

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits of using Rural Addresses over a legal land location?

A legal land location can tell you that a property is located somewhere on a specific quarter, but a Rural Address will pinpoint the access to the property off a range road or township road. The addressing system is easy to use and understand if you follow a few simple rules. It is our belief that a Rural Address offers Emergency Services an effective tool to help reduce response times in emergency situations.

What do I do with my new Rural Address?

Remember, your new Rural Address is primarily for emergency response. The best use of your Rural Address will be to memorize the number so if you need to use 911, you can give the 911 dispatcher the number. It is recommended to have your Rural Address posted by every phone in your house. Also be sure to educate your children as to what your Rural Address is, what it is for, and how it should be used in the event of an emergency.

Which properties are being assigned a rural address?

Every developed parcel in the municipal jurisdiction of the County of Newell will have a Rural Address (or urban address for hamlets and subdivisions) assigned to it. This includes all parcels that have residential, commercial or industrial development on them.

I am building a new house and need to put up my Rural Address sign. How do obtain a sign?

Through the development process, a rural address will be assigned to the property. After a sign request form has been submitted your rural address sign will be supplied and installed. This will apply for all development outside of hamlets, business parks, and industrial and residential subdivisions.

FAQ Continued...

Who assigns the Rural Addresses?

Rural Addressing information is assigned and maintained by the County GIS Department who maintain all the current addresses in the system and assign addresses to new developments. All the addressing is shared with Telus for use with the 911 systems. When an owner or developer requires a Rural Address for a new development, an address will be assigned by the County as a standard step in the development process.

What is the difference between Urban Addressing and Rural Addressing?

Urban Addressing and Rural Addressing follow a similar principle when addresses are based on an access point off a grid pattern. In Urban Addressing, it is typically off the Street and Avenue road system. A Rural Address is based on the Range Road and Township Road grid pattern. In the County, hamlets and subdivisions use an Urban Address style for 911 response. The remainder of the developed areas in the County are rural parcels, which use a Rural Address.

Are there standards for signs and standards for placement of signs?

Yes. Standards have been established in County of Newell Bylaw 1665-09.

Who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Rural Address Signs?

The owner.

