

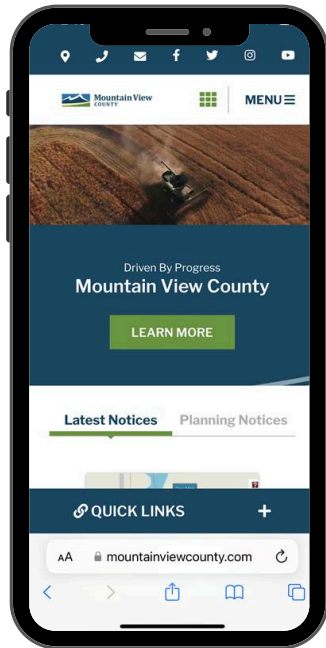


Mountain View County

# Rural Living



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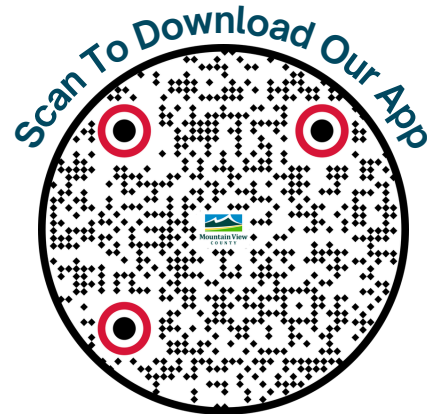
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**Are you new to rural living in Mountain View County?** Check out "The Green Acreages Guide Primer" produced by the Land Stewardship Centre. This guide offers valuable insights into rural living compared to urban living and provides links to resources and contact information for Mountain View County and other relevant outside agencies. Get started with these links:

- <https://sagewoodcommunications.ca/green-acreages/>
- [www.mountainviewcounty.com](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com)

### Considerations for Rural Living

Rural living offers numerous advantages but also requires careful consideration, particularly regarding access to services. Medical care, law enforcement, education, and recreational facilities can vary greatly depending on your location within Mountain View County and its urban centers. Having an emergency plan for situations like power outages, severe weather, and school bus cancellations is crucial. Additionally, it is important to understand the natural hazards of rural living, such as wildlife encounters and extreme weather, and to ensure you have a vehicle suitable for rural conditions year-round.

- [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)
- [www.mountainviewbearsmart.com](http://www.mountainviewbearsmart.com)



## Rural Farming and Ranching

Living in a rural area often means being part of an agricultural community. Whether you've taken over a farm or ranch or are living nearby, you'll be part of a vibrant agricultural setting. In Mountain View County, the "Right to Farm" is supported municipally. As long as producers follow the Alberta Agricultural Operation Practices Act, associated agricultural activities are considered part of the accepted rural lifestyle. Be prepared for producers hauling agricultural products, dust, odours, and varying activity hours during seeding and harvest seasons. Consider these factors before choosing your rural property.

- [www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca)

## Utilities and Services

Utility services such as water, wastewater, septic hauling, electricity, natural gas, internet, television, and telephone are NOT provided by the County. Residents need to source these services from private companies or co-ops. Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission provides landfill services for solid waste at the regional landfill site as well as transfer facilities at the Sundre and Water Valley transfer stations. Residents are responsible for sourcing services for their household waste disposal. County residents can access services like recreational programs, library services, and fire services through partnerships with nearby urban centers.

- [www.mountainviewwaste.ca](http://www.mountainviewwaste.ca)
- [www.olds.ca](http://www.olds.ca)
- [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)
- [www.carstairs.ca](http://www.carstairs.ca)
- [www.sundre.com](http://www.sundre.com)
- [www.cremona.ca](http://www.cremona.ca)



## County Development and Regulations

Despite the freedom associated with rural living, there are regulations concerning construction, land use, and animal ownership. Contact the County's Planning and Development Services department for assistance with building, renovating, or changing land use on your property. Ensure you understand and comply with the County's statutory planning documents and bylaws.

## Animals, Pets, and Livestock

The number of animals, pets, or livestock allowed on your property depends on its size and zoning regulations. Livestock and dogs are regulated by specific bylaws to manage animal numbers and prevent conflicts. Ensure compliance with these regulations and obtain permits if necessary.

## Road Maintenance and Snow Removal

Maintaining the County's extensive road network is a priority. Snow removal and road maintenance are conducted on a priority basis, with major routes taking precedence. Residents are responsible for clearing their own driveways and access roads during snow events. Dust suppression on roadways adjacent to properties is also the responsibility of residents. The County offers an annual dust suppression program for residents to pay for dust suppression on gravel roads in front of their residence, rural subdivision, or business. Cost is shared between the County and the participants.

## Business in Mountain View County

Businesses operating within Mountain View County do not require a business license. However, businesses operating within the County's urban communities must obtain a business license from those municipalities. Certain types of businesses require permits, such as development permits, to operate within the County. For business support and development services, contact Mountain View County's Economic Development or Planning and Development Department.

