

## How to Read Range Road and Township Signs

You may have noticed that Range Road and Township Signs have now been erected along all local roads throughout the County of Wetaskiwin. Major funding for the final phase of this two-year project was provided by Alberta Infrastructure. These signs are designed to assist travelers in locating rural addresses and will also aid in saving lives and property by providing direction to emergency services such as Police, Fire and Ambulance.

As you may be aware, the County is divided into blocks called Townships, which are six miles by six miles (a total area of 36 square miles). The east/west borders of these blocks are called Township lines and the north/south borders are called Range lines. Grid lines within the blocks are one mile apart. The last number on each road sign designates the mile (or gridline) within the block, and the first one or two numbers designate the Range or Township. The gridlines within Ranges are numbered from right to left (east to west) and within Townships from bottom to top (south to north).

							<b>TWP 48-0</b>
	31	32	33	34	35	36	TWP 47-5
	30	29	28	27	26	25	TWP 47-4
	19	Township 47 Range 23				24	TWP 47-3
	18	17	16	15	14	13	TWP 47-2
	7	8	9	10	11	12	TWP 47-1
	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>TWP 47-0</b>
<b>RR 24-0</b>	<b>RR 23-5</b>	<b>RR 23-4</b>	<b>RR 23-3</b>	<b>RR 23-2</b>	<b>RR 23-1</b>	<b>RR 23-0</b>	

Generally, roads are built on each Range Line (roads are one mile apart going west or east) and every two Township Lines (roads are two miles apart going north or south).

Maps are available from the County of Wetaskiwin showing the Range and Township Lines at a cost of \$20.00 each, plus GST.

**CAUTION:** Correction Lines are designed to adjust for the curvature of the earth, so roads north of a correction line and roads south of a correction line may not line up. When reading a map, determine if the location or destination is above or below the Correction line. For locations above the Correction Line, read the top of the map to find out the Range Line. Similarly, for those locations below the Correction Line, read the bottom of the map to find the Range Line. When travelling along the Correction Line, you may see two signs at each intersection instead of the single sign seen throughout the remainder of the County. Just remember, if your final destination is north of the Correction Line, read the sign at the north of the intersection. If you are turning south, heed the sign on the south side of the intersection. If you have any questions, please call the County of Wetaskiwin, at 352-3321.