



Wagmatcook

JUNE 2025

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE FORTH EDITION OF OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER!

With our forth edition of the newsletter, we're excited to continue sharing the incredible work happening across our community. Last month, we introduced this space as a way to celebrate our collective efforts—now, we're looking ahead to what's next!

Jam packed with events and new initiatives, this issue is has updates that reflect the dedication of our employees, volunteers, and community members. [Be sure to check out this month's highlights, including June's calendar, community clean up, Waltes tournament, new community liaison and more!](#)

Have a story, photo, or milestone to share? We'd love to feature it! Send your submissions to communications@wagmatcook.com and be part of next month's edition.

DEPARTMENTS

Department	Phone number	Hours of operation	
Wagmatcookewey School	902-295-3491	School hours	
Wagmatcook First Nation Band Office	902-295-2598	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Social Development	902-295-3332	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Early Development Childhood Centre	902-295-3491	School hours	
Wagmatcook Housing/Public Works	902-295-1281	Monday-Friday	8:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Health Centre	902-295-2755	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Cultural & Heritage Centre	902-295-2999	Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00am	Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm-12:00am
CleanWave Restaurant	902-295-1542	Monday-Friday	11:00am-6:00pm
Wagmatcook Gaming	902-295-1295	Monday-Friday 10:00am-12:00am	Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm-12:00am
Wagmatcook Canada Post	902-295-1579	Monday-Friday	10:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Fitness Centre	902-295-2999	Mon/Tues 9am-9pm, Wed 9am-6pm, Thurs/Friday 9am-9pm	Saturday 11am-9pm, Sunday 11am-6pm
Wagmatcook Fishery Office	902-295-1151		
Wagmatcook Ultramar	902-295-2122	7 days a week	7:00am-11:00pm
Wagmatcook Learning Centre/NSCC Satellite Campus	902-295-2598	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Fire Department	902-294-0015		



June

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Mi'kmaq Language	3 Waltes Night	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Father's Day Event 5-7pm Culture Centre	14
15	16	17	18	19 Kindergarten Graduation & Awards for K- Grade 6 Last Teaching Day	20	21 Youth Fishing Derby 11am-3pm Fishery
22	23 National Indigenous Day - (Holiday)	24 Grading Day Event 1pm-4pm Ball Field	25 Graduation Day 1pm Culture Centre	26 Community BBQ @ Health Centre 11am-2pm	27 Grading Day	28
29	30		Also on the 19th- Mediterranean Inspired Way of Eating Workshop			



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Waltes Tournament Results

Representing Wagmatcook in the 2025 Mi'kmaw
World Waltes Championship is Lindia Isadore!

Second place was Joe Isadore and third was Mary Jo
Peck

Wela'lioq to all those who came out to the Waltes
Tournament wns to those who helped organize!
Make sure to cheer Lindia on in July in Wagmatcook!



WE'RE HIRING!



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**APPLY
NOW!**

HIRING POSITIONS

- Gaming Clerk
- Cleanwave Line Cook
- Cleanwave Server

send your resume to us : Jobs@wagmatcook.com



WAGMATCOOKEWEY SCHOOL

K4 Graduation and Elementary Awards @ 11A.M. on
Thursday, June 19
Wagmatcookewey School

Grade 12 Graduation &. Awards @ 1 PM
Wednesday, June 25
Wagmatcook Cultural Centre

Grading day for Primary -Grade 11.
Friday, June 27
Wagmatcookewey School



902-295-3491



<https://wagmatcookeweyschool.ca/>



WAGMATCOOKEWEY SCHOOL



Wagmatcookewey School hosted a Mawiomí Regalia Showcase for K3 to Grade 3. Wela'liek MK and Wagmatcookewey School Board. Wela'liek to Mailey for making all the regalias. Wela'liek to the drummers, dancers and our guests Mailey & Charlie Pierro Aqq Darren Sylvester and Wilma Simon.



902-295-3491



<https://wagmatcookeweyschool.ca/>

OFF-RESERVE ADDRESS COLLECTION IMPORTANT

We're still updating our records to ensure we have the most current mailing addresses for our off-reserve band members.

