

Your Guide to RURAL ADDRESSING



Rural Addressing is a standardized system of identifying and locating rural properties. Modeled after the address system found in most major cities, it is widely used by rural municipalities throughout Alberta.

This system will aid emergency response personnel in finding your property quicker in the case of an emergency.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the benefits of using Rural Addresses over a Legal Land Location?

A: A legal land location can tell you that a property is located somewhere on a specific quarter section, but a Rural Address will pinpoint the access to the property off of a road allowance.

Q: Is the Rural Address the same as a Mailing Address?

A: No, they are two different addresses. Your current Canada Post mailing address will not change, so please continue using your existing mailing address to send and receive postal correspondences.

Q: What do I do with my new Rural Address once I get it?

A: Memorize it! Your new Rural Address is primarily for emergency response. If you ever need to call 911, you can give the 911 dispatcher this address. We recommend posting your Rural Address near every phone in your house. Also be sure to educate your children as to what your Rural Address is, what it is for, and how it should be used in the event of an emergency.

Q: Who assigns Rural Addresses and who will have access to my address?

A: Rural Addressing information is assigned and maintained by our GIS Technician. All the addressing is shared with TELUS Communications to link to TELUS 911, 911 Dispatch and Emergency Responders.

Q: Is it mandatory?

A: Yes, all developed parcels will require an address and proper signage.

Q: Can I change my Rural Address?

A: No, it is not possible to change your Rural Address because the address is determined based on the distance your property access is along the road allowance.

Q: What if the Rural Address I have been given is incorrect?

A: If you believe that an error has been made in determining your address, please notify us immediately and we will review the problem with you.



For more information on the Rural Addressing system please visit our website or contact the Administration Office at 1-888-642-2241

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