

# The Town of Magrath

January 2026

## Business License and Animal License

### Important Reminder for 2026

As we begin the new year, please note the following:

#### Business Licenses

- Your 2025 business license expired on December 31, 2025. Licenses for 2026 are now available at the Town Office for \$60.00 each.
- Dog Licenses
- All dogs in the Town of Magrath must be licensed annually. 2025 dog tags expired on December 31, 2025. New tags can now be purchased at the Town Office.
- Altered dogs (spayed/neutered): \$20.00 per year
- Unaltered dogs: \$40.00 per year

If you own more than two dogs, you are required to have a Dog Fancier's License, which must also be renewed annually.

For more information, please contact the Town Office at 403-758-3212. Thank you for your attention to these important reminders as we start 2026!



## Contact Information

Update Your Contact Info with the Town of Magrath  
Has your contact information changed? Please inform the Town of any updates to your phone number, mailing address, or email. This ensures you receive important updates, emergency notices, and town news.

To update your details, call the Town Office at 403-758-3212 or email [reception@magrath.ca](mailto:reception@magrath.ca). Stay connected and informed!

## Tax Installment Payment Plan.

This plan allows you to spread your property tax payments evenly throughout the year instead of paying the full amount in June. Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month, making it a convenient way to manage your budget and avoid late payment penalties.

Interested in enrolling for 2026? Contact the Town Office for details. Please note: Your property taxes must be fully up to date to qualify for this monthly payment option.

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## Snow Clearing Reminder

The Town of Magrath does not clear snow from sidewalks adjacent to private property or driveways. This responsibility belongs to the property owner. If your sidewalk or driveway has been cleared, it's likely thanks to a generous "Snow Angel" in your neighborhood. Please note that this is a voluntary act and should not be expected for the entire season. When clearing snow, ensure it is placed on your own property or boulevard—not on the road. This helps maintain proper drainage and prevents dangerous ice patches on streets and sidewalks. Additionally, please remove your garbage and compost bins from the curb after collection so our team can clear the roads effectively. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Winter Emergency Preparedness

### Be prepared

Individuals and families should be prepared to take care of themselves for at least 72 hours. The following steps will assist you in building your preparedness plan.

- **Know the risks:** Knowing the risks and hazards can help you and your loved ones prepare for the unexpected.
- **Make a plan:** A plan will help you cope with the stress of an emergency or disaster.
- **Build a kit:** By taking a few simple steps you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies. Be sure your kit includes a battery-powered/crank radio/flashlight or Weatheradio in case of a power outage.

In Magrath information and updates in emergency situations will be posted on the Town website [magrath.ca](http://magrath.ca) and social media. Make sure to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app for critical, life-saving alerts. When individuals are prepared to the best of their ability, this allows first responders, such as police, fire, and ambulance, to focus on the emergency and provide assistance to those who need the help most.

### Blizzards and blowing snow

A blizzard warning is issued when falling or blowing snow, combined with 40 km/h winds, is expected for 4 hours or longer. Visibility is usually reduced to 400 meters or less.

### Blizzard facts

- Blizzards can occur when there are clear skies.
- In wide open areas, blowing snow or a blizzard can mean zero visibility!

### Blizzard survival tips

- If you live in a rural area and a blizzard or blowing snow is forecast, you may want to string a guideline between your house and any other buildings you might have to go to during the storm.
- Restrict travel to daytime hours and let someone know your route and arrival time.

**If you find yourself stuck in a vehicle during a severe storm, remain calm! Stay inside the vehicle, run the engine every once in a while, and beware of fumes. Ensure the exhaust pipe is not blocked, and continually allow fresh air in.**

### Extreme cold

In Alberta, an extreme cold warning is issued for expectations of air temperature minus 40°C or colder, or the wind chill index is minus 40°C or colder.

### Extreme cold facts

- Temperatures this low could occur throughout the winter months, especially from early December to late February.
- Extreme cold may occur with other weather, such as blizzards, ice storms or ice fog, and pose a risk of hypothermia or frostbite.
- Ice fog can occur in temperatures lower than minus 30°C due to tiny ice particles in the air. Ice fog forms quickly and can reduce visibility to near zero.

### Extreme cold survival tips

- During extreme cold, stay indoors, and try to stay warm.
- If you must go outside, wear proper clothing, and take care not to overexert yourself.