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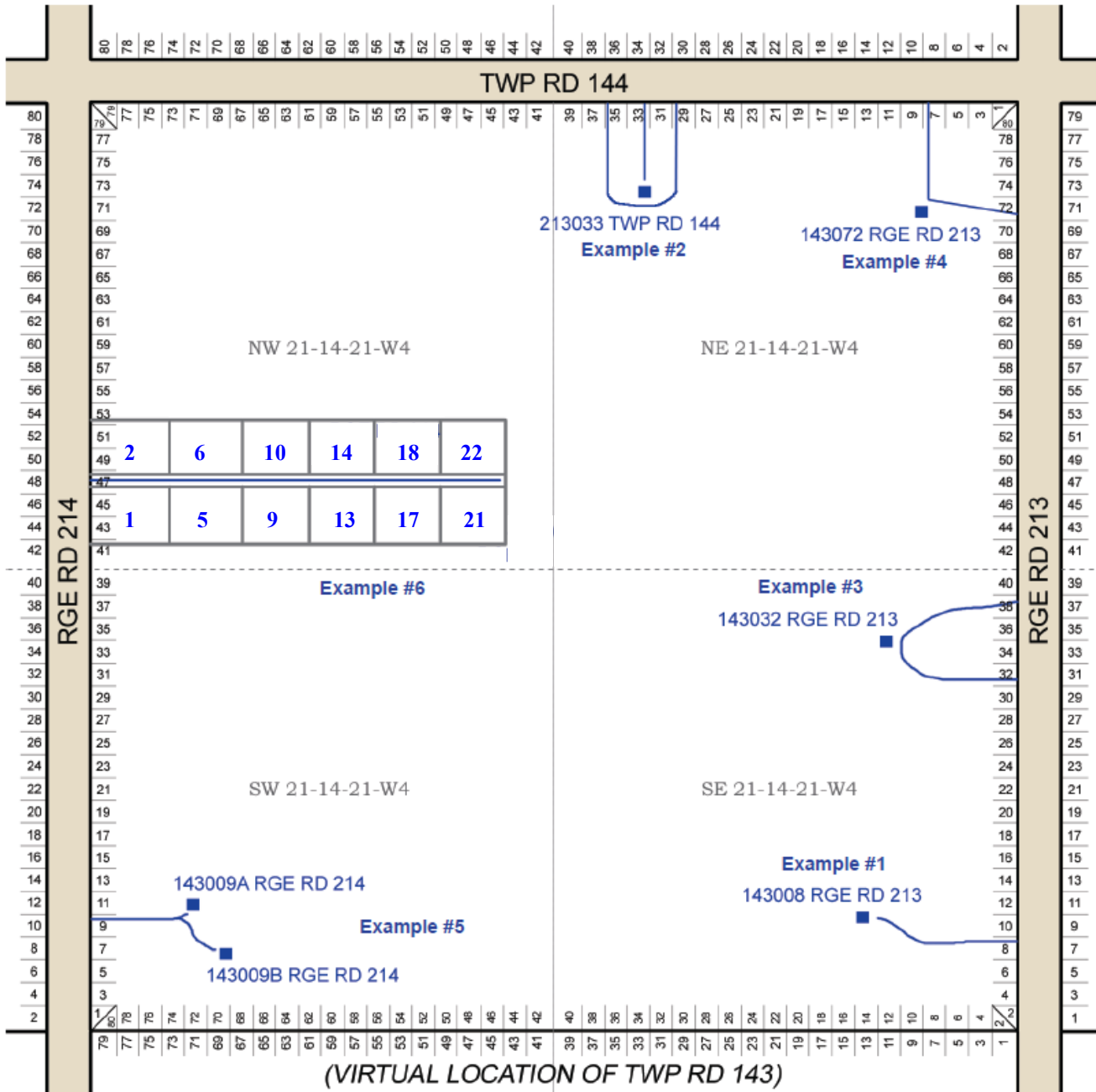
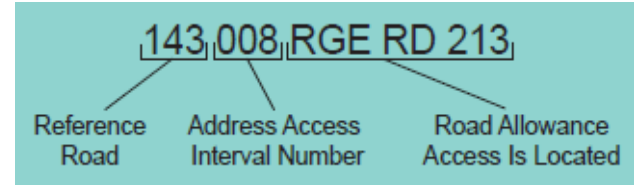


Understanding Rural Addressing



Rural addressing is a standardized system of identifying and locating rural properties. The methods used in addressing are modeled after documentation published by Alberta Municipal Affairs, and are widely used by rural municipalities throughout Alberta

How It All Works



Addresses are based on the location of the *primary access* along a road allowance. Each mile of road is divided into intervals of 40 metres, with numbers increasing from South to North and East to West. Even numbers are along the North and West sides of a road allowance, and Odd numbers are along the South and East.

For the purposes of addressing, virtual township roads exist between all sections, whether an actual road allowance exists or not.

- Example #1: 143008 RGE RD 213**
The access is along the west side of Rge Rd 213. It's located in address interval 8. 143 is the intersecting Twp Rd number to the south.
- Example #2: 213033 TWP RD 144**
When there are multiple accesses, the primary access is used. In this case, the access is along the south side of Twp Rd 144. 213 is the intersecting Rge Rd to the east, and 33 is the interval the primary access is in.
- Example #3: 143032 RGE RD 213**
When there are multiple accesses along the same side of a road allowance and the primary access is chosen by the County GIS Department.
- Example #4: 143072 RGE RD 213**
When there is one access along a Twp Rd, one access along a Rge Rd, the primary access will be determined by the County GIS department.
- Example #5: 143009A & 143009B RGE RD 214**
When there are multiple residences located off the same primary access, the first building off the access is designated "A", the second building is designated "B", and so forth.
- Example #6: Rural Subdivision**
All subdivisions within the County will be assigned a regular 6 digit rural address at the main entrance to the subdivision. Within the subdivision each parcel will be assigned a unique identifying address in sequential increments of 4, with even numbers being on the north and west, and odds being on the south and east. This will make each individual address the unique identifying number followed by the 6 digit rural address.