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The RM of Piney 2013 Photo Contest



The RM of Piney is holding a Photo Contest to showcase the beautiful area that the RM of Piney has to offer and to expand on our current library of photographs.

Three categories of the 2013 Photo Contest are:



1) Scenery and Outdoor Fun

We are looking for creative and unique photos that showcase nature and country living at its best.

2) Wild Encounters

Show us moments captured on camera of wildlife peacefully enjoying the great outdoors.

3) Tranquil Moments & Community Living

We are looking for pictures taken during any of the devastating moments the RM has endured as well as our communities that make up our municipality.

There will be one winner for each of the three categories. **Each of the three winners will receive a cash prize of \$100.00.** Entries are limited to a maximum of two entries per category per submitter.

The contest runs from June 12th, 2013 until July 31st, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Photos can be submitted by mail or emailed to rmofpiney@wiband.ca. For more information in regards to the RM of Piney 2013 Photo Contest please go to our website www.rmofpiney.mb.ca under the tab 'Notices'.



2013 Seedling Program

The RM of Piney is in partnership with the Manitoba Forestry Association for a spring 2014 seedling program. Order acceptance will commence July 15, 2013 to September 15, 2013. Distribution of the trees will take place at the RM of Piney office located in Vassar in spring of 2014. Please stay tuned to our website www.rmofpiney.mb.ca for seedling order forms and for more information about this program.

Time it takes for garbage to decompose in the environment:



Glass Bottle	1 million years
Monofilament Fishing Line	600 years
Plastic Beverage Bottles	450 years
Disposable Diapers	450 years
Aluminum Can	80-200 years
Foamed Plastic Buoy	80 years
Foamed Plastic Cups	50 years
Rubber-Boot Sole	50-80 years
Tin Cans	50 years
Leather	50 years
Nylon Fabric	30-40 years
Plastic Film Container	20-30 years
Plastic Bag	10-20 years
Cigarette Butt	1-5 years
Wool Sock	1-5 years
Plywood	1-3 years
Waxed Milk Carton	3 months
Apple Core	2 months
Newspaper	6 weeks
Orange or Banana Peel	2-5 weeks
Paper Towel	2-4 weeks



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72 HOURS OF PREPAREDNESS

Make a family emergency plan.



Flood



Tornado



Fires



Pack an emergency supply kit.



Keep a list of important addresses—like work and school.



Identify safe places around your neighborhood and further from home to meet.



Agree on one friend or relative for everyone to call.



Know the evacuation location for your area.

Being prepared can help you and your family stay connected in an emergency.

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 of themselves, their families and other responsibilities.



Forest Fires



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

- Avoid fires on days of low humidity, high temperatures & gusty winds
- Observe burning authorizations recommended for your area by Manitoba 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, closely follow 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.