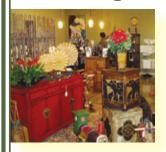
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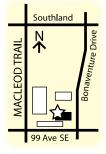


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Early Birds

The robin is the official harbinger of spring.

Also watch for Mallard Ducks, Canada Geese and Red-Winged Blackbirds. Their presence is a sure sign warm days are on the way!

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Alberta Health Services - EMS

Bicycle Helmet Safety

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children on bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist, or pedestrian. Remember - it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or save a life
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged

Getting started

- · Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets
- Parents must lead by example: always wear your own helmet when cycling

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears
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5 Ways We Unwittingly Repel Wealth and Prosperity

Studies indicate that we can actually sabotage our ability to achieve financial security. Here are some attitudes that stand between us and abundance.

- 1. We're at the mercy of money. Earning and managing money can be so challenging, we sometimes see money as negative and energy draining. This causes us to subconsciously drive money away. Instead, see money as positive, effortless and attractive.
- **2. Money is in short supply.** We assume there's not enough money to go around and that we're going to get left out. But thinking "shortage" helps create "shortage". Instead, realize there's an unlimited supply of money and we can get as much as we want.
- **3. We don't deserve to be rich.** Since money is often tied to job performance, we think we earn what we deserve. But who can judge how much money we deserve? Take the judgment out and simply see money as an abundant resource.
- 4. Getting money for money's sake. Greed actually repels wealth. Instead, see money as something that will help you make the world and others' lives better. An honorable intention helps create abundance.
- 5. No plan for how to use it. If you don't know what you're going to do with money, chances are you won't get it. Make a list of all your dreams. Then you'll have specific goals to work toward.

Tania Discombe, AMP





Report to Calgarians Fix a Leak

One in four toilets is silently leaking, wasting water, and costing you money.

You could save up to \$100 a year with this simple test to find and fix leaky toilets.

Visit http://goo.gl/IAALHB for more information.

Take the leaky toilet test

To find out if your toilet is wasting water, remove the tank lid of your toilet and follow these simple steps:



- Drop Put several drops of food colouring into the toilet tank and wait 20 minutes.
- 2. Peek Look in the bowl. If the water changes colour, you've got a leak.
- 3. Repair If the water changes, your toilet is leaking and needs repair
- 4. Save Congratulations! By repairing just one toilet, you could save \$100!

What to do when you find a leak?

Follow our simple repair instructions online at www.calgary.ca or attend one of our free leak repair workshops at all participating Rona locations. Learn how to find and fix toilet leaks, and enter for your chance to win a WaterSense™ high-efficiency toilet.

You can also hire a plumber, get repair tips at a hard-ware store or read a how-to book or magazine with detailed instructions.

Replacement parts are readily available for under \$20. If you decide to repair simple leaks yourself, be sure to bring your old plumbing part (i.e. flapper) to the store with you. This way you can ensure you get a matching acceptable replacement part.

Use your water meter to detect leaks

- 1. Turn off all taps and water appliances (humidifiers, ice makers) in your home
- 2. Watch the triangle shaped dial on your meter

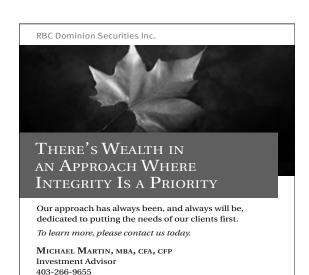
- 3. If it keeps turning, you have a leak in your house
- 4. Check your toilet, taps, humidifier, hot water heater and water softener for leaks

To detect even the smallest leak, turn off all fixtures and record your water meter reading. Leave your home for a few hours or more. If the reading changes while you are away, you may have a leak.

How often should you check for leaks?

It is recommended that you check your home for leaks twice a year. Even new toilets can leak and most toilet leaks are silent so it's important to add checking for leaks to your regular home maintenance schedule. Be aware that time-released toilet bowl cleaners that sit in your tank (rather than flush-released ones) can speed up the deterioration of parts in your toilet and cause leaks. If you use these products, you should check your toilet for leaks more frequently. In the spring, don't forget to check your outside taps for leaks too.

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Are You Exposed To Paying U.S. Estate Tax?

Ask an Expert



Sheri MacMillan, Senior Trust & Estate Practitioner, President of MacMillan Estate Planning Corp. and Host of The Strongroom on QR77

We are currently looking at purchasing a recreational property in the U.S. Is there anything we should be concerned about by owning assets in the U.S.?

