



Tips for **Spring Cleaning** and **Create Energy Efficiency**

Make use of your windows.

Spring can be an erratic season but your windows can help equalize the temperature. Leave your blinds/drapes open when it's colder so the sunlight can warm up your home and close them when it is warmer.

Change the direction of airflow on your ceiling fan.

In winter, let the fan push warm air down towards the floor. This means the fan is rotating clockwise. In spring, when dusting those fan blades, switch the direction (set the fan to rotate counter clockwise) and draw air upwards, cooling the room and ensuring constant airflow.

Turn that fan off when you leave.

Fans don't actually cool down the room, they create a wind chill effect on the skin. Leaving your fan on when you aren't in the room just moves the air around; it does not cool.

Check the fridge's door seal.

Your refrigerator uses up to 11% of your home's energy, so make sure the seals on your refrigerator and freezer doors are clean and tight.

Clean the sliding door track now that the weather is warmer.

If your home has a sliding glass door, clean out the track. Dirt and grit in the track can ruin the door's seal and create gaps where heat or cold air can escape.

Close the flue.

When cleaning out your fireplace after a winter of cozy fires, make sure you close the flue (damper) because heat rises and the chimney is the fastest way out during colder nights.

Seal air leaks.

Use spring weather to inspect windows and doors. Caulking, sealing and weather-stripping cracks and openings around windows, doors and other openings keeps the cool air in, the warm air out, and the cash in your wallet.

Clean air ducts and vents.

Cleaning out all that accumulated winter dust and dirt makes it easier on your lungs and your cooling system. You'll save energy and may even increase the system's lifespan.

Maximize your duster use.

Dust keeps electronics and motors from running at top efficiency. Dust off light bulbs, office equipment, electronics and refrigerator coils, to name a few.



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Agricultural Workshops Scheduled in Stettler County



AgSafe Farm and Ranch Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) Workshop

Thursday, March 21, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

AgSafe Alberta will be joining the County of Stettler to provide a seminar on the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulations and Code, and how they apply on farms and ranches in Alberta.*

AgSafe Alberta is a collaboration of crop and livestock sector producer groups that have come together to develop and deliver farm safety management tools, resources and programs for farmers and ranchers in the province of Alberta.

During this session an AgSafe representative will be on hand to present an introduction to safety planning and provide participants with the tools to get started on farm safety management planning.

The session will take place on March 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Stettler County office (6602 – 44 Avenue, Stettler). There is no charge for registration but interested individuals are requested to register via the county website calendar at the following link: www.stettlercounty.ca/Calendar

Note: *The Farm Health and Safety Producer Grant Program offers financial support to qualified employers for eligible costs to improve health and safety in their operations and assist them in complying with the OH&S Code (effective December 1, 2018). For further information call (toll-free): 1-866-415-8690, or visit www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv482

Bee Health Workshop

Thursday, May 30, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Megan Evans, President of the Alberta Native Bee Council, will be speaking about native Alberta bees and will touch on growing practices as they relate to native bee health. Topics will include hive design, bee health basics, and actions and equipment needed to provide a healthy environment for bees in your area.

This is an interactive workshop where participants will have the chance to build bee boxes for their yards and participants will require a cordless drill, bit set and gloves; all other equipment will be provided as part of the session.

The event will be hosted at the Stettler Ag Society (4516-52 Street, Stettler) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 to cover the cost of the bee boxes and lunch is provided. Please register in advance to ensure adequate food via the county website calendar at the following link: www.stettlercounty.ca/Calendar



Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For February 2019, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For March 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.05558; the billing rate charged to FENN REA members is \$0.05558. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from the distribution company in your service area.

For information about the electricity industry and for a list of Alberta licensed retailers, visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate at www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call toll free 310-4822. For a list of retailers registered within the FENN REA area visit: www.fennrea.com.

Information on **FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan** can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com