools, refrigerators, etc.
- Fire extinguishers and propane tanks (emptied and vented)

CEMENT, ASPHALT, SOIL, GRAVEL

(landfills only — call prior to disposal)

AUTOMOTIVE AND MOTORIZED

- Car parts or ATVs must have batteries and fluids removed

WOOD (no nails)

- Wood chips, stumps, brush, pallets
- Keep painted or treated wood items separate

LIGHTING

Fluorescent tubes/ballasts, compact fluorescents, halogens, etc.

PAINTS, STAINS AND FINISHES

ELECTRONICS

- Anything with a cord or battery (including cellphones)
- Ink cartridges

BATTERIES

• Any kind, but lithium batteries must be kept separate

OIL PRODUCTS (no cooking oil /oil recycling stations now found at all landfills and transfer stations)

- Lubricating oil, free of contaminants
- Oil filters and containers

PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

• Triple rinse containers, remove caps

GLYCOL AND ANTIFREEZE

STYROFOAM

- Only clean, white #6 Styrofoam
- Must be rigid, not flexible
- No packing peanuts or food containers











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2022 *Green Initiatives Calendar*





January: Debbie Kitchen



February: Vivian Moghrabi



March: Ashley Lauzon



April: Moe Abougouche



May: Dot Kinnell



June: Jason Caine



July: Darlene Tanner



August: Beatrice Walker



September: Muriel Mueller



October: Jehan Abougoush



November: Akhilesh Verma



December: Zeyad Eludin



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All information in this calendar is subject to change.

Interested in submitting your photos for the 2023 calendar?

Submit your favourite high resolution photos of Lac La Biche County's natural beauty to **green@laclabichecounty.com**.

- 5 photos per photographer are able to be submitted.
- Photos must be original.
- Deadline to submit is September 16, 2022.