Please take a moment to fill out this quick **Google Form** with your current mailing address.

Thank you for helping us keep our community connected, no matter where you are! Please share with any members you know living outside of Wagmatcook!

CLICK HERE



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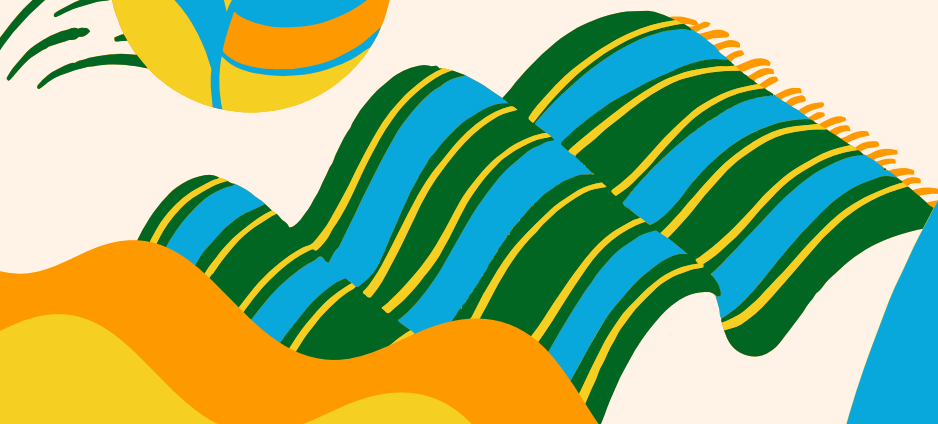
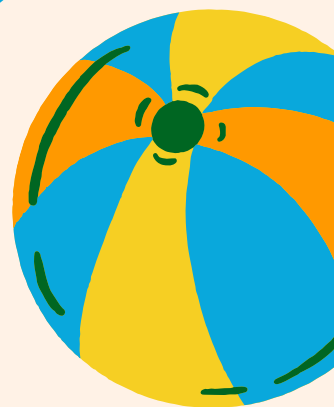
Come and join us for
a

Community Barbecue

Thursday June 26 2025

11am-1pm

Wagmatcook Health Centre



Mediterranean Inspired Way of Eating



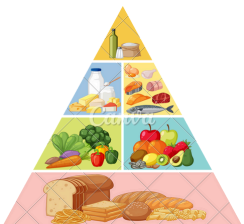
Learn about dietary recommendations on one of the most well-studied eating patterns, commonly referred to as the **Mediterranean Diet**.

We will review the health benefits and provide tips to include some of the recommendation into your present lifestyle and way of eating

Wagmatcook Health Centre
Thursday June 19 at 1:30pm


We'll make and taste a Mediteranean dish.


Door Prizes






PREVENT GRASS FIRES – FOLLOW FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA

As the weather warms up, the risk of grass fires increases—and they can spread fast. Please help keep our community safe by following Nova Scotia's provincial fire regulations.

 No burning is allowed during restricted times. Violations can lead to fines or worse, serious damage to homes and natural areas. During wildfire risk season (15 March to 15 October), no burning or campfires are allowed between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm everyday! Violation of these guidelines can lead to fines up to \$25,000!

 Before you burn, always check the BurnSafe map (after 2pm) at novascotia.ca/burnsafe for daily updates.

Simple steps to protect our community:

-  Never leave a fire unattended
-  Have water and tools nearby
-  Report any uncontrolled fires immediately by calling 911



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ATTENTION ATV (FOUR WHEELER) DRIVERS

We've been receiving complaints about late-night driving and speeding in the community. Let's all do our part to show respect and keep things safe.

- ◆ **No driving after 10 PM** – please be mindful of families, children, and elders trying to rest.
- ◆ **Slow down** – speeding puts everyone at risk.
- ◆ **Stay on designated pathways** – driving on lawns or private property causes damage and is disrespectful.

Let's work together to keep our community safe and respectful for all. Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and support.



