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# THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PINEY

## NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2012



### Garbage Dump Hours

Starting on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, there will be a change in the hours at the garbage dumps within the RM of Piney. The garbage dumps will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm on the regular days that dump is scheduled to be open on. These winter hours for the garbage dumps will in effect until March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### Recycling Sheds

Reminders to all that the recycling sheds within the RM of Piney are strictly to be used for recyclable items only. Household garbage is being dropped off in many of the recycling sheds in the RM. The RM of Piney will be forced to remove the recycling sheds from the area if individuals cannot respect and abide by the purpose of the recycling sheds and how helpful they have been to our community.



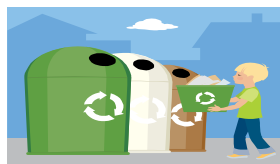
### Time Change for Council Meetings



The RM of Piney Council Meetings held at the Vassar Council Chambers will commence at 6:00pm starting on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Council meetings will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. RM Council meetings will revert back to 7:00pm start times commencing March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### Recycling Stats for 2012

In July of 2012, the RM of Piney was appreciative to have received 11,506 kg's of recyclable goods. We have noticed a substantial decline in recycling in the months of August and September of 2012, with amounts of 9,831.5 kg's in August and dropping even further to 8,020.2 kg's in September 2012. We want to remind everyone within the RM to take advantage of the recycling sheds within your area. Recycling saves the environment and your tax dollar!



### Triple R Community Futures

**Thinking of becoming:**  
♦ self-employed?  
♦ turning your hobby into a business?  
♦ expanding your business?  
**Don't know where to start?**

Come out on Tuesday, November 20, 2012  
From 10:00am to 3:00pm  
at the Piney Council Chambers  
Vassar, Manitoba

Staff from Community Futures Triple R will be present to provide information on business planning and potential funding. Community Futures Entrepreneurs with Disabilities coordinator will also be available with business information.

If you would like to book a private session, please call 204-746-2180 or email [info@cftripler.ca](mailto:info@cftripler.ca)

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## Prepare Now



Don't wait for an emergency to happen. We all have a responsibility to prepare for emergencies. At home, this requires an understanding of everyone's unique needs, supplies to take care of yourself for a period of **at least 72 hours**, while emergency workers help those in urgent need. Manitoba is a large and varied province with severe weather at all times of the year, including tornados, blizzards, windstorms, freezing rain, hail, and wildfires. It is important to understand the probability and severity of the hazards in the place you live. Emergency preparedness is initially a personal responsibility. While governments have resources available to assist as an emergency escalates, individuals are expected to have made plans and take steps to secure the safety

### Be Prepared not Scared!

#### **STEP 1: KNOW THE RISKS KNOW YOUR REGION**

#### **STEP 2: MAKE A PLAN**

#### **STEP 3: PREPARE A KIT**



Every Canadian household needs an emergency plan. Organize escape routes, emergency exits in your home, and find a safe meeting place near your home.

People with special health needs should establish a personal support network of friends, relatives, health-care providers, co-workers and neighbours who understand your special needs. Write details about your medical conditions, allergies, surgeries, family medical history, medications, health screenings, vaccinations, emergency contact and insurance information.

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

- Water at least 2 litres per person per day. Include small bottles, easy to carry
- Food that won't spoil, but replace once a year
- Manual can opener, flashlight & batteries
- First aid kit and/or medications
- Cash in small denominations
- Copy of your emergency plan
- Copy of your contact information



### Forest Fires



People living in close proximity to forested areas or using such area for recreational purposes need to know how to protect themselves in the event of a forest fire.

- Avoid building fires on days of low humidity, high temperatures & windy days
- Observe burning authorizations recommended for your area by MB Conservation
- Build fires away from trees and dry bushes
- Never leave a fire unattended and make sure a fire is completely out before leaving

During forest fire incidents, always be ready to evacuate all family members, including pets. If you must evacuate, follow closely to all instructions provided by local authorities. Make sure you know safe evacuation routes and find out the destination reception centres before you leave the evacuated area.

### Power Outages



As we have all experienced over the last Thanksgiving weekend, power outages are not necessarily short lived. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. If you only have a cordless phone, you will also be left without phone service.



You can decrease the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. You should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours.

- You can install a non-electric standby stove or heater. Choose heating units that are not dependant on an electric motor or electric fan to function. Before considering the use of an emergency generator during a power outage, check with furnace, appliance and lighting fixture dealers regarding proper operating procedures.
- During a power outage, turn off all lights, except one inside and outside. Do not open your fridge or freezer. If the door remains shut, a full freezer will keep food frozen for 24-35 hours.
- Do not use anything that gives off carbon monoxide, such as charcoal/gas barbeques or home generators indoors. Never leave candles unattended and make sure they are in proper holders.