Great question! Canadians who own U.S. assets or spend a substantial amount of time south of the Canadian border may be exposed to U.S. estate taxation. Without the proper protective measures in place, a Canadian may lose up to 40% of their estate's total value to U.S. estate taxes upon death. Uncle Sam may have a few unpleasant surprises for the unprepared. Spending too much time in the U.S., owning a U.S. vacation property or U.S. investments, even within a RRSP/RRIF, may result in an excessive U.S. tax liability. Fortunately, utilizing specific estate planning mechanisms may minimize U.S. estate tax. Contrary to the United States, Canada does not have a formal estate tax. However, when Canadian residents pass away, they are deemed to have disposed of all of their worldwide assets at fair market value. Consequently, a Canadian resident who owns U.S. real estate or investments may have a large "deemed" capital gain in addition to a U.S. estate tax liability. The combination of Canadian tax and U.S. estate tax could significantly reduce an inheritance's value. Ultimately, your assets both inside and outside of Canada require careful planning. In order to avoid paying unnecessary tax, it is vital to use the most qualified experts available. Always consult with a professional who specializes in U.S. estate tax to ensure you are properly protected.

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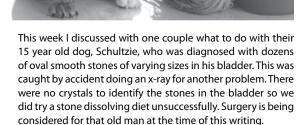
My pet has a rolling stone!

One common problem veterinarians see is canine and feline patients that are peeing in the house. Or the complaint may be asking to go out at all hours; or the pet's owner may see blood in the pet's urine. Any of these symptoms can show up in pets of all ages and breeds as a short term problem, or persist or reoccur over time. Many diseases can cause these symptoms or it may be a simple uncomplicated bladder infection easily treated with a course of antibiotics. I want to address a common underlying cause that your veterinarian will want to rule out if the symptoms persist; bladder stones. Stones you say? In my dog or cat? Absolutely, and they can be as varied in color, shape, and size as the stones in your back alley....within reason.

Dogs and cats develop stones or uroliths in the urinary bladder for a variety of reasons. The technical term is urolithiasis. Sometimes stones require a genetic or medical problem to be present, sometimes a diet high in chemical building blocks for the stones is to blame, sometimes it's a concurrent disease, and finally sometimes viral or bacterial infections are precursors. Certain stones are associated with particular breeds of dogs or cats, or particular age groups, but any pet can develop urolithiasis. Veterinary medicine lacks complete understanding of all the predisposing factors of stone formation.

If symptoms of increased urination or bloody urine persist in your pet, your veterinarian will ask to perform diagnostic tests including blood tests and a urinalysis. Urinalysis will often show microscopic crystals of the types of stones in the bladder, but it is not uncommon for the crystals to have coalesced or joined in a solid stone that does not pass into the urine and no crystals are seen. Radiographs (x-rays) and ultra-sound may be necessary to see the stones. These imaging tests will also allow us to see if the stones extend to the kidneys and ureters (the tubes carrying urine from the kidneys to bladder) as well.

Treatment for stones if they are identified from crystals in the urine may be a stone-dissolving medical diet. Success is measured by imaging over time to monitor dissolution of the stones, and owners warned about the possibility of blockages in the urethra. This is when a stone blocks the animal's ability to void its bladder, creating a life-threatening emergency. Many types of stones cannot be dissolved with medical management and surgery is necessary. This is followed by a life time of specialized diets to prevent stones reoccurring in a pet which is now considered predisposed to forming stones.



I have done many cystotomies to remove stones of all sizes. The same day I saw Schultzie, I did surgery on a dog that had only two tiny stones in her bladder but they were sharp and irregular. Every time she peed the sharp edges of the stone irritated her bladder wall and caused bleeding. I removed the stones from her bladder. She will now be kept on a diet to prevent stones from reforming.

This is a very brief overview to a potentially complicated problem that can occur in our pets' bladders. I share this with you at the behest of Tara and Schultzie's owners. They met in my waiting room, shared stone stories, and asked me to educate others about potential stones in their pets.

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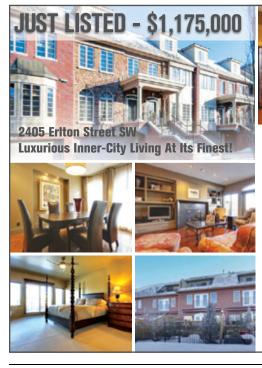
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