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMUNITY LIAISON

We're excited to welcome Marlana Simon to the WFN Wellness team as our new Community Liaison!

Marlana brings a wealth of experience in helping others, including her time as a volunteer firefighter and a member of the search and rescue team. She's also part of the Women's Helpers Group, offering support to families during times of grief by assisting with cooking and cleaning for wakes.

Her deep dedication to caring for others makes her a valuable addition to our community services.

In her new role, Marlana will be available to support individuals seeking help with addictions and mental health services. She's here to listen, connect, and guide community members to the supports they need.

If you or someone you know is looking for help or information, don't hesitate to reach out to Marlana at (902) 295-8100. Let's give Marlana a warm welcome!



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Travel Photographers & Vloggers visit Wagmatcook!

Check out this amazing video of Wagmatcook by daveyandsky. In their short Youtube video they feature Humes River falls, MacNaughton falls, Mi'kmaq dance and the CleanWave Restaurant and Gift Shop!



Or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/43edtw97>



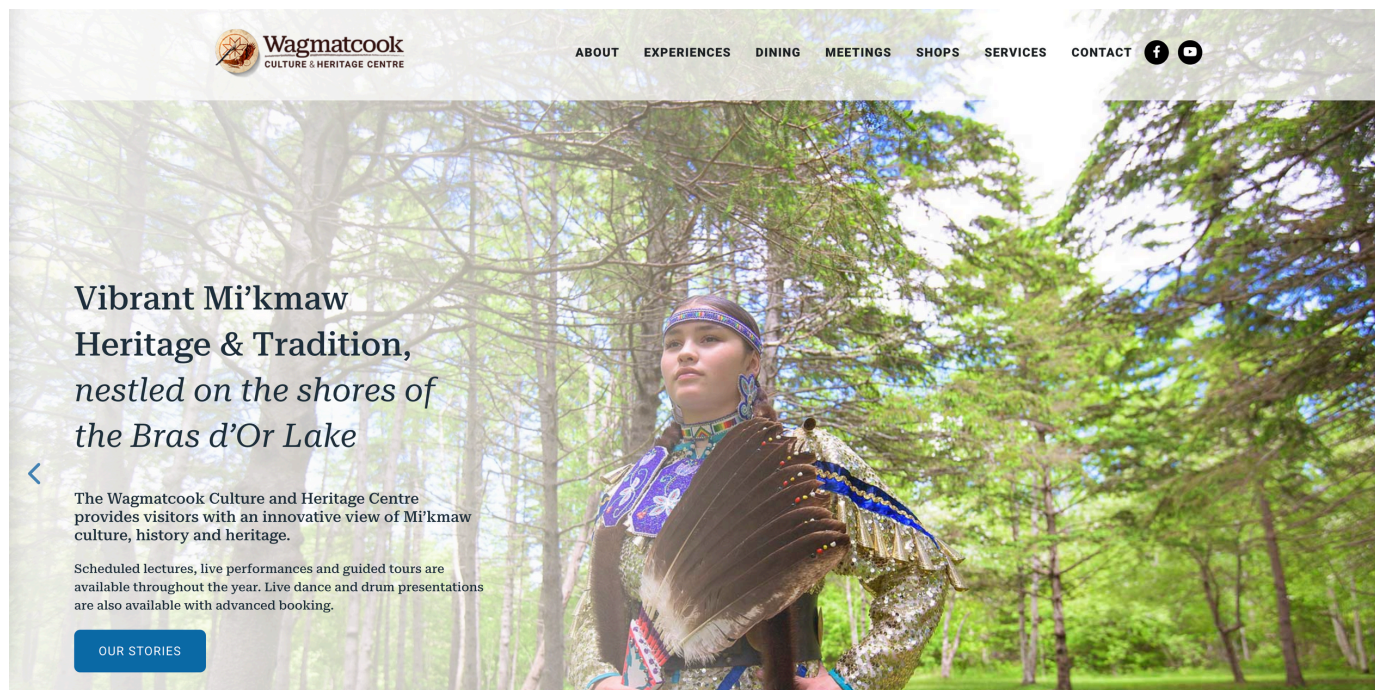
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CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTRE


Explore the New Wagmatcook Culture Centre Website!



