



# MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



## KEEP WILDLIFE WILD: REDUCING HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICTS WITH PROPER WASTE MANAGEMENT

In the Eastern slopes of Alberta, improperly managed waste is one of the main triggers of human-wildlife conflicts. Keeping garbage secure is essential for safety, wildlife health, and protecting ranch operations.

Bears/predators that find food near homes or buildings often return, increasing chances of property damage or dangerous encounters. Over time, they become reliant on human attractants, increasing risk of vehicle collisions and repeated conflicts. The best way to reduce these risks is through proactive waste management, with tools such as bear-resistant garbage bins or storing garbage indoors.

For ranchers, secure waste practices not only reduce the chance of attracting predators, but also protect livestock, property, and family. The Carnivores and Communities program by Waterton Biosphere is a great resource to help funding attractant management infrastructure. By investing in proper storage, disposing of waste responsibly, and staying informed, you can help keep wildlife wild and keep your operation safe.

To discuss further, please contact staff at [ag3@ranchland66.com](mailto:ag3@ranchland66.com) or 403-646-3131.

Source(s): 1) [alberta.ca/deterrents-bear-resistant-garbage-disposal](http://alberta.ca/deterrents-bear-resistant-garbage-disposal) 2) [bearsmart.com](http://bearsmart.com)  
3) [watertonbiosphere.com/projects/carnivores-communities/](http://watertonbiosphere.com/projects/carnivores-communities/)

## GRANT TO APPLY FOR

[rdar.ca/funding-opportunities/ofcaf](http://rdar.ca/funding-opportunities/ofcaf)

### Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) - On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF)

Substantial support for ranchers expanding or adopting rotational grazing. Projects include grazing management plan, cross-fencing, & off-site watering systems. Also applies to planting improved forages for soil health & quality. Covers up to 85% of costs, funding up to \$75,000 per producer. Applications recently reopened, so don't miss this opportunity!

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**WEED TO WATCH****Baby's Breath***Gypsophila paniculata*

ID characteristics: Up to 1m tall with branched stems, opposite and pointed leaves, with many clusters of tiny white flowers. Infestations often from bouquets that are not disposed of properly, such as after weddings or near cemeteries.

Source: [abinvasives.ca/fact-sheet/babys-breath](http://abinvasives.ca/fact-sheet/babys-breath)**Find us online!**

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**BEAVER Relocation**

Join us to discuss beaver relocation considerations, including selecting recipient sites

**Spring Point Hall ~ August 25, 2025: 9 - 11 a.m.**  
**Lundbreck Hall ~ September 3, 2025: 7 - 9 p.m.**

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Photo: California Department of Fish & Wildlife

**ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT****Land Stewardship Centre**[landstewardship.org](http://landstewardship.org)

Land Stewardship Centre empowers communities to become stronger environmental stewards through collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and practical tools. Projects such as the Green Acreages Program, Watershed Stewardship Grants, and the Conservation Land Registry provide support and information to landowners and land managers to engage, inform, and enable stewards. Whether managing an acreage, running a ranch, or leading a local stewardship initiative, LSC offers resources and funding to help make a lasting impact.

