

Frequently asked questions in regards of the BWS Hall Rent

Q: We will leave the community hall at noon. Do we still need to pay for a full day of rent?

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Q: We will need the hall not before 6 pm on our arrival day. Do we still need to pay for a full day of rent?

A: Yes, because we cannot rent out the hall on the same day to other renters.

Q: What is a PAL Insurance?

A: **Party Alcohol Liability**. This insurance provides protection when lawsuits are brought against individuals, organizations or companies who host single or multi-day functions where alcohol is served. Events with live entertainment OR sports **DO NOT** qualify for this policy. DJ's are not considered live entertainment. This insurance is designed to protect event hosts who are holding reception type events in a rented facility. A valid liquor permit or license must be in place to serve alcohol.

Q: If people are bringing their own alcohol and aren't using the bar or serving it, do we still require PAL insurance?

A: Yes. Our Hall Insurance is void if the renters do not have PAL insurance. For more information about PAL Insurance in Alberta please visit: <http://www.palcanada.com/en/special-events-liability> and/or check with your own insurance company. The Bearberry Wapitana Society needs to be on the PAL Insurance Policy as the second party and the policy needs to be for a minimum of 2 million dollars.

Q: If people are bringing their own alcohol and are not using the bar or selling it, do you still require a Liquor License?

A: Yes. Consumption of alcohol, including your own wine and homemade liquor products, without having a Liquor License is only allowed in private residences, not community halls, banquet facilities etc. You must obtain a **private (non-sale) license** in order for alcohol to be consumed at the hall. This license allows the license holder to provide liquor to invited guests *free of charge*. You can obtain this license at any store who sells liquor. For more information please visit: <http://www.aglc.gov.ab.ca/licences/specialevents.asp>

Q: What do I have to do if I want to serve and sell alcohol during my event in the Community Hall?

A: You can obtain a **private (resale) license** at the time you buy the liquor. It allows the license holder to *sell liquor* to invited guests. For more information please visit: <http://www.aglc.gov.ab.ca/licences/specialevents.asp>

Q: What is your Legal Land Description for the PAL insurance?

A: SE 27-33-7-W5M – Parcel: A 5159

Q: Is there an ice machine in the Hall?

A: Sorry, there is no ice machine in the hall, but we have a freezer you can use to store ice that you bring.

Q: Is there a cooler in the Hall?

A: Yes, we have two large coolers for food storage in the west wing of the Hall close to the kitchen.

Q: Can we use candles on the tables?

A: For insurance purposes, only battery operated candles are allowed.

Q: How many tables are available, what size are the tables, and how should they be handled?

A: We have 32 tables available for your use. They are 72" (6') long x 30" wide x 29 5/8" high. The table tops are made of high density polyethylene. Please DO NOT stack the tables after cleaning.

Q: Are dogs allowed on the property?

A: Yes, dogs are allowed on the green space around the hall. But, please, make sure to clean up any defecation left by your dogs before you leave. Dogs must be kept on a leash for their own safety and the public's safety. The properties bordering the hall have their own dogs and there is wildlife in the area. Due to health regulations, dogs are not allowed in the hall.

Q: Where can we dispose our garbage?

A: Garbage like food leftovers, plastic containers, paper table cloths, etc. From your event can be disposed of in the provided garbage bins in the Hall. Please DO NOT leave any food outside of the hall because of wildlife! Large items, like broken furniture, large decorations, mattresses etc. cannot be left on our Hall Grounds and in the garbage bins. The renter is responsible for the disposal of those items. If they are left on the property the Damage Deposit will be forfeited.

Q: Do we need a fireworks permit?

A: Under provisions in the MVC Fire Bylaw (Bylaw 11/13), the use of fireworks requires a permit year-round. An online permitting system has been developed for low- hazard fireworks:
<http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/council-boards-services/low-hazard-fireworks-permit-form>

Q: How can I find out whether there is a fire ban in the area?

A: Please check the following websites for fire bans: <http://www.mountainviewcounty.com> and <http://srd.web.alberta.ca/rocky-mountain-house-area-update/wildfire-tools-for-industry-2-0>. Our Community Website also usually has the latest information about fire bans:
<http://www.bearberrycommunity.com>