We're excited to share that the Wagmatcook Culture Centre has launched its brand-new website! Whether you're looking to learn more about local culture, check out upcoming events, or plan a visit, you'll find everything you need online.

 Visit: wagmatcookculturecentre.ca

Take a look and see what's happening in the community — and don't forget to share it with your friends and family!



 **Wagmatcook**
CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTRE

ABOUT EXPERIENCES DINING MEETINGS SHOPS SERVICES CONTACT  

Vibrant Mi'kmaw Heritage & Tradition, *nestled on the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake*

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The Wagmatcook Culture and Heritage Centre provides visitors with an innovative view of Mi'kmaw culture, history and heritage.

Scheduled lectures, live performances and guided tours are available throughout the year. Live dance and drum presentations are also available with advanced booking.

[OUR STORIES](#)

A huge shoutout to everyone who came out to help clean up our community!

Because of your time, energy, and care, we collected over 151 bags of garbage from around the neighbourhood!

Your efforts show what community pride is all about, coming together to care for the land and each other. ❤️

Special thanks to all who stayed for the BBQ — what a great way to end a great day!

When we come together, we can make anything happen. 🙌

Did you participate in the clean up?

Yes

No

Submit

● Loading...

WINNERS:

Kathleen Pierro- Whipper snipper

Patrick Bernard-BQQ

Mary Francis- Lawnmower

Tina Price with most bags-\$100.00 gift card

Kendrick Bernard-\$50.00 gift card

Lizzy Googoo-\$50.00 gift card



Elders Complexes

A First Look Inside!

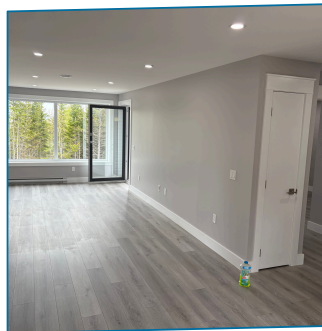
Construction is nearly complete on the new Elder's housing along Beach Road, and we're excited to share a sneak peek at the progress, including some inside photos!

These beautiful new units are designed to be spacious, accessible, and welcoming, offering a peaceful place for our Elders to call home. From wide doorways to thoughtful layouts, every detail has been planned with comfort and mobility in mind.

While final touches are still underway, the vision is coming to life, and we can't wait to see the impact these homes will have on our Elders and their families.

📸 Check out the photos to see how far things have come!

Eligibility details can be found on the next page.



Elders' Housing Complex - Eligibility Summary Sheet

Wagmatcook First Nation

This document is to outline the eligibility criteria for individuals interested in applying to the elders' housing units within the Wagmatcook First Nation community. These units dedicated to providing safe and comfortable housing for elders who meet the criteria outlined below.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be minimum 60 years of age to qualify for an elders' housing unit.
- Only members of the Wagmatcook First Nation community are eligible to apply
- Applicants are eligible to apply regardless of whether they are currently living independently or with family.
- Co-habitation with family members is permitted, but the unit will be limited to four (4) permanent residents, ensuring it remains suitable for the elder's needs.
- Applicants will be able to have a max of two (2) pets

Process

A review committee will be formed and will have representatives from the following areas Elders Council, Council, Health, Public Works and Housing and Social.

Assessment Criteria – The Elders Council will assess the applications based on an **individual need**. Some examples need-based factors could be:

- Applicants who are currently living in overcrowded multi-generational homes
- Current housing considered inadequate or does not meet their living needs for health or quality of life
- those who lack a personal home, will be given priority.

Whereas the safety of our Elder residents is the highest priority, the Elders Council **will not** consider the following for these units:

- Individuals with a criminal record
- Individuals engaged in drug use, drug trafficking and/or other drug related activities

For more detailed information, See the full guidelines on our website at <https://wagmatcook.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Elders-Complex-Eligibility-Guideline-May-6-2025-Final.pdf>



First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement Communications Toolkit | Newsletter Copy

Dear Community Leaders,

We encourage you to share the following important updates in your community paper or newsletter.

