

Backcountry Etiquette



Know Before You Go

- Check park advisories and weather
- Research your route
- Pack proper clothing for all weather conditions
- Let someone know where you're going
- Be prepared for no cell coverage
- Have communication and wayfinding devices and backups (i.e. batteries)

Fires

- Fires must be in designated metal ring provided
- Burning deadwood not permitted
- Do not burn garbage (it attracts wildlife)
- **Soak, stir and soak** your fire to put it out



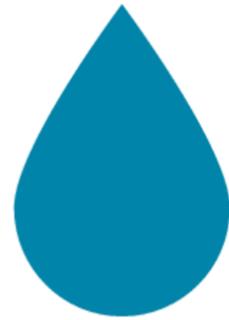
Cooking & Cleaning

- If possible, cook 300ft from your sleeping area to avoid attracting wildlife
- Cook with a camp stove rather than on the fire
- Do not wash dishes or bathe in water source
- Carry water and wash 50 metres from water source
- Store and secure all food, toiletries and attractants in provided lockers or hang to not attract wildlife.
- Never leave food/attractants unattended or in your tent



Water

- Never assume water in the backcountry is safe to drink
- Use boiled/treated water for: drinking, preparing food, brushing your teeth etc.



Human Waste

- Use outhouses when available
- Urinate/defecate at least 50 metres away from any trail or water source
- Defecate in cathole 15-20cm deep, then cover with topsoil
- Pack out toilet paper
- In winter, pack out all waste

Keep the backcountry safe and fun for everyone!

For more backcountry tips and tricks visit:

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/drinking-water-backcountry.aspx>