The first Claims Period for the First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement opened on March 10, 2025

Class Members of the Removed Child Class and the Removed Child Family Class can now submit a claim for compensation.

- Removed Child Class: First Nations individuals who, while under the Age of Majority, were removed from their homes between April 1, 1991, and March 31, 2022, by Child Welfare Authorities. The removal from home happened while the Child or at least one of their Caregiving Parents or Caregiving Grandparents were Ordinarily Resident on Reserve or living in the Yukon. The placement was funded by Indigenous Services Canada.
- Removed Child Family Class: Eligible Caregiving Parents or Caregiving Grandparents of a Removed Child who were living with and assumed parental responsibilities over the Child at the time of removal and were the ones from whom the Child was first removed.

How to submit your Claim

If you are an adult ("Age of Majority"), or within two years of becoming an adult in your province or territory, you can submit your Claim now.

- Claims can be submitted through the Claims Portal ([Portal.FNChildClaims.ca](https://portal.fnchildclaims.ca)) or by email, fax or mail.
- You'll need a copy (photocopy, scan or photo) of valid government-issued ID.
- You need to have a current mailing address.
- You need to provide a bank account in your name only if you want your compensation money deposited directly into a bank account.

Important: You do not have to pay anyone to help you submit your Claim or to receive payment under this Settlement.

Submission Timelines

- Adult Class Members have until March 10, 2028, to submit their Claim.
- If the Class Member was a minor when the Claims Period opened on March 10, 2025, they have three years from the date they become an adult to submit their Claim.
- Adult Caregiving Parents or Caregiving Grandparents must submit their Claim by March 10, 2028, regardless of the age of the associated Removed Child.

To learn more about the Classes, eligibility and how to submit a Claim visit www.FNChildClaims.ca.

You don't have to figure this out on your own

Free support is available to help you fill out your Claim Form. To learn more, call the Administrator toll-free at 1-833-852-0755 or visit www.FNChildClaims.ca, where you can also sign up for email updates.

Wellness Support

Free mental health and wellness support is available to Class Members 24 hours a day through the Hope for Wellness Helpline at 1-855-242-3310 or online at HopeForWellness.ca. Support is available in English, French, Cree and Ojibway (Anishinaabemowin) on request. Children and youth can also call the Kids Help Phone anytime at 1-800-668-6868 or text FIRSTNATIONS to 686868.

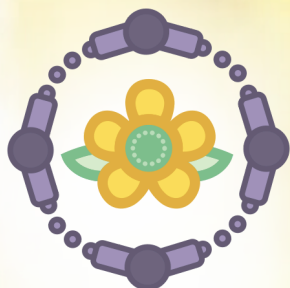
Fraud Alert

Watch out for people pretending to represent the Settlement in order to steal your personal information.

Be aware. Don't share. If you suspect fraudulent activity, report it to the Administrator at 1-833-852-0755 or email Generalinfo@Contact.FNChildClaims.ca.

For more information about fraud prevention, visit www.FNChildClaims.ca/Fraud-Prevention.

The First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement has been approved. **This is what this means for you.**



First Nations Child
and Family Services
and Jordan's Principle
Settlement

The Court has approved the Settlement Agreement in the First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Class Action. This means that Canada will pay \$23.34 billion in compensation for impacted First Nations children and some of their family members.

This notice provides information about the Settlement. You can find more information and sign up for updates at www.fnchildclaims.ca or you can call 1-833-852-0755.

What's the Settlement about?

The Settlement provides compensation to First Nations children living on reserves or in the Yukon who were removed from their homes by child welfare agencies operating in First Nations communities and placed in out-of-home care between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 2022.

The Settlement also provides compensation to First Nations children who did not receive timely access to essential services and who had a confirmed need for those services between April 1, 1991 and November 2, 2017. This treatment discriminated against the children and broke a legal rule known as Jordan's Principle.

Am I included in the Settlement?

Compensation is not yet available. When it becomes available, you may be eligible for compensation if you are one or more of the following:

A child removed from their home or placed off-reserve Removed Child Class	A child who had a denial or delay of an essential service Jordan's Principle Class Trout Child Class Essential Service Class	A child placed off-reserve Kith Child Class Kith Family Class
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Nations children who, while under the age of majority between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 2022, were living on a reserve and were removed from their homes by child welfare authorities or voluntarily placed into care.• The placement was funded by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).• At least one caregiver (parents or grandparents) were resident on reserve or living in the Yukon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Nations children (living on-reserve or off-reserve) who were confirmed to need an essential service but faced a delay, denial or a gap in receiving that essential service between April 1, 1991 and November 2, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Nations children placed off-reserve with a non-family caregiver.• The caregiver did not receive any funding related to the placement.• A Child Welfare Authority was involved at the time of the placement.• Caregiving parent or grandparent of children of the Kith Child Class.

The caregiving parent or grandparent of a child who experienced removal or a delay or denial of an essential service

This includes birth, adoptive and step parents.

It does not include foster parents.

**Removed Child Family Class | Jordan's Principle Family Class
Trout Family Class**



A fund of \$50 million will be established to assist First Nations children and families impacted by Canada's discrimination. An additional fund of \$90 million will be established to benefit high-needs Jordan's Principle class members to ensure their personal dignity and well-being.

When will I receive compensation?

The first Claim Forms will be available in several months. Please visit www.fnchildclaims.ca for more information, updates and timelines, and to find out when Claim Forms will be available.

What can I do now?

Sign up for updates at www.fnchildclaims.ca. This will ensure that you receive updates on the claims process and a copy of the Claim Forms when they are available.

There are supports and resources available to help you understand the Settlement and apply for compensation when the claims process is open.



To learn more about the Settlement and sign up for updates on the claims process, visit www.fnchildclaims.ca.



Claims support services are available by calling the Administrator at **1-833-852-0755**.



If you are experiencing emotional distress and would like to speak with a counsellor, please contact the **Hope for Wellness Helpline** at **1-855-242-3310**, or visit www.hopeforwellness.ca to chat.



Tick Season in Nova Scotia



Protect Yourself & Your Pets!

🌿 TICKS ARE ACTIVE FROM SPRING TO FALL

Found in:

- Grassy & wooded areas
 - Trails & parks
 - Yards and gardens

🐾 **FOR PEOPLE: STAY TICK-SAFE**

- ✅ Wear long sleeves & tuck pants into socks
- ✅ Use bug spray with DEET
- ✅ Do full body checks after being outside
- ✅ Shower within 2 hours of being outdoors
- ✅ Remove ticks with tweezers — pull steadily
- ✅ Watch for rash, fever, or fatigue

🐕 **FOR DOGS: DAILY TICK CHECKS**

- ✓ Look around ears, neck, and between toes
- ✓ Use tick preventatives (collars, meds, etc.)
 - ✓ Ask your vet about the Lyme vaccine
 - ✓ Remove ticks carefully with a tick tool
 - ✓ Watch for limping, fever, or tiredness

⚠️ **QUICK TIP:**

Place removed ticks in a sealed bag (for ID later if needed), clean the bite area, and wash your hands!

❤️ **SHARE THIS INFO**

Help protect your community — and your furry friends!



Outdoor Work in the Heat

Stay Safe While Mowing, Gardening, or Doing Yard Work



Beat the Heat

- ✓ Work early or late (avoid midday sun)
- ✓ Drink water often — don't wait to feel thirsty
- ✓ Wear a hat, light clothes & sunscreen
- ✓ Rest in the shade often
- ✓ Know the signs of heat exhaustion:
 - Dizziness
 - Headache
 - Nausea
 - Heavy sweating



Lawn Mowing Safety

- Clear the yard of rocks & sticks
- Never refuel a hot mower
- Keep children & pets inside
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Take cooling breaks in the shade



Quick Tip:

Keep a reusable water bottle nearby and refill often!



Work Smart. Stay Cool. Keep Safe.